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Bucks New University Social Work Department and Buckinghamshire County Council

## **Taking Social Work Students on Practice Placement**

### **A Free Three-Day Work Based Learning Course for Assessors and Verifiers**

**Thursdays; 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 30<sup>th</sup> September & 7<sup>th</sup> October 2010 –  
Bucks New University, High Wycombe**

**All days will run: 9.30 am to 4.30 pm**

**Venue : Bucks New University, High Wycombe, Bucks. HP11 2JZ**

***This three-day course provides an introduction for those wishing to act as verifiers or assessors for social work students on placement.***

***The first day is intended both for those with experience of taking students on placement but wish to know about practice learning in the new degree and for those with no experience. Days two and three are for those with little or no experience.***

The full course may also be useful for those wishing to refresh their knowledge and skills.

The first day could also be useful for managers wishing to gain information about the new degree.

Candidates do not have to hold a recognised qualification to attend the course or to act as a **verifier** for a student on placement but do need to hold a recognised social work qualification (C.S.S, C.Q.S.W or Dip.SW) in order to take on the **assessor** role for Bucks New University.

The course is open to statutory, voluntary and independent organisations and to independent assessors.

The three days of workshop-based learning for up to 20 candidates is supplemented by user-friendly material and provides evidence of continuing professional development. It offers links to the following units of competence in the NVQ Learning and Development Awards:

**L9: Create a climate that promotes learning**  
**L 20 Support competence achieved in the workplace**

It also provides general links to:

**RG6 Inspectors of Health and Social Care for Adults and Children**  
**PQ6 Requirement in the Post Qualifying Framework**  
**A1 Assess candidates using a range of methods (Practice Teaching Award)**  
**Evidence of Continuing Professional Development for G.S.C.C Registration.**

A condition of the course is that participants with a social work qualification will where appropriate; provide 2 days shadowing experience for 1st year students within their work setting during October or November. All participants are required to provide a practice learning experience for a social work student at some time over the following academic year.

A fee is payable for acting as a verifier or assessor although the amount and nature of this will vary according to individual employers' arrangements.

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