

## Mode of Study

Units will be delivered online, using materials developed by the UHI. Candidates will be supported by a Personal Academic Tutor (PAT) at their local college.

There will be no need to attend classes other than an initial induction day for the course which will take place between 10am-3pm. It is assumed that employers will release their employee for this important aspect of the course.

## Assessment

A range of assessment methods will be used including essays, reports, case studies and reflective accounts. These will be scheduled with set submission dates. For the SVQ unit, the candidate will be required to evidence actual practice. This will be supported by Expert Witness testimony, provided by a suitable experienced work based colleague or direct observation of work practice by a college based assessor.

## Fees

The fee for the full course is £368. Candidates may be eligible for funding from ITA 200 dependent upon their earnings and academic level of achievement.

## Entry Requirements

Candidates need to demonstrate their potential to meet the academic demands of the award. **Ideally** they should be qualified at SVQ 3 Care, NC or HNC Social Care, Nursing qualifications or equivalent. If candidates do not have entry qualifications, there will be an opportunity to complete a small piece of written work to demonstrate their ability to work at this level. Candidates need to have current appropriate experience in working with people with dementia. Candidates need to have access to a computer with appropriate broadband speed to cope with the online learning materials. They should also have the ability to develop skills in online learning, accessing website material and word processing of assignments.

For further information regarding this qualification, please contact:

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Please note candidates will enrol at their local UHI partner college and be supported by experienced and suitably qualified staff.

Colleges participating in this course are:

Orkney College  
Inverness College  
Perth College  
Shetland College  
Moray College  
Lews Castle College  
North Highland College  
Argyll College

## SVQ Contact

Some Partner Colleges may arrange for an Assessor to provide this element of the course and you would be contacted directly to be fully involved in these arrangements & necessary permissions.

Support will be given to employers through email/telephone by the tutor responsible for the SVQ unit



# Professional Development Award

# Promoting Excellence in Dementia Skilled Practice

(SCQF LEVEL 7)

# Guidance for Employers



## Programme Description

The Professional Development Award (PDA) 'Promoting Excellence in Dementia Skilled Practice' is an award that was written specifically to reflect the knowledge and skills captured in Promoting Excellence at the dementia skilled practice level. This level describes the knowledge and skills, identified by NHS Education Scotland (NES) and Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) in *Promoting Excellence: A framework for health and social services staff working with people with dementia, their families and carers*, required by all staff 'that have direct and/or substantial contact with people with dementia and their families and carers.' The focus of this award, therefore, is on the job roles of health and social care support workers and practitioners.

It is particularly suited to staff who already hold an approved care qualification.

## Length of Programme

The programme is achievable within 12 months. Each 8 credit unit is designed to be completed within 15 weeks. There are 3 units in the programme, however the SVQ unit is designed to be integrated in the whole award. Candidates will be inducted in August and commence studies in September. Candidates will work continuously on the SVQ unit and commence the second academic unit in January.

## Programme Content

The following Units make up the 24 credit points at SCQF level 7:

- **Promoting quality of life through dementia skilled practice FY1D 34 (8 credits)**
- **Promoting relationships and networks through dementia skilled practice FY1E 34 (8 credits)**
- **(SVQ unit) Support Individuals to manage their own health and social well-being HSC3112 (8 credits)**

## Facilities and Resources

UHI partner Colleges have an extensive range of publications and texts available. These can be accessed online also through UHI website [www.uhi.ac.uk](http://www.uhi.ac.uk). E-learning resources are available.



Learning Support teams can provide assistance to candidates who require additional support e.g. dyslexia. Please highlight any support needs on your application form to ensure your individual requirements are met.

## Programme Delivery Schedule

The next delivery is planned for September 2018.

Candidates can commence studies at the start of January, undertaking an induction day prior to this.

**W/B 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018:** Induction day for candidates commencing the course

**3 September – Dec 2018:** Promoting Quality of Life through Dementia Skilled Practice

**28 January 2019- May 2019** Promoting Relationships and Networks through Dementia Skilled Practice

**3 September 2018 - June 2019 (integrated throughout)** Support individuals to identify and promote their own health and social well-being.

## Employers Guidance

Due to the vocational nature of this award, it is important that candidates are currently working with people with dementia. Employers are asked to give support to the candidate, in particular in the SVQ component of the course.

The partner Colleges can provide an SVQ Assessor for this part of the award. This would be arranged with yourself before candidate started award. Consent for observations need to be in place and would be fully discussed with Employers.

Alternatively Employers may be required to carry out direct observations by way of *\*Expert Witness Testimony*. *Expert Witnesses are discipline experts who would generally be expected to have a minimum of 5 years relevant experience. A designated expert witness may provide direct observation of practice, questioning, professional discussion and feedback on reflective accounts.*

\*This is an acceptable method of providing direct observation of real work activities to support the candidates' reflective accounts. It is anticipated that only one or two Expert Witness Testimonies will be needed, as long as they cover a significant amount of the performance criteria across most of the elements in the unit. UHI will require submission of a CV to ascertain the suitability of each expert witness identified. This is a requirement for SQA quality assurance purposes.

This award requires the candidate to study for approximately 5 hours per week. Although not a requirement, it is recommended that candidates undertaking the SVQ unit are given some built in study time and support by work based supervisors.