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The Diploma in Sheltered/Supported Housing Studies (Nationally Accredited at Level 4)



REASONS TO STUDY with SHN for the NATIONAL DIPLOMA IN SHELTERED/ SUPPORTED HOUSING STUDIES:

The course is delivered through a flexible learning programme supported by study days or by distance learning, allowing students to study in a way that suits their individual requirements.

This course is designed to meet the ever changing demands made on managers working in a range of specialist housing services including sheltered & supported housing and allied professions. SHN are currently applying for accreditation to run this course regionally across the country.

On successful completion of the course students will obtain a nationally accredited award at level 4

Studying with SHN will automatically qualify you for Student Membership of SHN and all the additional benefits this carries (visit our web site to discover the many benefits available to SHN members).

Students are provided with tutorial time during all study events giving them clear guidance and an opportunity to clarify any points they are unsure of regarding the course or their studies in general.

There is an on-line support service for students as well as telephone tutorial support between study events.

Students will have access to regional and national student support groups through e-mail, on-line conferencing and telephone networking.

Students are informed of the results of their assignments within 10 working days of the set submission date either by e-mail, text messaging or post (whichever is preferred by the student).

The curriculum is designed to ensure that content is relevant and topical, covering current and future issues related to supported/sheltered housing and control centres.

Students have the opportunity to attend additional study days on a range of relevant topics at any of our regional training centres at 50% reduction of the normal cost.

Please contact us for further information about dates and venues of this course by either:

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Supporting those involved in the provision of sheltered housing **Developing** a positive attitude towards the benefits of sheltered housing **Promoting** the professional status of staff working in sheltered housing

ABOUT THE COURSE:

This nationally accredited course is designed to enable students to explore and debate topical issues relating to the provision of sheltered and/or supported housing. It aims to develop a wider understanding of the role of sheltered and/or supported housing. The course will be of benefit to those who either work in Sheltered or Supported Housing or have a specific interest in gaining a greater insight into the functions and purpose of sheltered/supported housing.

The course covers a range of subjects and topics that are linked specifically to sheltered/supported housing. The course curriculum is designed to enhance the students understanding of issues that sheltered and/or supported housing services need to address and provides an excellent opportunity to learn more about the wider issues that impact on sheltered/supported housing.

The course focuses on research based learning, giving students an added opportunity to utilise and develop effective research methods and effective planning skills throughout their studies.

Students have a maximum of 12 months to complete the course. This is taken from date of enrolment at the regional study centre. Provision is made for extensions to be granted (up to a maximum of three months from the end of the course) in the event of sickness or personal circumstances that cause difficulties with studies. Students unable to complete the course within this time may be able to defer to the following year (dependent upon the circumstances). A fee of £150 will be payable should students wish to receive tutorial support after the initial 12 months.

One of the principle aims of the course is to encourage and enable the student develop sound research practice and evaluate findings in a constructive and objective manner. It is hoped that this in turn will provide the student with evidence of competency in research and planning skills.

Each module of study will be supported by a course reader prompting the student to explore and question conventional theories and practices. The course reader book will raise relevant and topical points and guide the student to conduct further research.

How is the Course Assessed?

Student assessment of ability and competency will be through a continuous assessment process throughout the course enabling students to obtain a clear understanding of their current achievement and to plan their course work accordingly.

There will be five pieces of assessed work that students will need to successfully complete to pass. These are as follows:

- Four assignments – each linked to a specific module of study
- An Individual Research Project – Students will choose from a choice of topics that have particular relevance and interest to them. It is intended that the student utilise the project as a working management tool within their own workplace wherever possible.

COURSE CONTENT:

Module One

The Function and Purpose of Sheltered/Supported Housing

Covers:

- Considering the overall purpose and function of sheltered/supported housing services
- Exploring the future of sheltered/supported housing
- Delivering user directed support and identifying outcomes
- Inducting new service users to ensure a person centred approach
- Ensuring equality of service delivery to service users

Module Two

Ethical and Legal Issues when Providing Professional Support Services

Covers:

- Legislation and policy that impacts on the delivery of sheltered/supported housing services
- Rights and responsibilities of the service provider and the service user
- Managing anti-social behaviour
- Ethical and moral Issues for sheltered/supported housing

Module Three

Equality and Diversity

Covers:

- Recognising and valuing the individual
- Ensuring equality of service delivery
- Promoting and encouraging equality & diversity
- Meeting the requirements of a multi-cultural society

Module Four

The Future of Sheltered/Supported Housing

Covers:

- Defining local needs and requirements
- External factors that influence the delivery of service
- Ensuring the planned service meets the diversity and needs of all
- Developing clear policy and procedures

Research Project

There is also a requirement for students to produce a project on one of the following topics:

- Does sheltered/supported housing encourage independence or institutionalism?
- Moral and ethical issues that challenge the service
- Promoting equality and diversity in the provision of support
- The future role of sheltered/supported housing

The project is likely to link to the students own preferred area of work – either sheltered or supported housing. Can reflect upon a particular service provision or sheltered/supported housing in general.

Course Fees:

£795.00 plus £75.00 Registration and Assessment Fees = £870.00

SHN Members (10% discount)

£715.50 plus £75.00 Registration and Assessment Fees = £790.50