

Summer Newsletter 2010



New qualification framework

From January 2011 the current Health and Social Care NVQ at level 2 and level 3 will be replaced by **Health and Social Care Diplomas at Level 2 and level 3**. There will be options to take a generic HSC Diploma or a specialist **dementia** pathway or **learning disability** pathway which will allow learners to tailor their learning to their job role.



Apprentices

As from 1st April 2010, OXCARE has taken over the administration and delivery of training for all HSC Apprentices (16-19 years old). This is great news and the OXCARE team has welcomed the opportunity to work with Chris Mansfield and Aileen Costar who are the trainers, assessors and verifiers for this scheme. This means we now have funding for under 19s to do their apprenticeship from September 2010. If you are interested in this then please contact us for further details.



Online course brochure

Oxfordshire County Council has recently released their online brochure and booking system for all their training courses. This system is quick and easy and avoids having to fill out paper forms which then have to be sent for processing.

You can view which courses are running and whether places are available on a particular date. Once booked, you will be sent a confirmation email and reminders for courses you have booked.

The system allows either individuals or managers to book courses. There is also the option to be added to a waiting list for a future date.

As with all online systems it is necessary to set up an account when you start. This will only take a few minutes and only needs to be done once. If you need help in doing this then don't hesitate to contact Learning Development on: 01865 797123

The site can be accessed by copying the link below into your browser:

<http://learning.myoxfordshire.gov.uk>



2010-11 News on NVQ's

Despite the recent changes to the funding offered to us, OXCARE are still going strong offering NVQ's at a very competitive price. Due to changes in funding we have unfortunately had to raise our prices for our HSC Level 2 & 3 from £500.00 to £750.00. Flyers have been sent out with a list of our current prices and award information.



Staff changes

We have recently had some staff changes within OXCARE. **Kathy Norman, Julie Glover and Alex Wheeler** (assessors) have all moved on from OXCARE to different roles within Oxfordshire County Council - we wish them luck for the future in their new roles! **Ali Watkins** has now returned to us part time after having left us to go on maternity last March. She now has a beautiful baby boy Charlie - Welcome back Ali.



Further 2010 Induction Dates

We have now arranged induction dates up to October 2010:

23 rd June	The Charter	9am - 1pm
22 nd July	Unipart House	9am - 1pm
20 th August	The Charter	1pm - 5pm
1 st October	Unipart House	9am - 1pm
27 th October	The Charter	1pm - 5pm

We also still offer inhouse inductions for any employer who wants to send 5 or more candidates for their Health and Social Care Levels 2 and 3.

For Level 4 NVQs and the LMA it is not necessary to attend an induction.



LDIA

We are still offering LDIA Awards to the private sector at a very reasonable price of £250. We have an induction set for 19th July 2010 which is running at Unipart House.



In-house assessor

We are also continuing to offer a reduction in the cost of the NVQ for in-house assessors. This has, however, increased from £250 to £300 for Levels 2 and 3, and to £350 for Level 4.

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Recent Completions

Since January this year we have had 146 candidates complete their various awards.

The 66 April to June completers are:

Level 2

Lydia Atutornu	Cecile Barbier
Louise Berry	Rebecca Bubb
Pauline Denly	Peter Dibsdale
Francisca Dos Santos	Julie Fountain
Marcin Gocal	Maria Harris
Martien Henshall	Kerri-Anne Igesund
Marcin Jach	Mary Jaurigue
Vicky Johnson	Jenipher Kambadza
Gabriella Kata	Mercy Lal
Saifon Lambe	Dave Lewis
Carrie Lincoln	Frances Luckett
Tracey Lyons	Cherryl May
Ana Marcinkevich	Sandra Milton
Wendy Mutandagayi	Sharon Ottley
Melissa Preece	Linda Puffett
Kathleen Rous	Sandra Shearing
Gabrielle Mary Smith	Nicola Smith
Susan Thomas	Michelle Turner
Jemma Tyler	Linda Walton
Craig Warner	

Level 3

Eunice Baliyendeeza	Rosie Cowell
Julie Floyd	Lorraine Hilder
Emma Hurren	Karolina Karwala
Pamela Lee	Patrick Lewis
Elizabeth Marshall	Janet Moore
Marie Newman	Rose Nyakanya
Sarah Russ	Rosemary Tengwana
Mini Varghese	Anhui Yang

LDIA & Apprentices

Susan Arkell	Candice Greig
Rhian Lea	Patrick Marks

LMA and Level 4 NVQ

Belinda Bagshall	Kirsty Lashley
Vicky Pattison	Patricia Pratley
Mary Russell	Karen Wright

This is a great achievement - So well done to you all!



Feedback from candidates

Our candidates provide us with valuable feedback on us as providers which helps us continue providing a quality service. To give you a few highlights of recent feedback:

'I feel that I received a lot support from my assessor and without her understanding and time that she put in I would not have completed my award.'

'I achieved my award with hard work, and support of my assessor who was fantastic. I very much appreciated the support I was given by her, thank you very much.'

'Excellent motivation and help from my assessor'

'My success was due to hard work and my fantastic assessor.'



Feedback from employers

And from the employers who choose OXCARE for the NVQ provider we have had some equally rewarding feedback:

'I would like to thank [the assessor] for her support and patience with my staff-she has been supportive and professional at all times and my staff have benefited from her excellent example.' Pat Minien, Premier Personal Care.

'I have found everyone to be very helpful at OXCARE' and the assessors I have had dealings with have been very supportive towards the candidate and myself.'

'Communication has always been good and I feel we have established a good working relationship.'



And Finally ...

We are always happy to answer queries and our two administrators, Rachael and Ellie, can be contacted on 01865 797275 or via email - rachael.light@oxfordshire.gov.uk heloise.dimmock@oxfordshire.gov.uk

We hope you have a *lovely summer* and look forward to working with you in the near future!!