

The National Award for SENCOs

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The Background

- ◆ DCSF driving forward the Inclusion agenda, especially in response to legislative framework.
- ◆ The need to give SENCOs status and assure their professionalism
- ◆ Concerns over who is fulfilling the SENCo role in schools (e.g. NQTs or TAs)
- ◆ Training compulsory for all newly-appointed SENCos from 2009. Legislation includes all those appointed in the 12 months prior to this date.

What is the SENCO Award ?

- ◆ A national Masters-level qualification compulsory for all newly appointed SENCOs in maintained schools and early years settings. MMU is our provider.
- ◆ A qualification that is also available to experienced SENCOs.
- ◆ The training is designed to ensure that SENCOs are able to demonstrate the full range of occupational Competencies outlined by the DCSF

Professional Context

- ◆ The National Standards for SENCOs (1998)
- ◆ The Professional Standards for Teachers in England (2007)
- ◆ The legislative framework (e.g SENDA 2001, ECM 2004, Removing Barriers to Achievement , Disability Equality Duty (2005))

Award Course Outline

3 UNITS

- ◆ **1. Professional Development Portfolio**

- ◆ **2. Professional Contexts: Working in Partnership**

- ◆ **3. Coordinating Provision and Developing Strategy**

Attendance and Assessment

◆ Attendance

For the 'Campus' route a series of twilights and the occasional Saturday morning plus a 1 day SENCo Conference. Course duration 1 Year .

◆ Assessment

Professional Development Portfolio

Units based 'tasks' written up

◆ Award:

Postgraduate Certificate = 60 M-level CATS points
(1/3 of the points for a Master's degree) (NB APL & APEL available)