

Mental Health and Deafness Course (2008/2009)

Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Division

Course/Module Descriptor

Aim of the Course
This course is a collaborative development between The North East Commissioning Team for Mental Health and Learning Disabilities and Northumbria University. The primary aim of the course is to improve Deaf people's access to mainstream mental health services.
Course Summary
<p>The course is a two year part time programme offering participants a range of learning and assessment opportunities. The course structure offers a combination of specialist seminars, lectures and workshops.</p> <p>The assessed component of the course will be managed using an Accreditation of Work Based Learning Framework (AWBL). Participants will also have an opportunity to undertake British Sign Language Training (Levels 1&2) as part of the course.</p>
Course Commitment
<p>The course will commence in May 2008 and will run for two years. Over the two years participants will be required to attend:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 ½ day presentations/workshops • 8 ½ day Developmental Meetings • AWBL participants will be required to attend an additional seminar day at Northumbria University and occasional tutorials • BSL Training (Format and time commitment still to be finalised) • Attendance of a Healthy Deaf Minds Forum
Work Based Commitment
There is an expectation that participants will (where possible) carry a working case load of Deaf people with mental health problems. Participants who are involved in the AWBL component of the course will also be required to produce a work based assessment portfolio.
Course Fees
Places on the course are fully funded. However certain aspects of the course may be charged if participants register and fail to attend i.e. BSL training.