Mentoring in Dental Practice

A development programme for dentists and dental care professionals who wish to become a mentor

Leading to:
Advanced Certificate Mentoring in Dental Practice
The Advanced Certificate Mentoring in Dental Practice is an award for registered dentists and dental care professionals who wish to develop mentorship skills.

Structure of the Awards
The Advanced Certificate Mentoring in Dental Practice is a double module (40 credits) at postgraduate level which combines:

- A one day access course “Supporting learning” for would be mentors who do not have a teaching qualification (not required for those who have a teaching qualification). For further information about this, please see the “Supporting Learning” leaflet
- A series of five day-long taught and interactive workshops spread over a 12 week period for all participants
- A supportive programme of e-learning activities and resources

The award will be offered subject to satisfactory participation and attendance at the workshops and completion of assessed work. Each completed day of course workshops provides 6.5 hours of verifiable CPD and CPD certificates will be issued when assessed work is attempted.
Course Contents
The Advanced Certificate Mentoring in Dental Practice will address issues including:

- Best practice in mentorship: reviewing theories and evidence
- Roles and boundaries in the mentoring relationship
- Causes of impaired performance and sources of support for mentors and mentees
- Advanced communication skills
- Legal, ethical and financial aspects of the mentoring relationship

The course will involve lectures, small group discussions, presentations by course participants and simulated mentoring activity using actors, so participants should be willing to engage fully with these diverse educational methods. The course will be taught by both subject specialists from the University and selected guest speakers.

Assessment
The Advanced Certificate Mentoring in Dental Practice course requires completion of:

- A case-based report of 5000 words, allowing participants to explore the mentoring challenges offered by a specific case study and demonstrating how they would address these challenges
- A presentation of the case to assessors and other course participants
- A demonstration of effective mentorship skills in a simulated mentoring situation

Admissions Criteria
Applicants must be experienced dentists/dental care professionals, currently registered with the General Dental Council, with the ability to study at level 7 (providing evidence on the application form of study at level 6 or above, or considerable experience of relevant professional development activities) and willing to undertake the role of mentor. All candidates will be interviewed, to ascertain relevant experience, motivation and suitability for the role. The North Western Postgraduate Medical and Dental Deanery may part-fund places for selected participants.

For candidates without a teaching qualification (e.g. Advanced Certificate facilitating Learning in Healthcare Practice, PGCE, Cert Ed (FE), Preparing to Teach in Life Long Learning sector qualifications) attendance at an additional introductory access day “Supporting Learning in Dental Practice” is required before commencing the course.

Venue & Delivery Dates
The courses will be held at the University’s main campus in Preston. Interview dates will be advised upon enquiry.

- **11th January 2011** - Supporting learning in Dental Care Practice mentoring access course (ONLY for those participants who do not have a teaching qualification). This day will aim to introduce concepts, theories and strategies for supporting learning
- **12th January 2011** - Introductory day for ALL participants. Intended learning outcome: Critically analyse the purpose and context of the mentoring relationship within Dentistry
- **16th February 2011** - Intended learning outcome: Demonstrate effective use of a range of communication skills required within the mentoring relationship
- **2nd March 2011** - Intended learning outcome: Evaluate and support progress of mentees using a range of facilitation, assessment and feedback strategies
- **6th April 2011** - Intended learning outcome: Discuss the ethical and legal implications of the mentoring relationship within dental care practice
- **11th May 2011** - Intended learning outcome: All participants will engage in assessment activity to demonstrate achievement of all course learning outcomes

Commitment
It will be important for all participants to recognise that they will be joining a University programme of education. As with all such programmes, participants will be expected to undertake background reading as well as spending time researching and preparing assessments. Participants will be encouraged to use on-line library and learning resources.

Fee
The fee for participation in the Advanced Certificate Mentoring in Dental Practice is £900 per participant. The course fee includes enrolment, access to WebCT and on-line library and learning resources and tutorial support. We require a minimum of 12 participants to run the module. The North Western Postgraduate Medical and Dental Deanery may part-fund places for selected participants, dependent upon interviews.

Contact Us
Please contact Lynsey Cording to discuss - 01772 895869 or email lhcording@uclan.ac.uk
Following a successful interview and (where relevant) confirmation of your funding from the Deanery, a booking form will be sent to you in order to reserve your place on the course.