



Professional Practice in Law

Mental Health Law
Information Rights Law
Equality and Diversity Law
Legal Advice

This is a new qualification in work-based learning enabling groups of learners or individuals to undertake a flexible programme of study whilst continuing to work in their chosen profession.

Organisations and employers can tailor the programme to suit their own staff development needs which will at the same time enable employees to gain accreditation for the skills and expertise acquired in the workplace.

Employees will gain a qualification recognising their professional development in a specialist area of law which will further enhance their own knowledge, expertise and personal development and improve practice for their employer.

Northumbria University Law School is offering this qualification in one of the following areas:

Mental Health Law

- Provides a unique opportunity for mental health practitioners to gain a qualification which recognises understanding and application of mental health law whilst continuing to work.
- Will appeal to social workers, practising lawyers, doctors, nurses, managers and administrators and other professionals working in this challenging area of health care.
- Gain academic recognition for any continuing professional development undertaken in mental health law as applied to professional development.

Information Rights Law

- Tailored to meet organisational training needs in the key areas of Data Protection, Freedom of Information and Access to Environmental Information Rights.
- Responds to the specific development needs of information rights practitioners and their employers.
- Provides a unique opportunity to acquire and update knowledge whilst gaining a work-based qualification that recognises expertise in this challenging area of law.

Equality and Diversity Law

- Gain a qualification which recognises expertise in equality and diversity legislation gained through work-based experiences.
- Provides an opportunity to reflect on organisational compliance with equality legislation.
- Enables you to update your own knowledge in this challenging area of law to enhance practice for yourself and your employer.

Legal Advice

- Many professionals working in the legal advice arena either do not have any formal qualifications or have lots of workplace experience of offering legal advice to the general public but have never had that experience formally recognised in a structured higher education award.
- This award would allow you and your employing organisation to recognise that experience but at the same time allow you to assess your future development needs and enable you to devise a learning plan with the support of your employer.

What do I have to do for the Professional Practice in Law awards?

The Professional Practice in Law awards are flexible and can be studied over a period of six months to one year. You will undertake:-

- **A Learning Contract:** this will help you identify your personal development needs and plan a programme of study
- **Academic Recognition of CPD:** enables you to reflect on your own continuing professional development in an area of law applicable to your area of professional practice.
- **A Work-based Project:** that will have a real impact on your professional practice or your organisation.

If you would like to study for the Professional Practice in Law Award but your area of professional practice is not set out above then please do get in touch as we may be able to develop a work-based learning activity for your area.

It is crucial to the success of a work-based learning programme that the employer is involved in the negotiated learning activities from the outset. We can offer advice on how you, working in conjunction with your employer, can use and develop this programme to enhance workforce development. We can also offer a range of CPD activity to enhance your own professional development.

How is the award assessed?

The Learning Contract will be assessed by the development of a learning plan and your evaluation of its potential success. You will then be asked to produce a short reflective commentary on how the continuing professional development activity has impacted on your work role and personal development. Finally your work-based project will be assessed through the production of a reflective project report.

What help will I get?

You will receive the same level of support as any other student at Northumbria University. You will have access to on-line study resources to enable you to study at a distance whilst continuing to work and university library resources. You will have an academic tutor and you will be asked to have a work place advisor who can provide day to day learning support and advice on projects in your workplace.

How much will it cost?

The government is currently helping employers with the cost of workforce development programmes with higher education institutions.

To find out whether your organisation could take advantage of this funding please get in touch.



For further information on the Certificate/Diploma in Professional Practice in Law and fees please contact:

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