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Making Practice Based Learning Work:

Disseminating and Evaluating Online Resources to Enhance the Role of the Practice Educator

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Background to MPBLW Project

Project Aim:

 To make practitioners more effective at supporting & supervising students in the workplace across a range of healthcare disciplines







Project Phases

Phase One:

- Identification and documentation of good practice on how practitioners are prepared for their educational role.
- Inform development of learning materials for use by practitioners.

Phase Two:

- Design, pilot and implement resources to:
 - a. enhance preparation of practice supervisors.
 - b. meet the needs of culturally diverse health & social care teams.





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Project Phases

Phase Three:

- Review developed resources.
- Disseminate and embed the project outcomes in a planned and comprehensive manner within and across health and social care disciplines.

Transferability Phase:

 To transfer an existing resource for development of workbased educators to non health disciplines.





Resources 1

Portal of online knowledge resources:

- Learning & Teaching in Practice
- Supporting Learning & Teaching in Practice
- Assessment in Practice
- Interprofessional Learning in Practice
- Reflection on & in Practice
- Diversity in Practice
- Generic & specific skills resources



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Resources 2

Set of commissioned online learning materials:

- An Introduction to Practice Education
- Managing the Placement Learning Environment
- Managing the Placement Learning Experience
- Developing New Supervisors and Assessors of Practice Learning
- Assessment of Students in Health and Social Care: Managing Failing Students in Practice
- Mentoring
- Reflection on Practice
- Learning and Assessing through Reflection
- Understanding Dyslexia: An Introduction
- Communication Skills Workbook



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Resources 3: Toolkit

Unit One: Learning and Teaching in the Work Place

- Discuss the different ways people learn
- Evaluate the range of methods used to aid learning in the workplace
- Develop the skills essential to successfully teach in the workplace
- Design, plan, implement and evaluate a learning programme in the workplace



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Unit Two: Supporting Learning in the Work Place

- Appraise the roles and responsibilities of individuals associated with teaching and learning in the workplace
- Differentiate between different learning environments
- Demonstrate the skills required to effectively support learning in the workplace
- Evaluate his/her role in providing support for learning





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Unit Three: Reflection in and on the Work Place

- Identify barriers to reflection and ways to minimise their effects
- Use a model of reflection to facilitate student learning in the workplace



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Unit Four: Assessment in the Work Place

- Investigate the need for assessment
- Analyse and compare the types of assessment in the workplace
- Redefine assessment and constructive feedback as an aid to learning
- Examine skills essential for effective assessment
- Identify strategies to manage failing students in the work place
- Plan, implement and evaluate assessment in the workplace



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Unit Five: Working with Others in the Work Place

- Recognise and understand the role of others and their contribution to learning in the workplace
- Develop a strategy for dealing with barriers of working with others and how to obtain their co-operation
- Formulate and deliver effective methods of involving others to aid learning in the workplace





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Unit Six: Diversity in the Work Place

- Identify the diverse needs of individuals involved in learning
- Maximise the individuals potential to learning in the workplace
- Work with a range of people from different backgrounds







Resources 4

Online documents:

- Learning & Teaching in Practice
- Supporting Learning & Teaching in Practice
- Assessment in Practice
- Interprofessional Learning in Practice
- Reflection on & in Practice
- Diversity in Practice







Mapping Standards

- NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework
- Nursing & Midwifery Council's Standard to Support Learning and Assessment in Practice
- Health Professions Council's Standards of Education and **Training**
- National Occupational Standards for Management and Leadership
- Higher Education Authority's Standards Framework for Teaching and Supporting Student Learning in Higher Education.





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- Health Professions Council's Standards of Education and Training
- General Social Care Council (in progress)



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Using the Resources

Disseminating information about the resources

- Consider the nature & content of the resources
- Identify three ways in which information about the resources might be disseminated to support learning in the workplace
- Discuss your ways with group members and agree three in which the resources might be disseminated
- Feedback group decision





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Main Issues

- 1. How can health care professionals effectively use these outputs?
- 2. Should their use be discipline specific?
- 3. What strategies would promote continued use of the materials to enhance practice based learning?