

**First learners start on the new City and Guilds Social Services Practitioner qualification**

The Social Services Practitioner (SSP) consortium is a group of 14 local authorities and 3 learning providers in South Wales who have joined forces to deliver the new level 4 City and Guilds SSP qualification.

The qualification, which is fully funded under the apprenticeship programme, aims to equip practitioners with the knowledge and skills needed in their social work assistance role, providing advice, and completing various aspects of care and support planning.

The first cohort of 45 learners have been recruited, and will commence their learning in February. It is expected to take 18 months to 2 years to complete.

The qualification has been approved by Social Care Wales as equivalent to the first year of the degree in Social Work, thus providing an additional pathway into Social Work for those who wish to progress.

To find out more about the qualification contact karen.wakelin@socialcare.wales

Erthygl newyddion ar gyfer cymhwyster SSP

**Dysgwyr cyntaf yn dechrau cymhwyster Ymarferydd Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol newydd City and Guilds**

Mae’r consortiwm Ymarferwyr Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol (SSP) yn grŵp o 14 awdurdod lleol a 3 darparwr dysgu yn Ne Cymru, sydd wedi dod at ei gilydd i gyflwyno’r cymhwyster SSP lefel 4 newydd City and Guilds.

Mae’r cymhwyster cael ei ariannu’n llawn o dan y rhaglen brentisiaeth, ac yn annelu darparu’r gwybodaeth a’r sgiliau sydd eu hangen ar ymarferwyr yn eu rôl cymorthi gwaith cymdeithasol, gan roi cyngor a chwblhau agweddau amrywiol ar gynllunio gofal a chymorth.

Mae'r garfan gyntaf o 45 o ddysgwyr wedi'u recriwtio, a byddant yn dechrau eu dysgu ym mis Chwefror. Disgwylir iddo gymryd 18 mis i 2 flynedd i'w gwblhau.

Mae’r cymhwyster wedi’i gymeradwyo gan Gofal Cymdeithasol Cymru fel cymhwyster cyfwerth â blwyddyn gyntaf gradd Gwaith Cymdeithasol, a felly yn darparu llwybr ychwanegol i Waith Cymdeithasol i’r rhai sy’n dymuno symud ymlaen.

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