**SEN CASEWORK AWARD (JANUARY 2016)**

**Introduction**

This BTEC is a unique course designed for those working in a local authority or information advice and support service. Candidates will be managing, co-ordinating or supporting the co-production with young people, parents and/or carers of the education, health and care needs assessment process.

A key feature of the programme is that it provides academic and national accreditation of work-based knowledge and skills, within the context of the 2014 SEND reforms.

**Course Content**

The course content covers all of the technical aspects of SEND assessment and coordination such as the Code of Practice (2015), funding mechanisms and the communication and self-management skills required for effective and excellent professional practice.

There are two qualification levels, 3 and 4, equivalent to A level and Foundation degree accreditation. Within each level there are three course units that cover:

1. Knowledge and understanding
2. Communication skills
3. Personal management skills

These provide the basis from which to progress to a linked Level 5 university qualification if desired.

**Entry criteria**

* Employment in an appropriate setting
* Candidates may enrol on the course at any time during their employment, including as part of an induction programme

**Length**

* Qualification start date: summer and autumn 2016, spring 2017
* The expected timescale for completing the course is one year

**Assessment methods**

* Work-based portfolio of evidence
* Assessment of key skills and knowledge elements in three taught workshops

**How to apply**

* For further information please refer to our website ([www.sencaseworkaward.com](http://www.sencaseworkaward.com) or contact Ian Palmer (ian@lind-associates.co.uk and 07736 135791)
* One off fee of £695 per person (typically funded by a local authority)
* First workshop can also be a stand-alone taster session, £95 per person