

BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE



JOB VACANCY

Practice Educator

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JOB ADVERT



Vacancy: Practice Educator

Salary: 70 day placement - £1,015/100 day placement: £1,450

Start date: As soon as possible

Contract type: Self-employed contract

Application deadline: Ongoing recruitment pool

NOR 1,224 including 237 in Sixth Form

Contact- c.fitzpatrick@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk for more details or to discuss your application

The SSWIS (student social workers in schools) Project is a well-established and successful project, enjoying long standing working relationships with a number of universities, providing students with placement opportunities in schools and further education settings across the West Midlands. We are looking to increase our pool of talented, experienced Offsite Practice Educators within the Project. We require experienced social workers who have completed Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the Practice Educator course.

Main areas of responsibility

General:

- To supervise and assess social work degree students (MA and BA/BSc Hons) who are on placement with SSWIS, in line with professional standards of social work education.
- To work collaboratively with placement providers, universities and students.
- To provide direction, support and create a dynamic learning environment, providing in-depth opportunities for students to reflect upon and explore practice.
- To attend placement agreement meetings, interim meetings and final placement meetings.
- To attend, where necessary, action planning and cause for concern meetings for student placements.
- The post holder must have good interpersonal and communication skills, which are essential in supporting students within placements.
- The post holder will be required to build strong working relationships with students and external partners.
- Enthusiasm and commitment to supporting students is an essential component of the role.
- Actively follow and promote university and placement policies.
- We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who strive to meet high standards of professionalism and who will positively represent the SSWIS Project.
- The post holder will be a qualified Social Worker and will be registered with Social Work England.
- The post holder will have undertaken stage 1 and 2 of the Practice Educator Course.

Experience of working in an educational setting would be desirable.

Bishop Challoner is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. It has policies and procedures to ensure that this occurs. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS check.

For an application pack, please contact Carmel Fitzpatrick, SSWIS Project Coordinator on 0121 444 4161 or visit our website www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/vacancies.

PERSON SPECIFICATION



Post- Practice Educator

Qualities and Attributes	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications/Education		
GCSEs (or equivalent) in English and Maths at minimum grade C or Level 4	✓	
A levels or equivalent	✓	
Social Work Degree or equivalent and be registered with Social Work England	✓	
Knowledge/Experience		
Knowledge of Social Work Law, including current safeguarding guidance: Keeping Children Safe in Education; frameworks and policies	✓	
Knowledge of the Professional Capabilities Framework (PCF)	✓	
Experience of working in a school/college environment		✓
Experience of working with young people in a front facing role	✓	
Experience of supporting vulnerable young people in an educational setting		✓
Experience of working as part of a team	✓	
Experience of working with outside agencies	✓	
Experience of administrative and record keeping procedures with evidence of capability to work on own initiative	✓	
Knowledge of local authority attendance procedures	✓	✓
Skills/Abilities		
Travel is an essential part of the job being advertised, full driving license and own transport		✓
Ability to work with wide range of clients, including students, University Social Work teams, Practice Educators, Schools and Colleges	✓	
Flexible approach to working	✓	
Ability to show patience and empathy	✓	
Approachable and supportive	✓	

Qualities and Attributes	Essential	Desirable
Ability to prioritise own workload in a fast paced environment	✓	
Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing with colleagues, students, parents/carers and outside agencies	✓	
Strong organisational and time-management skills	✓	
Accuracy and attention to detail	✓	
Ability to problem solve and use initiative	✓	
Provide a good level of service to all stakeholders	✓	
Excellent IT skills including Microsoft Word, Outlook and Excel	✓	