

PDA in **Promoting Excellence in Dementia Skilled Practice at SCQF level 7**

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The Professional Development Award (PDA) in Promoting Excellence in Dementia Skilled practice at SCQF level 7 is an SQA qualification for people working with those who have dementia, their families and carers.

Why should my centre deliver this qualification?

This qualification is designed to improve professional practice, contribute to meeting the registration requirements of the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC), and provide continuous professional development for employees.

The PDA is made up of two HN Units, and one SVQ unit, all at SCQF level 7 and has been designed for delivery as a taught course. Delivery of the award provides a combination of off-the-job and workplace learning.

It is available through colleges and private training providers.



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Who does this qualification suit?

This award has been designed to be delivered through an inclusive partnership approach engaging with employers, training providers and SQA approved centres.

It is aimed at candidates, including those currently affected by the requirements of the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) register. It is anticipated that learners will come from a broad range of job roles that includes those caring for and supporting people with a diagnosis of dementia, their families and carers. For example:

- Social Care Support Workers
- Health Care Support Workers
- Social Care Practitioners

It is envisaged that candidates who have already achieved an SQA qualification — for example the SVQ in Health and Social Care level 2 or 3, HNC in Health or Social Care — will be well placed to undertake this award for job-specific training or for CPD.

Access

Access to the PDA is at the discretion of the centre. In general, entry should be open to any candidate who can demonstrate, by previous qualifications or experience, a reasonable expectation of successfully completing the PDA.

Progression

The two HN Units in this award will provide some links into the National Occupational Standards for Health and Social Care at SCQF level 7, and Healthcare Support (Clinical) at SCQF level 7.

Approval

Centres delivering this PDA must be approved by SQA. If your centre has devolved authority, you can seek approval through your own internal approval process.

Centres without devolved authority will have to come forward for approval and should contact the Business Development Team for guidance in completing the combined CA1/SA1 form.

Assessors and verifiers must be able to meet SQA's general requirements for technical/occupational competence.

Assessment

The award takes a portfolio-building approach to assessment. The units provide candidates with the opportunity to demonstrate their learning through practice, and this will be observed and validated. There is an emphasis on assessing the whole Outcome or a combination of Outcomes within the Units. Unit Specifications detail the Evidence Requirements and Performance Criteria for each Unit.

Unit(s) and delivery tools

Group Award code: GE4V

SCQF level: 7

Structure

The PDA in Promoting Excellence in Dementia Skilled Practice SCQF level 7 comprises of 2 mandatory HN Units and 1 SVQ Unit:

- Promoting quality of life through dementia skilled practice (FY1D 34)
- Promoting relationships and networks through dementia skilled practice (FY1E 34)
- Support individuals to identify and promote their own health and social well-being (DK80 04)

The Arrangements document is published on SQA's website www.sqa.org.uk.



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