

Norfolk PE Teaching Competence Standards Course - Secondary 2010

A new course has been designed for Cover Supervisors to be trained to deliver high quality PE in high schools during periods of absence from PE staff. This course is the first of its kind with much interest already aroused from Heads of PE and head teachers whom I have already spoken to across the county. The new course for 2010 is now available for colleagues to book on, with the Mentor training event in early February and the course starting officially in at the end of February 2010.

The whole programme is based around a series of competencies, which form the Norfolk PE Teaching Competence Standard (Secondary). Delegates will work with their school based mentor, attending training with Norfolk Children's Services and work towards achieving these standards over an appropriate time scale for them. Upon satisfactory completion, Head teachers' will be able to deploy them in full confidence that they are complying with all appropriate legislation including health and safety and 'specified work' regulations (S12003/1663) as well as ensuring a high quality experience and entitlement for their young people.

The course consists of a series of essential core modules required by all as well as activity specific courses such as Athletics, Gymnastics, Invasion Games, Net/Wall Games and Field and Strike games. External verification from the course tutor team is also required and in this way you can see that it mirrors initial teacher training and TDA guideline. The course is rigorous and robust. No written assignments are required but delegates will be expected to provide a detailed portfolio of progress.

The costs for the programme have been designed to be spread over two financial years to ease the potential budget impact for school. However it must be stressed that to bring in outside agencies to deliver cover through PE can cost schools far in excess of the programme costs. The entire package costs £1,000 for the full year programme. This is split into an initial fee of £500 per delegate and then £250 per assessment visit (two are required which must be passed). As most visits start happening later in the year long programme, these visit costs can be planned into the following financial year helping to split the costs. Where school wish more than one delegate to be registered we are able to offer a reduction in the assessment visit costs so please contact us to discuss this. High quality PE and Sport is our mutual aim and we are delighted that so many schools are showing interest in engaging so positively with this programme.

Attached to this letter are the key dates for this programme for Head teachers to be aware of. All schools wishing to participate in this programme need to make the following commitments:

- ◇ 2 hours curriculum time for PE (meeting the government PSA target)
- ◇ Have schemes of work in place
- ◇ Be working towards the government 5 hour offer
- ◇ Commit to release time for the completion of modules
- ◇ Ensure a dedicated Mentor within the school to support the candidate(s)
- ◇ Be committed to developing High Quality PE and School Sport.

Similar courses that have taken place (at primary level) ran in excess of our maximum number due to demand. We have taken the decision to keep an upper ceiling of 25 delegates so please respond quickly as we anticipate places to be taken

up quickly. Any queries about any aspect of the course, then please ring me on 01603 697000.

To facilitate application I have attached a booking form to this letter for your convenience. Alternatively you can download this form from our website: www.schools.norfolk.gov.uk/go/pe or contact us for a copy if required (01603 697000). Please return this to us, at the address on the form as soon as possible. The closing date for the course is the 31 Jan 2010, or sooner if the course reaches the 25 place total, as places are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

I very much hope that this course will be of interest to you in helping to create greater flexibility in the workforce and ensuring high quality delivery across the school.

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Learn How to Teach Physical Education and School Sport Safely and Effectively with NCC - SECONDARY

This unique course is specific to NCC. It is designed for secondary school Cover supervisors so they can take PE without QTS being present. This work has been designed to support the implementation of the Workforce Reform (2003) and also to ensure that High Quality PE and School Sport remain at the heart of delivery. The first of its kind this course it is hoped will support cover supervisors to be securely deployed to teach PE to high school (11-16) aged pupils in the absence of qualified PE staff on a short term basis in schools the depth and breadth of Norfolk.

Current developments mean NCC made be able to provide additional training beyond this course that will allow colleagues to gain additional qualifications (equivalent to A Levels) and then access degree courses, opening opportunities to the gaining of QTS.

The course works by providing specialist training in core areas of the PE curriculum as well as generic support on risk management, safety, assessment, National Curriculum (2007) and teaching and learning. Delegates will be given the opportunity to gain Level 1 and Level 2 National Governing Body qualifications, which can then be used to supplement the PE departments' extra curricular programme, increasing opportunities for young people to access the 5 hour offer as laid out by the DCSF. The course is flexible and is easily adapted to meet schools requirements where they are seeking to provide cover for absent PE staff through such arrangements. The course operates in almost the same way as GTP/SCITT and ITT generally, in that a mentor supports the delegate on a day to day basis as they learn from their peers and PE departments. They are challenged to always self evaluate to ensure that the learning is paramount in their teaching.

The first intake for this programme will be Spring Term 2010 (Feb) with the actual course starting in March 2010. Further details are available by contacting Keren Thompson on 01603 697006 or Claire Burrows (administration assistant) on 01603 697000.

You are strongly advised to contact us to discuss your needs, the needs of any adults whom you feel that this programme may be of use to.

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NPETCS Booking Form 2010 – Course Code ECSG9

This programme seeks to give cover supervisors the knowledge, skills and understanding to teach National Curriculum Physical Education within a safe and challenging teaching environment. Competence will be assessed through the application of key standards, school based assessment, self-assessment and external verification. The programme will allow successful candidates to be awarded the Norfolk PE Teaching Competence Standard – Secondary.

Please complete the following details to provisionally book a place for your Cover Supervisor

Name of School:

Head teacher:

Nominated School Based Mentor for Cover Supervisor(s):

[N.B: Must have relevant PE specific training]

Position within school:

Name of Cover Supervisor(s):

- ☐ We have 2 hours curriculum time for PE
- ☐ We have a scheme of work for PE
- ☐ The school is committed to achieving the governments Five Hour Offer
- ☐ The school will release delegate(s) for all essential modules and activity specific ones and will encourage attendance at other CPD opportunities
- ☐ The delegate(s) will be time-tabled to help across the school to support their development and ability to achieve the NPETCS (Secondary).

Any relevant qualifications to support the individual applicant(s)

(e.g. coaching awards)

I understand that places on this course will be limited to 25 places and that delegates cannot be expected to take sole responsibility for teaching groups in Physical Education and sport until they have successfully completed this course. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. An initial fee of £500 is required followed by £250 per assessment/validation visit (total course cost per delegate is £1,000)

Signed:.....Head teacher Date:.....

Please send this completed form to:
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Closing date is 31 January 2010 or sooner if maximum number is reached