

Staff Development Information

The University currently provides the following development opportunities for staff at Validated Institutions.

1 Partnership Forum

The Partnership Forum is an annual event hosted at the beginning of the Spring Term by the University which provides an opportunity for partner staff to discuss issues relating to quality management and enhancement.

The Forum also provides opportunity for partner staff to give feedback to the University, suggest areas for improvement, or to request clarifications on University policy.

The Forum is especially useful for new staff within Validated Institutions and provides an opportunity to be introduced to staff from the University of Kent, particularly the Quality Assurance Office, and other Validated Institutions and discuss areas of shared interest.

The date of the next Partnership Forum, and presentations and minutes from previous forums can be found at: <https://www.kent.ac.uk/education/collaborative-partnerships/partnership-forum>

2 Academic Practice

The University offers a range of support for all staff engaged in teaching and research, including those at Validated Institutions.

The types of courses and training organised includes:

The Post Graduate Certificate in Higher Education (PGCHE):

Worth 60 credits at level 7 this course draws on theories of teaching and learning, and on educational research and brings these to bear on participants own work and experience.

If Validated Institution staff members are interested in taking the PGCHE then should consider the information available at: <http://www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/qualifications/pgche/index.html>

The Learning and Teaching Network:

The Learning and Teaching Network provides sessions for staff working towards enhancing learning, teaching and assessment.

Sessions are normally held on either the Canterbury or Medway campuses, details of which can be found at: <http://www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/networks/ltn/index.html>

If a number of staff members are interested in a topic offered as part of the Learning and Teaching Network, then it may be able to organise a bespoke session at your institution.

12.3 Boards of Examiners Training

QACO deliver training sessions for new members of Boards of Examiners on an annual basis.

Deputy Chairs and other staff members from Validated Institutions are strongly encouraged to attend.

The training normally takes place in March each year as part of the Learning and Teaching calendar <http://www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/networks/ltn/index.html>

12.4 QA News

Validated Institutions are required to subscribe to QACO's newsletter 'QA News' this newsletter provides important information and updates to University and Partner staff on areas such as:

- changes in QA procedures and processes recommended by Education and Student Experience Board;
- updates on external Quality Assurance Agency reviews, consultations and developments;
- updates on the University's preparation for external audits that will take place from time to time.

To receive this newsletter email gaco@kent.ac.uk and we will arrange for you to be added to the QA news e-mail list.

Please Note: It is a requirement that at least one member of staff from each Validated Institution is on the QA News e-mail list.

If you do not believe you have a staff member on the list, or if a member of staff on the list leaves your organisation, you are required to inform QACO.