Certificate of Credit in Commissioning and Purchasing for Public Care

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- Accredited by Oxford Brookes University
- Awarded a Certificate of Credit worth 20 CATS credits at postgraduate M level
- Enrolment with Oxford Brookes University
- Additional cost
- Additional input, self study, an assessed work-based project
- Entry criteria apply

Assignment task

Submit a written assignment which explains and reflects upon a commissioning or purchasing project that you have undertaken. The rationale for the work must be clearly set out in the context of national policy and best practice, and draws on a critical analysis of the current commissioning and purchasing arrangements in your local organisation or service.

Supporting information will be expected that gives evidence of the project activities and implementation of good commissioning or purchasing practice. The project must have been accepted by your line manager as appropriate to the needs of your organisation, and have been undertaken during the course.

Minimum of 4,000 words and a maximum of 5,000 words.

Example projects

- Development of a commissioning strategy
- A review of contract monitoring and development of a reviewing framework
- A risk assessment and option appraisal for a poorly performing service
- Development of a service specification
- An investigation into swifter tendering options and development of an approved provider list
- Remodelling a service to achieve better outcomes
- Joint commissioning of a community service

If you decide to accredit

- Two-stage online enrolment

- An assignment support day:
  - details of the assignment task (expanding on the information in the student handbook)
  - anonymised real assignments
  - project management input
  - academic support
  - discussions of project proposals

PLUS

- Follow-up individual virtual tutorials

Submission deadline

- Work must be handed in by the set deadline.

- Deadlines can only be extended in very exceptional circumstances, with applications being made in writing, in advance of the submission, on the appropriate form, with supporting evidence.

- See information on Exceptional Circumstances in student handbook or Moodle - https://www.brookes.ac.uk/students/your-studies/exceptional-circumstances/guidance/

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