

**Project Name: Development of HND provision in Sport Studies at Telford College of Arts and Technology**

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**Background**

This project involves the research and development of an HND in Sport. It will commence with staff from the college given time and resources to research the content of proposed course, visit current providers of similar provision and then the production of an appropriate course for learners in partnership with the University of Worcester

**Objectives of the Project**

1. The development of a new progression route for vocational learners in sport into the HE sector, with a proposed HND in Sport. Recognising that learners have limited

opportunities to progress to level 4. Destination profiles of 2006/7 students at TCAT reveal that only 36% of level 3 leavers progress on to Level 4 provision.

2. Creation of a sustainable partnership from this project between Telford College of Arts and Technology and University of Worcester, which could be further strengthened in the future with additional qualifications.
3. To produce research into likely demand for course from students and employers.

## **Project Approach**

The project will be led by a team of four sports studies specialist staff from TCAT who will be brought out of a certain amount of teaching to undertake the work. They will survey related provision available locally and nationally, identify possible areas for development, set up a curriculum development team, which will have a whole day off campus to finalise the name and content of the provision. Within this development day it is planned to invite the link staff from University of Worcester to assist our team in the process. The development process would include external consultation (including employers) and visits to other delivery centres, particularly Stourbridge College who currently offer a similar HND provision in partnership with University of Worcester.

### **Scope:**

#### **A Key Products from the project**

1. HND in Sport  
A progression route for L3 learners into HE.
2. A progression agreement for students completing the course to complete third year of degree at University of Worcester. The current numbers of learners moving from FE and successfully completing a degree course could be greatly improved.
3. A progression agreement from the existing L3 programme to the new course.

#### **B Out of Scope**

The project funding will not cover the marketing of these courses, nor will it cover any approval costs.

### **Constraints**

1. Staff will be developing these qualifications in conjunction with other teaching activities
2. It will be necessary to obtain approval from Worcester University to run the course.
3. The success of the courses will be dependent on recruitment.

### **Initial Project Case**

The funding will be used to enable some release of teaching duties for key members of the staff team to carry out the research and produce the course name and content.

### **Benefits of the Project**

#### **Benefits to students**

1. Developing an achievable progression route into HE for students in the region who do not have the resources presently to access Level 4 provision. TCAT currently has 50 – 60 students a year studying at Level 3 Sport Studies, with many assessing our very successful sports academy which has greatly improved their sports coaching knowledge.

2. Possible opportunities to Access Talented Athlete Scheme to support individual students.

### **Benefit to the LLN**

3. Improved opportunities for progression in Herefordshire, Worcestershire and surrounding areas.
4. Contribution towards achievement of the targets for development of additional courses in Sport, Tourism, Heritage, Culture and Media.
5. Development of a higher qualified workforce within the sports industry for the local Region
6. Contributing towards targets for Progression agreements

### **Benefit to the colleges**

7. Possible links with TCAT Sports Academy and identified areas of Sporting excellence prevalent at the University and within both the Telford and Worcester communities eg Football, Basketball and rugby.
- 5 Opportunities to work together towards Olympics 2012 eg Pre- Games training camp developments (both Telford and Worcester accepted by LOCOG as potential venues for various sports)
- 6 Partnership opportunities with Sports Coach UK and University to develop Coach Development Centres.

### **Key Assumptions**

- The availability of key members of the project team
- The approval of the courses by Worcester University.

### **Costs**

Staff time for HND curriculum development  
 Staff development  
 Staff meetings to develop course materials

**£3000**

### **How will the project be evaluated?**

Monitoring of the numbers of students on and completing the courses, and progressing via the progression agreement to further study opportunities.

### **How will the project be sustained?**

TCAT will continue to deliver these courses once developed.

### **Initial Risk Log**

The following table summarises the risks that have been identified that may prevent the project being completed to the required quality, budget and timescale. The probability and impact of each risk has been graded as low, medium or high to indicate the relative importance attached to each element of risk.

<b>Risks</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Containment Plan</b>
Key project members unavailable due to other commitments.	L	H	Use of other staff; use of external and part time expertise.

Insufficient career development routes for graduates within local economy	M	M	Further exploration agreements to higher-level study as alternative outcomes.
Course not successfully validated.	L	H	Monitoring of course proposal development and pre evaluation meetings with link university staff.
Insufficient student recruitment to sustain course viability.	M	M	Thorough demand research; contingency plan and timescale for course approval. Create links with other A level and FE providers in the area.

### **Project Team**

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