Good Practice in Student Retention: an Examination of the Effects of Student Integration on Non-Completion

A segment of the universities of Hull, Newcastle and Sunderland's contribution to *What Works? Student Retention and Success*

What works? Student Retention and Success

- Funded by HEFCE and the Paul Hamlyn Foundation
- The seven funded projects are clustered in two key areas:
  - providing **academic support** to students
  - promoting **academic and social integration** into the institution to promote a sense of belonging

‘Good Practice in Student Retention’

- Sunderland: ‘local’ students
  - Includes mature students, all full-time
- Newcastle: engineering students
  - Mainly younger students, fair proportion international, all full-time
- Hull: mature and part-time students
  - Only UK ‘funded’ students (Home and EU)

‘Good Practice in Student Retention’

- How do we promote **academic and social integration** with part-time students?
- The same as full-time?
- Separate social events and academic delivery?
- Most will not, or rarely will, access services outside of ‘class times’
- Few report being able to attend social events, although many wish to

Integration?

- Integrating part-time students into the university?
- Integrating students within their class group, but also providing links to other students
- Integrating the academic and social elements to ‘make it worth our while’ (female, early 40s) and ‘feel like I am getting something from it’ (female, mid 30s)

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Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16 September 2010
9.00 – 4.00

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There are more opportunities than ever for adults considering study at higher education level. Here at the University of Hull around 25% of our full-time, and almost 90% of our part-time students, are mature. In response to the academic and support needs of this growing population of students, the University has established a Study Skills Summer School.

The school is free and open to anyone already studying at the University, or anyone interested in studying in the future, whether full- or part-time. It will also serve as a good introduction to the University for those intending to begin a course here in September 2010. The school will help enhance your study skills and, if you are new to higher education, help you understand what is expected of you in terms of written work and independent study.

Workshop topics for the two day event will cover:

- critical and analytical thinking
- reading and note taking
- essay writing
- referencing and plagiarism
- report writing for Sscientists (for those interested in/enrolled on science based courses only)*

* Subject to numbers

The course is free to everyone; study materials, refreshments and lunch are provided. The school is held in the heart of the University, and taught by experienced tutors giving you a realistic university experience.

If you would like further information or to talk to someone about the school contact Karen Smales, Mature Student Adviser on 01482 465033 or email k.smales@hull.ac.uk.

Summer School

- Provides an ‘authentic’ university teaching and learning experience
- Mixes full and part-time students
- Mixes disciplines
- Provides important academic input
- Provides the space for social interaction with peers
- Provides the space for social interaction with academic and support staff