

Shropshire Council is working in partnership with University Centre Shrewsbury and the University of Chester to deliver the **National Award for Special Educational Needs Coordination (NASENCo)** qualification throughout Shropshire from October 2021.

This course fulfils the training requirements of the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice (2015) which envisages that a SENCo will provide leadership and professional guidance to colleagues and will work closely with staff, parents and carers, etc. It challenges SENCos to promote person-centred, inclusive practice in which the interests and needs of pupils and young people with SEN and/or disabilities are at the heart of everything that they do.

The course will be delivered at University Centre Shrewsbury, in a high quality professional teaching environment, situated in the heart of Shrewsbury and easily accessible to all from across Shropshire.

Specialist staff complemented by an extensive range of up-to-date learning resources will deliver practical sessions designed to have positive impact on the practice within the school.

Sessions are structured to promote best practice and ensure that all requirements of the Award are achieved.

The programme is assessed through practical assignments that develop positive practice and knowledge of how to apply SEN strategies in school and covers the following 3 modules:

- Professional Knowledge and Understanding
- Leading and Managing Provision
- Developing a Positive Ethos and Culture

Delivery dates will be over 6 Weekend Schools per year, run twice-termly. These consist of a Friday twilight session plus a full day on the Saturday and will run on the following dates:

|               | Friday (Twilight: 5pm-7pm) | Saturday (9.30am-4pm)       |
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| <b>Term 1</b> | Friday 15th October 2021   | Saturday 16th October 2021  |
|               | Friday 26th November 2021  | Saturday 27th November 2021 |
| <b>Term 2</b> | Friday 28th January 2022   | Saturday 29th January 2022  |
|               | Friday 18th March 2022     | Saturday 19th March 2022    |
| <b>Term 3</b> | Friday 20th May 2022       | Saturday 21st May 2022      |
|               | Friday 24th June 2022      | Saturday 25th June 2022     |

**2021/22 Course Fee: £2025.00**

Please see our website for details of our Open Days:

[www.chester.ac.uk](http://www.chester.ac.uk)

For SENCos new to the role, it is mandatory (in England) to achieve the Award within three years of appointment.



On successful completion, participants will be awarded the National Award for Special Educational Needs Coordination (NASENCo).



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