

# Enhance your Mentoring Skills

A free, open, online course (SHOOC), developed through teacher education partnerships

*For all mentors in an educational context, including school mentors, and senior mentor coordinators*

*"The opportunity to reflect on what mentoring is, why we do it and how we do it has been invaluable in boosting my confidence and in helping me to move forward within my role".*

**Sarah Jackson, Wath Comprehensive School**



**Who is it for?** Run very successfully in January 2017, the SHOOC returns again to focus on pre-school, school, and post 16 mentoring in the UK context. The curriculum is mapped to the **UK National Standards for school-based initial teacher training (ITT) mentors** (2016). 'Badges' are awarded for successful tasks and a certificate for completed participation.

**What does it involve?** The next SHOOC will run online in Pebblepad for 5 weeks starting 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017. The tutor team includes school mentor trainers and academics who specialise in teacher education. Participants are given an account and access to all the materials and activities, including Pebblepad workbooks comprising tutor videos, case studies, and active live webinars, forum discussions, social media and e-tivities (**see over for more information**).

*"The SHOOC was extremely helpful in developing my approach to giving my mentees feedback. I have gained a lot from the course and feel that I am a stronger mentor as a result".*

**Tess Meaker, Norfolk Park School**

*"All the elements with respect to the mentoring standards were covered ... (with) expert speakers (and) chat with other people on the course. The webinars ... with all the interactive parts... workbooks and case studies ... put things into context and contained a lot of easy to read, useful information".*

**Julie Thornton, Ravensthorpe Junior School**

For more information and to register go to:  
<https://blogs.shu.ac.uk/mentorshooc>

## Enhance your Mentoring Skills open online course (SHOOC)

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### How will the course be delivered?

The course is fully online and hosted in Pebblepad, a personal learning space for learners and teachers customised for the SHOOC. The pedagogy includes these e-learning activities:

- Webinars\*\*** Online talks by course tutors on aspects of mentoring
- Videos\*\*** Presentations by tutors and guest speakers on key topics
- Discussion** Explore your own and others' mentoring practice
- Case Studies** Accounts of professional practice in mentoring
- Quizzes** Check your understanding and identify gaps in your skills

\*\* Recorded for playback at any time

### What are the benefits of taking part?

*free online course • learn in your own time • 5 hours per week for five weeks • access up-to-date resources • join professional community of mentors • achieve professional recognition for your mentoring skills and knowledge • badges, certificate and an option to go on to masters credits\**

### What will the curriculum cover?

The five-week course is mapped to the **UK National Standards for school-based initial teacher training (ITT) mentors** (2016).

- Week 1** Introduction and induction
- Week 2** Modelling & Developing Professional Relationships
- Week 3** Developing Trainees' Professionalism
- Week 4** Supporting & Guiding Trainees
- Week 5** Mentors, Trainees and Professional Development



### When does the course start and how do I enrol?

The course starts on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and runs for five weeks. Participants have until 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017 to submit the workbooks and to complete the course. For more information and a link to enrol see <https://blogs.shu.ac.uk/mentorshooc> or email the course team at [mentorshooc@shu.ac.uk](mailto:mentorshooc@shu.ac.uk)

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