

PETROC

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS

Based at Tiverton campus

Part time and annualised

36 weeks per academic year'
Hours vary from 13 up to 26 hours per
week

Information for Candidates

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TERMS & CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

Hours of Work

You will be expected to work such hours as are reasonably necessary for the proper performance of your duties and responsibilities. **Hours available vary from 19 up to 30 per week depending on the role.**

Once appointed the post holders will follow a regular working pattern to support the learners.

Holiday

You will be entitled to 30 days paid leave per annum, plus Bank Holidays; pro-rata for staff on a part time basis. The college traditionally closes between Christmas and the New Year and these three days are additional to your leave entitlement.

Your holiday entitlement is calculated as part of your annual salary; therefore, you will be paid in lieu of holiday as the work is term-time only.

Pay

As detailed in the job description below.

Probationary Period

As with all Petroc appointments, there will be a 6-month probationary period. This is to provide the opportunity for your line manager to ensure that you are supported in your role and progressing as expected. The notice period will be one week during this probationary period.

Pension Scheme

You will automatically join the Local Government Pension Scheme. Your contribution would be from 5.5% of your gross salary, with Petroc contributing 14.9% on your behalf.

Performance Development Reviews (PDR)

All Petroc employees are required to take part in annual PDR's. Your review is aimed at establishing work targets and identifying any training and development needs you may have.

Induction

On joining, you will take part in our induction programme including, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Training, Health & Safety, Safeguarding and Prevent Training as part of your Contract of Employment.

Trade Unions

You will be entitled to join a union at the college and are encouraged to do so by college management. College management consults with staff through a Joint Consultative Committee framework upon which recognised trade unions and/or professional organisations are represented. The recognised union for support staff is UNISON. If you are appointed to the post you are applying for and wish for more information, the Human Resources Office will put you in touch with the appropriate branch representative.

Criminal Background Disclosure

You are required to declare any pending criminal prosecutions you may have as well as any spent criminal convictions, cautions, reprimands and final warnings as defined under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975. The only exception to this requirement is that you would not need to disclose any 'protected' cautions or convictions as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2013.

Please note, failure to disclose this information at any stage of the selection process could lead to dismissal upon appointment in a role.

DBS Disclosures will be taken up on successful candidates only.

Sick Pay

Petroc offers you the benefit of an enhanced sickness allowance when absent due to illness after your probation period. This allowance ranges from 30 days full pay and 61 days half pay during 1st year of service up to a maximum of 183 days full pay and 183 days at half pay after 5 years' service.

ID Badges

Photo ID badges are issued on appointment and can be used for photocopying and library borrowing as well as for identification purposes. It is a requirement that you wear your badge whilst on any college premises.

Car Usage & Expense Claims

On occasions you may be required to use your own vehicle for travelling between campuses. In order to claim mileage expenses your car insurance must cover you for business usage. A copy of the insurance certificate would need to be supplied along with a driving license check to the customer services team on joining.

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Learning Support Assistant BASED AT Tiverton Annualised

Name:		Date:	August 2022
Responsible to:	LSA Team Coordinator		
Direct Report(s):	n/a		
Links to:	SEND, academic faculties		
Salary:	£9.50 per hour plus element for holiday pay (£18,329 per annum full-time equivalent)	Hours:	Various hours from 13 to - 26 per week

This job description is a current statement of the duties and tasks required of the post-holder concerned. The nature of the job description will change from time to time and its terms are always governed and overridden by the post-holder's Contract of Employment. The duties outlined in this document do not constitute a comprehensive or exclusive list and duties may be varied from time to time which do not change the general character of the job or level or responsibility entailed.

The College has an active Equal Opportunities, Diversity and Inclusion Policy, commitment to which is expected from all staff. Applicants are, therefore, invited from all suitably qualified people irrespective of disability, gender or race. In particular, applicants with a disability, if they wish to do so, may indicate on the application form details of their disability.

MAIN FUNCTION OF THE JOB

To provide a comprehensive support service to identified students.

MAIN DUTIES

- To support students individually and/or in groups working towards objectives determined by the lecturer.
- To reinforce instructions/explanations and keep students focused on their tasks.
- To help maintain effective discipline
- To be aware of short term and long-term goals for individual students and to be aware of the appropriate level of support needed to enable students to attain goals.
- To read appropriate support documentation and facilitate learning in accordance with a student's EHCP.
- To be actively involved with students i.e. encourage their participation, acting as a confidante.
- To contribute to an agreed system of record keeping, including handling cash where necessary and contributing to reviews when required.
- To act as a link between staff, providing general information and feedback.
- To help with the maintenance of workroom/resources etc.
- General Care: To accompany students from place to place, meeting physical needs and to administer necessary medication.
- To attend regular meetings.
- To attend appropriate training sessions both in person and online.
- To participate in any residential or educational visits/activities which form part of the student's course of study.
- To support students within taught lessons and also: team enterprise/work experience/home study/educational visits/voluntary work (under the direction of lecturing staff but not necessarily under constant supervision.) and wear appropriate clothing/personal protective equipment for these environments.

- To act as an appropriate role model, using appropriate language and acting in a proactive manner.
- To follow guidelines on manual handling.
- To work as part of a flexible team and follow direction from senior staff.
- To note/take interpret where necessary.
- To gather appropriate resources.
- To assist with the transportation of students in college vehicles.

Additional Duties:

To undertake such additional duties as may be reasonably required commensurate with the level of responsibility within the College at the initial place of work or any other of the Colleges' campuses.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Petroc is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The College Recruitment and Selection Policy and Procedure seeks to support this agenda through the selection stages and pre-employment checks.

Petroc is committed to Equality and Diversity and promoting Equality and Diversity and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The College Recruitment and Selection Policy and Procedure seeks to support this agenda through ensuring that at all stages of recruitment and selection are non-discriminatory and individuals are employed or promoted regardless of gender, marital status, age, ethnic origin, religion or belief, sexual orientation, disability or previous criminal records.

Actively take part in the College probation and Performance Development Review processes.

Undertake such duties as may be reasonably required commensurate with the level of responsibility within the College at the initial place of work or any other of the College's sites.

APPLICATION

All positions are subject to the completion of an Enhanced DBS Disclosure

Completed applications should be returned to staffrecruitment@petroc.ac.uk or to the Human Resources Office, Petroc, Old Sticklepath Hill, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 2BQ by no later than the closing date on the website.

Applications received after this deadline will not be accepted.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Criteria		How Evaluated	
		Application	Interview
Experience	Essential: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting young people in an educational/social setting 	X	
	Desirable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of Autism, Learning needs and social and emotional challenges. 	X	
Qualifications	Essential: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCSE Maths and English at C/4 or above 	X	
	Desirable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Support/Teaching assistant Qualification. 	X	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicates clearly and with confidence to a wide range of people. 	X	X

Business Support Behaviours	<p>Articulates understanding and gains support from others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ability to anticipate, prepare, respond and adapt to sudden and incremental changes. Has an acceptance of reality, core values align with the college, ability to improvise • Enjoys working hard, is action orientated and full of energy for tasks they see as challenging. Not fearful of acting with a minimum of planning, seizes more opportunities than others • Takes the initiative, makes decisions and takes responsibility for actions in support of department / faculty and wider college. Has an eye to the future and able to align personal and department / faculty aspirations to the overall strategic direction. Develops ideas, adds values and seeks opportunities for leadership • Looks forward to the broadest possible view of an issue / challenge, has broad-ranging personal and business interests and pursuits, can easily pose future scenarios, can think cross college, can discuss multiple aspects and impacts of issues and project them into the future • The use of digital technology to develop and transform the engagement of others 		
College values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect - to embrace differences, respect the values, ideas and beliefs of others and renew our own values through discussion and exploration. • Community - to believe in community, the ability to do more together, the mutual commitments that hold people together, and in responsibility beyond one's own self-interest • Empowerment - to create an educational environment that empowers learners and staff to exceed their own expectations and enables them to shape the future of our world 		x
Mandatory requirements	<p>Essential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment to safeguarding and Keeping Children Safe in Education • Commitment to safeguarding adults at risk • Commitment to equal opportunities and inclusion (SEND) • Commitment to British Values and the Prevent agenda. Embracing differences, respecting values, ideas and 		x

	beliefs of others, renewing own values through discussion and exploration.		
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