**To evaluate the effectiveness of focused staff training in recruitment on specialised modules**

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To evaluate the effectiveness of focused staff training and recruitment on specialized modules. David McDade, Phil Hackett and Anthony Johnston.

The aim of this project is to identify successful strategies in developing the capability of existing ALs to support students in specialist curriculum areas.

The objectives of the project are to identify effective resource planning strategies when planning curriculum developments in specialist curriculum areas, and to answer the following research questions.

To what extent is focused staff training effective in the recruitment of tutors for specialized modules at levels 2 and 3? What approaches are required to upskill tutors to successfully tutor in specialist curriculum areas? And what resources are required to upskill tutors to successfully tutor in specialist curriculum areas?

Methods used in this project will be questionnaires to tutors that have engaged in and completed the training. Interrogate existing data, tutors offered training, tutors enrolled, tutors completed, and tutors appointed to modules, and follow-up interviews.

Outputs from the project will be the creation of an effective model for staff development and methods to support the development of new specialist curriculum areas.