

New Fish and Shellfish Apprenticeships Approved Centre for NW England

Dear employer

Following a meeting with SEAFISH and the North West Seafood Training Centre in early March 2013, Blackpool and the Fylde College announced that it would be supporting the delivery of fish and shellfish industry proficiency qualifications and apprenticeships in North West England.

Blackpool and the Fylde College is part of the North West Seafood Training Centre, which is a partner in the Seafood Training Academy. As such, we are well placed to provide a valuable service to fish and shellfish employers in the region by supporting processors, mongers and fish fryers to develop their workforces with a combination of high quality skills and knowledge training programmes, apprenticeship support, and delivery of industry skills qualifications. Please note that all training / assessments take place in the workplace.

Lee Cooper of SEAFISH said, **“This is a very welcome decision by Blackpool and the Fylde College and is a big step forward for the regional industry, the North West Centre and the Seafood Training Academy”**.

Blackpool and the Fylde College are working in partnership with SEAFISH in order to offer a Level 2 Certificate for Proficiency in Fish and Shellfish Industry Skills (National Qualification Number 501/1903/5). This qualification has been proven to:

- Improve attendance
- Increase productivity
- Raise awareness of yield
- Monitor product quality in food operations
- Control size reduction in food manufacture

We are currently working with a large national fresh fish specialist and supplier in the North West with regard to training their existing workforce.

Ian Bold, Academic Tutor for Hospitality, Tourism & Sport – Blackpool and The Fylde College said **“The College has first class facilities to provide practical and related theoretical learning sessions, which are available to support the delivery of training in the workplace. We have well equipped bright and airy rooms, excellent refreshment area and ample car parking. Join the thousands of learners who come and study at Blackpool and the Fylde College each year”**.

I attach the framework for your perusal and look forward to hearing from you in the near future. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Gary Parker via E-mail: gary.parker@blackpool.ac.uk or on 07947556286.