

EASY STEPS ALL THE WAY

Bournville College lecturer has published a book to help her students through their NVQ course.

Nicki Pritchatt, who teaches on the NVQ Level 2 in Health and Social Care, saw a gap in the market when she realised that most text books were very difficult to understand.

'Our students are very practical, but often have literacy difficulties. For many, English is not their first language. This book is an easy guide to the NVQ, avoids complicated words and takes the students step-by-step through their course' she explained.

The book, called Easy Steps, was written by Nicki along with Colette Burgess and Colin Shaw from West Suffolk College and published by Heinemann in July. It has already exceeded the monthly expected sales, with over 400 copies sold during what's often described in publishing as 'the quiet summer period'.

Thousands more are expected to fly off the shelves at the start of the new term if the reaction of Nicki's students is anything to go by.

'When I showed them the book, they loved it! Their first reaction was very positive and they all said that it was easy to use. Everyone wanted a photo of me with the book!' she joked.

Nicki and her colleagues from Bury St Edmonds are now working on an e-learning version of the book, due to come out later in the year. A registered nurse with over twenty years experience, as well as a qualified teacher, Nicki is full of talents, especially when it comes to spotting gaps in the market. *'My next project will be a textbook for Health Studies at Level 3, as there is nothing out there aimed at that audience. I have further plans for another book, but that is top secret at the moment'* she teased.

The Easy Steps book is available to buy from all good book stores throughout the UK, priced £15.99 and is even on sale in China, Malaysia and Singapore.

