

Reb's journal week 10

Finally, the end of a long haul with two groups of concepts students and one million forms and bits of paper! It has been such a steep learning curve – three months ago I didn't know what an EV or an IV was, what front sheets or marking sheets or anything else were and now I'm a bit of an expert – on the concepts course, anyway. Despite giving the students almost no warning of their last assignment, all of them got them in and it was all sorted.

The possibility of a diploma is still rumbling, I need to talk to the powers that be at the college because I'm still dubious about ABC – I'm not sure I wouldn't get in an almighty mess with the endless paperwork there. I can't see that 2 years hard study shouldn't be rewarded with CATS points as well as a diploma, and the ABC one is still untested in the BACP's eyes. I've e-mailed the tutor of the Southampton one to see how she sees it. She runs 3 concepts courses at a time!

I am a bit apprehensive about a new concepts course starting in April, I need to re-organise the whole course to fit in better with the assignments. I will do the same with the skills course at the end – the luxury of having the whole year to teach a skills course! We are starting to get into cognitive stuff now, and we need to push the skills up, but a few students are still relying on questions and we need to work on that. I just hope all the skills themselves come together before we have to tape them.

A hectic two weeks for me, full of personal stress, sadness and outside criticism. I'm glad its over – all I have to do now is get my *%£! Essay in the post by next Wednesday or so. Have a good holiday. I'll post the essay up when I've had it IV'd.