

Leadership and Management for Social Work MA/Postgraduate Diploma



The Leadership and Management Programmes offered by the Institute of Applied Social Studies (IASS) in the School of Social Policy, provide critically aware and research-based knowledge relating to the crucial areas of leadership and management practice for social work and social care. It is designed to provide this as flexibly as possible, in order to meet a broad range of candidate and organisational needs.

Candidates can choose to study a single module; a Postgraduate or Graduate Certificate (3 modules); a Postgraduate or Graduate Diploma (6 modules), or a Masters in Advanced Practice (6 modules and a dissertation).

[Download PG Dip Leadership and Management for Social Work brochure \(PDF\) \(/Documents/college-social-sciences/social-policy/course-brochures/2014/PGDip-leadership-management-for-SW-and-SC-dec2014.pdf\)](#)

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Course fact file

Type of Course: Continuing professional development, taught

Study Options: Part time

Duration: A single module: 3-4 months; Certificate: 9-12 months; Diploma: 18 months to 2 years and optional progression to a Masters award, a further 12 months

Start date: Main intakes are September and January but candidates are welcome to start throughout the year

Related courses

[Leadership and Management for Social Care MA/Postgraduate Diploma \(/postgraduate/courses/cpd/social-policy/leader-manage-social-care.aspx\)](#)

Contact

Got a question? **[Find your answers here \(http://bham.hobsons.co.uk/ask.aspx?cid=1223&did=24\)](#)**

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Details

The programme is designed to provide candidates with systematic understanding, knowledge and skills relating to all the core functional areas of management and leadership practice and the development of advanced level professional capability. The modules focus on different aspects of management practice. However, each module also connects with all the other modules in reflecting the key management functions - those of management of self and personal skills, provision of supervision, change facilitation work with people, use of resources and the achievement of results. The programme is available to staff from varied disciplines and professional settings, particularly those from Social Work and Social Care, Health, Youth and Community Justice.

Candidates may complete three modules of their own choice in order to receive either a Graduate or Postgraduate Certificate in Leadership and Management for Social Work or Social Care.

It is a particular feature of this programme that any module can be undertaken on a 'stand-alone' basis, to reflect the needs of a particular leadership role or organisational purpose.

Candidates for the PG Diploma award undertake six modules out of a choice of seven modules. The resulting six-module sequence will form a 120 Credit Graduate Diploma or Postgraduate (M level) Diploma in Leadership and Management for Social Work or Social Care. For those completing the Postgraduate Diploma, there is the option to continue to the Masters Award in Advanced Practice (a further 60 credits), through the completion of a 10,000 word dissertation on a topic that reflects the candidate's area of interest.

The design of the programme is informed by the Professional Capability Framework for Social Work and will support the development of those capabilities at the



Deoranie Soroya: I completed the Higher Diploma in Leadership and Management which is a two year modular course. Undertaking this programme has been an enjoyable learning journey for me. I initially completed the first year as part of Professional Development through my employer. I decided to undertake the second year due to the relevance of the course content in promoting my practice in Social Work. I chose Birmingham due to the support from the teaching staff, opportunity to network with professionals from other Social Care backgrounds and the commitment of the tutors in promoting better outcomes for users of Social Care services. I have been challenged in my thinking and practice and this has helped me in making decisions about my future career. I would recommend this course to anyone who is committed to evaluating their practice and developing new ways of thinking about the service they provide."

[PGDip Leadership and Management for Social Work and Social Care course brochure \(PDF\)](#) ([/Documents/college-social-sciences/social-policy/course-brochures/2014/PGDip-leadership-management-for-SW-and-SC-dec2014.pdf](#))

Why study this course

The Institute of Applied Social Studies, School of Social Policy, has developed a reputation for delivering high quality teaching and learning which enables students to become critically reflective, research informed practitioners. The variety of experience and diversity of background within the different student groups helps to create a vibrant academic community where mutual learning and personal development can flourish.

The Institute is located within the newly refurbished Muirhead Tower and enjoys hi-spec, hi-tech teaching facilities.



Modules

- Managing Diversity
- Developing Organisations and Organisational Change
- Leading for Quality Assurance - Supervision Skills for Performance Management
- Creating and Maintaining Partnerships
- Reflective Practice, Wellbeing and Resilience for Managers in the Work Place
- Coaching and Mentoring for Managers
- Leading Learning for Effective Safeguarding (taught on a bespoke basis only)
- Researching Professional Practice (Postgraduate only)

Fees and funding

Fees for 2015-2016:

- 1 module: £588
- 3 modules (PGCert): £1,764
- 6 modules (PGDip): £3,528
- Masters (MA): £1,764

Following the completion of the Postgraduate Diploma, there is the option of progression to a Masters Award (60 credits), through the completion of the Research module and dissertation; the fee for this is £1,764.

Overseas students: **[standard fees \(/postgraduate/pgt-fees/fees.aspx\)](#)** apply

Learn more about **[fees and funding \(/postgraduate/pgt-fees/fees.aspx\)](#)**

Scholarships and studentships

Scholarships may be available. International students can often gain funding through overseas research scholarships, Commonwealth scholarships or their home government.

For further information contact the School directly contact the Student Funding Office via the online enquiries system at **www.studenthelp.bham.ac.uk** (**<http://www.studenthelp.bham.ac.uk/>**).

Entry requirements

For Postgraduate Diploma in Leadership and Management for Social Work, an Honours degree or equivalent evidence of ability to study at postgraduate level plus evidence of social work qualification and holding a management or other leadership role in a social work setting.

Learn more about **[entry requirements \(/postgraduate/requirements-pgt/index.aspx\)](#)**

International students

We accept a range of qualifications from different countries – our country pages show you what qualifications we accept from your country.

[Standard English language requirements \(/postgraduate/requirements-pgt/international/index.aspx\)](#) apply

How to apply

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You may need to discuss your application with your employer organisation, if applicable, who will need to allow time for study.

Learning and teaching

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Teaching for the Leadership and Management for Social Care will take place on campus at the University of Birmingham, with access to the University's library and web-based resources.

Assessment methods

These reflect face to face teaching which is characteristically interactive, guided learning and group tasks together with guided study.

Academic assessment is comprised of a written assignment per module (3000 words). This assignment specifically requires candidates to connect knowledge, values and critical analysis to their experiences of, leading and managing in the workplace.

Employability

A flexible, academic and professional range of programmes for leaders and managers in all areas of Social Work, Social Care and Health, Youth and Community Justice.

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