University of Birmingham

BPhil / PG Diploma in specialist social work with adults

Who is this course for?

This course is intended for qualified social work practitioners who are registered with the HCPC and work with adults. They may work for:

- Local Authority Adults Services Teams
- The voluntary or not-for-profit sector

Entry requirements

The course is offered at both graduate and postgraduate levels. To be eligible for the postgraduate programme you must hold a degree as well as a recognised social work qualification. To enrol on the BPhil programme, you must hold a recognised social work qualification. All candidates follow the same programme of study.

How to apply

All applicants need the support of their sponsoring authority. You will also need to complete an application form and write a 1000 word personal statement.

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Course structure

The course is delivered on a part time basis over 2 years. There are 7 modules, awarding either 10 or 20 academic credits. Each module involves 3 to 6 days attendance at the University. Modules may be taken on an individual basis and are also open to colleagues from other disciplines.

The course was designed to meet the GSCC requirements for the Specialist Award in Social Work with Adults and is changing to meet current expectations for CPD.

Modules

- Module 1: Consolidating Social Work Practice with Adults (20 credits)
- Module 2: Developments in the Legislative Framework and Social Work Practice with Adults (10 credits)
- Module 3: Working in a Multi-agency and Multidisciplinary context (10 credits)
- Module 4: Assessment, Independence and Risk in Social Work Practice with Adults (20 credits)
- Module 5: Safeguarding Adults and Social Care Practice with Adults (20 credits)
- Module 6: Engagement and Support in Working with Carers in Social Work Practice with Adults (20 credits)
- Module 7: Enabling the Learning of Other Adult Care Professionals (20 credits).

How is the course assessed?

- Module 1: Analytical Case Study - This consists of 3,000-4,000 (depending upon level) words concerning a service user of social work/social care with adults.
- Module 2: Assignment - BPhil (2,000 words) and PGDip (3,000 words).
- Module 3: Analysis of a critical event (1,500-2,000 words).
- Module 4: Critical analysis of a complex social care assessment the candidate has completed with a service user where concerns involving risk were a central issue (3,000-4,000 words).
- Module 5: Oral presentation and critical write up based upon analysis of a Safeguarding Adults scenario (1,500-2,500 words).
- Module 6: Critical analysis of an example of intervention with a carer of a service user with whom they have worked which demonstrates the ability to work collaboratively (3,000-4,000 words).
- Module 7: Assignment - Focusing on enabling a social work student to understand and demonstrate competence in the social work task of the agency (3,000-4,000 words).

Candidates also have to provide an additional observation of their direct practice during Module 4.

Further information

Start date

September/October 2014 or for direct entry into Stage 2 February 2013.

Duration

2 years (part time)

Fees 2012-2013

£3,200 (if you already have either PQ1 or Consolidation, or other relevant certificated awards, you may be able to claim exemption from one or two of the modules).

Management processes

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The programme has been developed in partnership with employer partners within the West and East Midlands. The development has been informed by the input into the consultation by service managers and practice assessors.

The Partnership consists of:

- Birmingham City Council
- Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
- Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
- Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
- Herefordshire County Council
- Nottingham City Council
- Nottinghamshire County Council
- Derby City Council
- The Institute of Applied Social Studies, University of Birmingham

The Management Group, on which each is represented, manages all aspects of the programme.

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