Practice Education
Stage One

2021-2022

Introduction to the Practice Education Stage 1
Application Pack
Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in Practice Education Stage 1, provided by the University of Birmingham’s Department for Social Work and Social Care, Post Qualifying Programmes team. This post graduate module will commence in the next academic year (2021-2022) on Tuesday 7th September 2021. The application pack contains the following key documents, which should be reviewed in full prior to submitting your application:

1. **Post Graduate Practice Education Stage 1 Brochure**
   *In this short guide, an outline of the entry requirements, module aims and learning opportunities is given, along with a summary of what you are able to do as a PE Stage 1 trainee, and who is able to assess you in practice (see the brochure’s appendix). Please note that the finer details e.g. the assignment and deadlines etc. will be provided in the Handbook should you be accepted on to the module.*

2. **Practice Education Stage 1 Timetable for September 2021-2022**
   *To support you and your team to plan ahead, we provide the dates for each 2021-2022 study “block” including the live seminars and live group tutorials.*

3. **University of Birmingham Practice Learning Dates 2021-2022**
   *Our Practice Learning team, has outlined the key dates for BA and MA first and final year placements in the 2021-2022 year. This timetable reflects our need to manage placement shortages during the Covid-19 crisis and does not necessarily reflect the general pattern for placements in coming academic years. Arrangements for Step Up to Social Work students are made separately via the Regional Teaching Partnerships.*

4. **University of Birmingham CPD for Practice Educators and Supervisors Flyer**
   *The University of Birmingham offers a rolling programme of 2-day workshops for Practice Educator and Practice Supervisors from our partner agencies. The aim is to consolidate and refresh skills, receive peer support and maintain currency in practice. CPD workshops are free to trainees who take a University of Birmingham student.*
In addition to the University of Birmingham’s documents, we recommend that all applicants take time to review the British Association of Social Workers Practice Education Professional Standards, published in 2019 and implemented in 2020, (see https://www.basw.co.uk/system/files/resources/peps-for-social-work.pdf).

Once you have reviewed the information, discussed the course requirements with your line manager or learning and development colleagues, please submit your online application at https://coss.formstack.com/forms/pestage1 by Friday 9th July 2021. Places will be confirmed no later than Friday 23rd July 2021.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Practice Education administrator Sean Swift via email at practiceeducation@contacts.bham.ac.uk in the first instance; he will answer your queries promptly by email or offer a conversation with a member of the teaching team.

We look forward to your application and the opportunity to work with you in your next professional development venture.

Yours Sincerely,

The Practice Education and Placements Team
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