

The MSc in Post Qualifying Social Work is designed to be flexible in order to meet continual professional development for social workers in their workplaces. A range of practice focussed and specialist modules are offered. These include:

- Advanced Social Work Practice – Debates About Good Practice
- Advanced Social Work Practice with Children
- Advanced Social Work Practice with Adults
- Social Policy
- Management in Social Work – Performance and Evaluation
- Principles & Practice of Research Design
- Enabling Practice (for Practice Assessors)

In addition students can choose one of the following modules which are delivered as school wide modules to students who have social work, social care, criminal justice, education and equalities backgrounds

- Sociology of Childhood
- Community, Sustainable Health & Wellbeing
- Mainstreaming Equality
- Evidence Based Policy & Practice in Community Safety & Youth Justice

To progress to an MSc, all students follow the core module 'Principles and Practice of Research Design'. After successful completion of the taught element, students undertake a 20,000-word dissertation, normally reflecting the student's interests, subject to agreement from the Board of Studies. Dissertations may be library-based or students may opt to conduct empirical research in social work agencies.

Examples of recent dissertation topics include:

- 'A Study of communication between Adult Mental Health and Children's

Social services in a Family Context.'

- 'A qualitative evaluation of a parenting programme: An ethnographic study.
- Joint working between Social Workers and Police Officers; mutual cooperation and dependency or mere tolerance?'
- 'A qualitative evaluation of a parenting programme: An ethnographic study.

Special Features of this Course

- Assessment is undertaken using a variety of methods including essays, project work, case studies and observed practice.
- Teaching staff have a current practice and research background.
- Professional development stems from strong tutorial support, research-led teaching environment.
- The Course is run in partnership with statutory social services departments, through a Programme Management Committee.

Duration

- Post Graduate Certificate in Post Qualifying Social Work: Advanced Practice (Children or Adults) –One year part-time
- Post Graduate Certificate in Post Qualifying Social Work: Management – One year part-time
- Post Graduate Diploma in Post Qualifying Social Work – Two years part-time (a combination of the two above Post Graduate Certificates)
- MSc in Post Qualifying Social Work – Three years part-time (one year top-up to the above Post Graduate Diploma)

Teaching Methods

Much of the direct teaching for each module takes place over a concentrated 3 day period. The third year is given to compiling a dissertation.

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Entry Requirements

You will need a good first degree or a recognised equivalent qualification. Non-graduates will be considered if they can demonstrate, through some recent and relevant professional experience, that they have the ability to undertake the course. A score of 575 on TOEFL(232 on computer-based marking) or band 6.5 on IELTS is required where English is not a first language, or for those who have not had a substantial part of their education taught in the English language. Other flexible modes of entry based on the AP(E)L principles of the University may be available in certain circumstances

