



THE UNIVERSITY *of York*

Department of Social Policy and Social Work

MA Social Work

The MA in Social Work is a Masters degree programme and a professional qualification in social work. Hence, at the same time as working for your MA, you will be training as a social worker and gaining the knowledge and skills needed for effective professional practice. On qualifying you will be able to apply for registration as a social worker.

The programme has a strong focus on practice and learning from practice, and is delivered by the University in partnership with a number of agencies in the region that provide practice learning opportunities in a wide range of settings and with a range of service user groups.

We aim to equip you with the knowledge, skills, values and critical ability to make a high quality contribution to social care and welfare agencies in the UK and beyond.

Postgraduate social workers from York are in high demand and you will be well placed in terms of employment prospects.

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Postgraduate qualifying social work programme

Course Structure

Classroom learning is integrated with practice based learning and is provided through:

- » Lectures, seminars and workshops
- » One to one tutorial and pastoral support
- » Continuous assessment and examination
- » Practice placements (a total of 200 days divided into two blocks of 90 days (1st year) and 110 days (2nd year))
- » Placement supervision and assessment
- » Independent learning

The University-based learning is designed to meet the GSCC requirement that social workers should acquire a wide spectrum of knowledge and skills with different service user groups. You will also be asked to apply for practice learning opportunities that fit with your interests and link to the overall general programme. In year two you will be able to specialise through the choice of one of four specialist pathways and in your choice of dissertation subject.

Application

Application is through UCAS, using course code L508 and institution code Y50. Admission to the course is by an interview.

You should also familiarise yourself with the entry requirements which are available on our website.

Financial Help

Information about the NHS Social Work Bursary is available on our website: www.york.ac.uk/spsw/postgraduate/

Degree Programme

In the first year, you will study a series of modules designed to provide you with a solid foundation to undertake your first practice placement at the end of the year. Some modules are taken together with students on the BA Social Work programme.

The modules are:

- » Communication Skills for Social Work
- » Human Development
- » ICT for Social Work
- » Law and Social Policy
- » Practice Learning (Placement) 1
- » Preparation for Practice
- » Reflective Practice
- » Social Work Research 1
- » Theories and Models for Social Work Practice

In your final year, when you will take your final practice placement (Practice Learning 2), you will also follow a more specialised pathway in one of the following:

- » Children and Families Social Work
- » Health and Disability Social Work
- » Mental Health Social Work
- » Youth Social Work

You will also take courses in:

- » Current Debates in Social Work
- » Dissertation Skills
- » Social Work Research 2

Considerable time will also be spent undertaking a dissertation in a subject of your choice. You may choose from a variety of methods and data collection in carrying out the work. The dissertation may be literature based or it might involve a combination of research methods.