Critical Thinking in Forensic Social Work

Credits from this 30-credit module can be put towards a PG Cert/PG Dip Advanced Social Work Practice or the MA Advanced Social Work Practice.

Introduction

This module draws from the new Forensic Mental Health Social Work: Capabilities Framework and is aimed at social work practitioners working in forensic settings. It is aimed at social workers in all practice settings (Children's, Adult's and Mental Health Services) reflecting the generic nature of social work practice but will be of most interest to Forensic Social Workers.

Overview and Aims

The module provides the opportunity to:

- Critically examine Forensic Mental Health Social Work within the context of hospital and community settings
- Apply a critical understanding of different models of social work interventions within inter-disciplinary clinical mental health and criminal justice structures
- Explore relevant Mental Health Act powers alongside skills based learning to complement working effectively with families and multi-professionals to uphold the social welfare needs of mentally disordered offenders

Teaching

The course content will be delivered using a blended learning approach; a combination of methods suited to adults learning together including lectures, experiential learning/simulations and opportunity for critical reflection and sharing of practice experiences. It will include a touch-base/study day when you will participate in a webinar and various online activities so you will need online access although you will not need to be at the University.



Assignment

The assessed work for the course includes two elements which will draw directly from your practice:

- A professional report for example a social circumstances report for a tribunal/manager's hearing or assessment for a multi-disciplinary forum (approximately 1000 words)
- A practice-based assignment which integrates reflection on course learning and the professional report (3000 words maximum)

Entry requirements and fees

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