

Child Development for Social Work Practice

Credits from this 30-credit module can be put towards a PG Cert/PG Dip Experienced Social Work Practice, PG Cert/PG Dip Advanced Social Work Practice or the MA in Advanced Social Work Practice. Applications are open to all registered social workers.

Introduction

The module 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.

Overview and Aims

This module aims to develop experienced social work practitioners with a sophisticated knowledge of child development relevant to their practice. Candidates will be provided with critical understanding of the psychological and emotional developmental factors affecting the wellbeing of children in diverse situations. Specific focus is given to those with additional and complex needs, and how to relate relevant theories (especially attachment) to social work practice. Candidates will also develop skills of observation and direct work with children.

Module Content

Module content adheres to the requirements of the Social Work professional regulator and related government bodies, across the following range:

- Contemporary attachment theory
- Effect of abuse and neglect
- Families and parenting
- New developments in adoption and permanence
- Theories of child development including brain development
- Observation of a child in a nursery-type setting

Teaching

Teaching is delivered through lectures, group work, direct supervision, e-learning and experiential activity. Delivery is usually at the City Campus and is supported by a range of online learning materials and access to library resources for personal study.

Assessment

This module will be assessed through a 4000 word case study that critically evaluates a range of theoretical approaches to child development and their application to current practice taking into account current research, legislation, policy and an exploration of and personal reflection of practice working with a child using observation skills.

Fees

The modular fee for academic year 2018/19 is £765.

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