

Promoting Good Outcomes for Looked After Children Through Adoption

Credits from this 30-credit module can be put towards a PG Cert Social Work Practice Education, a PG Cert/PG Dip Advanced Social Work Practice or the MA 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 addresses contemporary policy context supporting the idea that more children should be adopted more quickly. It will investigate children's needs in this context, and what contributes to successful adoption placements.

Module Content

- Child development – how issues of attachment, trauma and identity affect children in adoptive families
- Care planning and decision making - what sort of permanence?
- Siblings – together or apart?
- Contact and working with birth families
- Preparation of child and adopters for placement – life appreciation days
- Family finding and matching
- The child in placement – knitting the family together, promoting attachment, therapeutic interventions
- Direct work – life story work, talking to children, telling difficult information, later life letters

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 assignment.

Fees

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

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