

Research Methods

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. 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 is designed to equip you with the knowledge and skills required to undertake critical and ethical research in your chosen field of professional practice. The module places an emphasis on practitioner-based research (a key feature being researcher reflexivity in relation to values and ethical issues).

In preparation for the research dissertation, you will design a small-scale piece of social research and implement this in the form of a pilot study. You will present the design and implementation of the pilot study in the form of a methodological report.

It is expected that this material will be incorporated into your research dissertation should you opt to proceed to the Research Dissertation module. If you opt to undertake the Service Evaluation instead you will need to show how the pilot study has informed the service development initiative.

Teaching

Teaching is primarily delivered online through lectures, class discussions, group work activities, assignment surgeries, research and critical reflection. However, there may be occasions, for the purposes of supporting the programme of teaching when students will need to attend in person.

Delivery is also 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 methodological report.

Fees

The modular fee for academic year 2021/22 is £765.

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