

Enhancing knowledge and skills for Social Workers in adult services

This module equips registered Social Workers in adult services to review, update and validate what they know and what they can do as outlined in the Chief Social Workers' Knowledge and Skills Statements for Social Workers in Adult Services. (DH 2014)

The module is part of the continuing professional development framework for Social Workers at Kingston University. Social Workers who have completed their ASYE programme can apply for recognition of their learning and achieve an additional 15 academic credits.

Who can take this module?

The module is designed to assist transitions in the profession and as such is suitable for

- Qualified Social Workers who are completing or who have recently completed the ASYE year
- Qualified social workers who may be returning to the profession after absence
- Qualified Social Workers joining the profession with an international qualification.
- Qualified Social Workers who are transferring from adult to child and family services
- Qualified Social Workers who currently practice in child and family social work who need to consolidate and refresh their knowledge and skills

What you will learn on this module

The Knowledge and Skills Statements for Social Workers in adult services (DH 2014) will inform all curriculum content. Module learning sessions will address:

- The role of the social worker in the contemporary practice and policy context in adult services social work
- Person-centred practice
- Safeguarding
- Mental capacity
- Effective assessments and outcome based support planning
- Direct work with individuals and families
- Supervision, critical reflection and analysis
- Organisational context
- Professional ethics and leadership

How you will learn on this module

Learning in this module will take place through lectures, small group discussions, class-based learning activities, group work exercises and e-learning. Students will be encouraged to draw upon their own practice experience. Additional resources for learning are available via Canvas Virtual Learning Environment. All students will be offered an individual tutorial.

Where and when?

The module will be delivered on the Kingston Hill Campus of Kingston University. There is free car parking available on site. For those using public transport, there is a regular bus service to the campus.

Session/theme	Date	Room	Staff
1. Introduction to the module and Resources Session 10.00 – 12.00	07.01.2020 (a.m.)	BS1021	DB LA
2. Psychobiography 12.00 – 16.00	(p.m.)	KH0026	DB
3. Relationships; Supervision and critical reflection	04.02.2020 (a.m.)	BS3033	DB
	(p.m.)	KH0026	
4. Contemporary social work issues; Culture	03.03.2020 (a.m.)	BS3033	DB
	(p.m.)	KH0026	
5. Teaching across disciplines; Organisations	31.03.2020 (a.m.)	BS3033	DB
	(p.m.)	KH0026	
6. Service users, power and agency; Politics/Economy Assignment planning	05.05.2020 (a.m.)	BS3024	DB
	(p.m.)	KH0025	
Tutorials	By arrangement	Tbc	DB

Module learning sessions are once a month from January to May 2020. This is designed to enable students to implement learning from the module in their professional practice.

How will you be assessed?

Teaching, learning and assessment on this module are designed to provide students with the opportunity to prepare for professional status accreditation processes such as those being developed for children and families social workers in England which include on-line testing and scenario based written assessments

Support

Every student will be offered mentoring by the module leader or another faculty member. We have a considerable depth of practice experience and knowledge within the faculty that we can draw on as needed.

Kingston University offers a range of student support services, which will be available to you

Costs This module costs **£850** in the 2019-20 academic year.

Apply on line at

<http://www.kingston.ac.uk/postgraduate-module/post-qualifying-social-work-modules/>

The closing date for completed applications is 4th January 2020

Suggested pre-module reading;

Akhtar, F. (2012) *Mastering Social Work Value and Ethics*. London. Jessica Kingsley

Davies, K. and Jones, R. (2015) *Skills for Social Work Practice*. London. Palgrave Macmillan.

Knowledge and Skills statement for Social Workers in adult services can be accessed at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/411957/KSS.pdf

SW7033. Enhancing knowledge and skills for social workers in adult services. Level 7. 15 credits.