Foundations for social work practice  K113

Presentation pattern  January to September

Module-based associate lecturers

The Social Work Degree practice module K113, Foundations for social work practice is supported by one associate lecturer. The module-based associate lecturer has responsibility for group tutorials, leading online discussion sessions, marking students’ assignments and for on-going module-specific support.

Module description

This module is part of the Open University Degree in Social Work. Students must be registered for the degree and be sponsored by their employing agency. The module helps them to develop the foundation knowledge and skills of social work with particular emphasis on the key roles: Prepare for assessment of need; and Support representation and advocacy. The module includes a 20-day practice learning opportunity under the supervision of a practice verifier appointed by the student’s sponsoring agency. The module includes written, audio and web-based resources, and the opportunity for students to practise online communication through online forums, supported by tutors.

K113 and KYJ113 are the same module in terms of materials, assessment, tuition and learning outcomes. KYJ113 is the open access version of the ‘parent module’ K113. Students on KYJ113 do not need to be sponsored by their employer or work directly in a social work setting. Entry on K113 is restricted because of practice placements in subsequent modules in levels 2 and 3, and because of entry requirements ordained by the Social Care Councils (England & Scotland). If you are appointed to tutor this module you may be allocated to a mixed group of students from the restricted version and the open access version.

Person specification

The person specification for this module should be read in conjunction with the generic person specification for an associate lecturer at The Open University.

As well as meeting all the requirements set out in the generic person specification, you should have:

- a professional social work qualification and practice experience
- familiarity with the literature, policies and research in social work
- familiarity with current practice regarding the delivery of personal social services
- a willingness to learn how to facilitate online discussions with your tutor group and the skills necessary to mark students’ work submitted via the internet.

It would be an advantage to have:

- relatively recent experience of delivering social work education (e.g. as a practice teacher or tutor).

Additional information

- References must include at least one professional practice reference relating to social work practice or social work education from a current or recent employer.
- Students can be registered in most OU regions. These modules involve a higher than average amount of tutorial contact time and facilitation of online discussions at regular intervals during the presentation of the module. Assessment of K113 includes an end-of-module essay marked by a team of script markers. The pass or fail recommendation of the
• practice verifier for the 20-day ‘readiness to practise’ is an essential element in module assessment.

*Module related details - a full explanation can be found on the website*

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*There may be opportunities for ALs to undertake associated assessment work for which there will be additional payment and about which you will be contacted separately if applicable.*