Presentation pattern  February to October

Module description
This module is part of the Open University Degrees in Social Work. Students must be registered for the degree, have passed K113 and be sponsored by their employing agency. The module helps them to understand the application of social work practice, addressing key roles and standards for social workers and relevant knowledge, values and skills for the social work process. The module includes a 100-day practice learning opportunity under the supervision of a practice assessor appointed by the student’s sponsoring agency. The module includes written, audio, CD-ROM and web-based resources, and communication through online forums, supported by tutors.

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 first degree in the social sciences or a relevant discipline
- 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
- sensitivity to the needs of adult learners, and an understanding of how adults learn
- 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.

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 are registered in most OU Regions. This module involves a higher than average amount of tutorial contact time and facilitation of online discussions at regular intervals during the presentation of the module. Tutors are expected to attend seven all-day workshops, six of which they lead. Assessment of K216 includes an end-of-module assignment marked by a team of script markers. The pass or fail recommendation of the practice assessor for the 100-day practice learning opportunity is an essential element in module assessment.

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

Credits awarded to the student for the successful completion of a module: 60
Number of assignments submitted by the student: 6
Method of submission for assignments: 1a
Level of ICT requirements: 2
Number of students likely to be in a standard group: 15
Salary band: 8
Estimated number of hours per teaching week: 7.5

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.