Social work with children and families  K224

Presentation pattern  February to October

Module description

This module provides students with the knowledge and theory to help them understand the changing nature of childhood and family life, the provision of services, children’s quality of life, and the importance of valuing diversity. It includes legal and policy frameworks for the UK; assessment and safeguarding children; promoting quality parenting; services and support for children and families; and children’s welfare, development, and rights. K224 is an option in Level 2 of The Open University BA (Hons) Social Work (England and Wales) and compulsory in Stage 2 in Scotland. Students must be registered for the degree and supported by their employing agency.

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
- an academic background that enables you to take a critical view of health and social welfare matters as they affect children and families
- experience of working with children and their families in a social care setting
- ability to demonstrate an up-to-date knowledge of practice in this area.

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.
- This optional module is a 30-point version of Working with children and families (K204). Students must be registered for the Social Work programme and be sponsored by their employing agency. Information about the Open University BA (Hons) Social Work programme can be found on the OU website- click on ‘OU modules and qualifications’ and follow the link. The Handbook for Agencies, for employers interested in sponsoring Social Work students, is available from your regional or national centre.

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

Credits awarded to the student for the successful completion of a module: 30
Number of assignments submitted by the student: 3
Method of submission for assignments: 1b
Level of ICT requirements: 2
Number of students likely to be in a standard group: 20
Salary band: 3
Estimated number of hours per teaching week: 3