Developing social work practice  K832
Advancing social work practice  K833

Presentation pattern: K832 February – September, K833 October to June
Please note that all applicants will be required to tutor on both modules K832 and K833.

Module description
This is an interdisciplinary module with subject matter derived from psychology, sociology, social policy, law and social work studies. The materials will enable students to contextualise the experiences of service users and carers and approaches to social work practice, as well as providing opportunities to examine the nature of the organisations that supply social work services. Throughout the module students are encouraged to further develop their research literacy and explore how research findings can inform practice and be used by practitioners. K832/K833 are the two compulsory modules leading to the Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work which is a professionally-qualifying award.

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 degree in the social sciences or a relevant discipline
- A postgraduate qualification
- A professional social work qualification and practice experience
- A good knowledge of current literature, policies and research in social work
- Demonstrable skills to facilitate online and face to face seminars and forums
- Ability to travel as required, sometimes long distances.

Additional information

- These modules each involve 15 hours face-to-face tuition at 3 day schools and 20 hours online support.
- ALs will mark two TMAs for each module.
- Assessment of K832/K833 includes an end-of-module assignment marked by a team of script markers.
- Attend all days of the residential school at the start of the K832 (for 2018 the dates are 16, 17 and 18th Feb).
- This module requires an AL to hold nation-specific knowledge associated with policy, practice or legislation and so appointments must be aligned to a specific geographical location.

References must include at least one professional practice reference relating to social work practice or social work education from a current or recent employer.
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*K832 and K833 salary payments are paid over 8 and 9 months, respectively.

There will be the opportunity for ALs to verify and first mark the End of Module Assessment for each of their students for which there will be additional payment and about which you will be contacted separately.