Foundations for social work practice  KYJ113

Presentation pattern  January to September

Module-based associate lecturers

The Social Work Degree practice module KYJ113, *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

Are you interested in social work or social care? Or are you a qualified social worker returning to practice after a period of absence? Whatever their starting point, this exciting module will introduce students to social work standards and codes of practice relevant to each of the nations of the UK. It introduces them to ideas about what social work is and uses case studies with children, older people, mental-health communities, disabled children and people with learning disabilities to help them apply their learning to the context of practice. The module has won awards for its excellence in teaching and learning and will help students to develop knowledge of social work practice and skills in information and communication technologies (ICT).

Registration onto this module doesn’t lead to automatic entry to a social work degree. To register for the social work degrees, students must meet a number of criteria, outlined within the B32 BA (Honours) in Social Work (England). If they’re already being sponsored, then they need to be registered by their employer for the version of this module that is for registered social work degree students only: *Foundations for social work practice* K113.

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 and 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
- 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.

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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