Foundations for social work practice  KZW113

Presentation pattern  January to September

Welsh language policy

The Open University wishes to encourage applications from suitably qualified people who can deliver tuition in Welsh and/or English.

Module-based associate lecturers and Programme tutors

The Social Work Degree practice module KZW113, Foundations for social work practice, is supported by two associate lecturers – one is module-based and the other is known as the Programme Tutor.

Module-based associate lecturers

The module-based associate lecturer has responsibility for group tutorials, leading online discussion sessions, marking students’ assignments and for ongoing module-specific support.

Module description

This module is part of the Open University Certificate of Higher Education in Social Care Practice (Wales) and the Degree in Social Work in Wales. The module helps them to develop the foundation knowledge and skills of social work. The module includes assessment of practice via either a portfolio based on current work experience, or a 20 day practice learning opportunity. The module includes written, audio and web-based resources, and the opportunity for students to practise online communication through online forums, supported by tutors.

Person specification for module-based associate lecturer

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.
- the ability to deliver tuition in Welsh and English (if appointed to a Welsh-medium tutor-group)

It would be an advantage to have:

- relatively recent experience of delivering social work education (e.g. as a practice teacher or tutor)
- an ability to speak in Welsh.
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 for this module only in Region 10. 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 KZW113 includes an end-of-module essay marked by a team of script markers. The pass or fail recommendation of the practice assessor for the 20 day ‘fitness for practice’ is an essential element in practice 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.