Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work

These regulations must be read in conjunction with the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses). These regulations are available online via the Open University ‘Student Policies and Regulations’ website at https://help.open.ac.uk/documents/policies.

Short title
PG Dip Social Work

Award letters
PG Dip Soc Wk (Open)

Entry requirements
An Honours degree with a minimum 2:2 classification conferred by a UK university or other recognised degree-awarding body, or an equivalent qualification in any discipline together with a proven record of a minimum of 1 year’s experience of engaging directly with Service Users in a professional setting. Applicants who do not meet the work experience requirement but hold a 2:1 classification in a cognate discipline will also be considered.

Candidates must also meet the further entry requirements detailed in the qualification description online at www.open.ac.uk/postgraduate/qualifications/e85

Maximum duration of study
5 years

Credit requirement
120 credits made up of two 60 credit compulsory modules

Maximum transferred credit
None

Unique study requirement
40* credits

Classification
Distinction: 60 module credits at Distinction grade
Merit: 60 module credits at Merit grade

Additional rules
* This minimum requirement will require completion of a 60 credit module

A classification scheme was applied to this qualification from July 2021.