



Programme Specification

Social Work [Glenside]

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Section 1: Key Programme Details

Part A: Programme Information

Programme title: Social Work [Glenside]

Highest award: BSc (Hons) Social Work

Interim award: BSc Health and Social Care Studies

Interim award: DipHE Health and Social Care Studies

Interim award: CertHE Health and Social Care Studies

Awarding institution: UWE Bristol

Affiliated institutions: Not applicable

Teaching institutions: UWE Bristol

Study abroad: Yes

Year abroad: No

Sandwich year: No

Credit recognition: No

Department responsible for the programme: HAS School of Health and Social Wellbeing, Faculty of Health & Applied Sciences

Contributing departments: Not applicable

Professional, statutory or regulatory bodies: Not applicable

Apprenticeship: Not applicable

Mode of delivery: Full-time

Entry requirements: For the current entry requirements see the UWE public website.

For implementation from: 01 September 2023

Programme code: L50C00

Section 2: Programme Overview, Aims and Learning Outcomes

Part A: Programme Overview, Aims and Learning Outcomes

Overview: The BSc (Hons) Social Work is underpinned by a commitment to sustainability and social justice, and recognises the importance of meeting the ambitions for future workforce development, engagement with healthy and sustainable communities, and contributing to the solutions that will meet global challenges. You will be exposed to, and engage with, the idea of sustainable development within the social work context. We aim to prepare you to consider the impact of sustainability on your future professional life. Throughout the programme you will consider the ways in which the challenges people who use social work services, and the response from services, can be related to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The programme is focused on the importance of social justice. Important social justice issues will be considered through learning about the role and function of social workers in advocating, promoting and protecting the legal and civil rights of marginalised groups in society.

The BSc (Hons) Social Work programme is academically rigorous and stimulating. It will provide you with knowledge, a critical understanding, and experience of working in partnership with a range of professionals, agencies, and people with lived experience of social work services. It will provide you with the educational and practice opportunities to ensure you can meet the professional standards required to apply to register as a social worker in the UK.

The programme content, structure and delivery has been designed to support you to develop from a newly enrolled student to that of a newly qualified social worker. The teaching ethos is underpinned by a commitment to promote and uphold social work values and to support you to demonstrate your professional skills and knowledge. Your qualification is underpinned by the university's academic standards and policies, Social Work England's Education and Training Standards (2021) and British Association of Social Work's Professional Capabilities Framework (2018).

At Level 4, your first year, you will be introduced to several new concepts and ideas

through a range of modules that will enable you to develop your understanding of the social work role, the legal and policy context of social work practice, and theories to explain human behaviour through the life course. By completing your first year you will be able to demonstrate your readiness for practice and therefore be prepared for your first placement.

At Level 5, your second year, your focus will be on developing your understanding of the social work role within a community context, and you will undertake a 70-day placement with a health and social care organisation. You will also further your understanding of the knowledge and skills used in social work practice within adult care, children and family services, and mental health care. You will be focussing on each specific area of practice to make the best use of current research to support your development.

At Level 6, your third year, you will complete a 100-day practice placement, which will provide you with the necessary experience to understand and demonstrate the skills and knowledge required for the statutory nature of the social work role. You will engage with research, by planning and designing your own research proposal under the guidance and support of a dedicated supervisor. You will explore further the key concepts of values and ethics, whilst also critically exploring social work leadership in a global context.

Over the course of your study, you will progress from becoming aware of some of the key themes relevant to social work practice, to establishing yourself as a critical social work practitioner. You will be able to recognise the value of engaging and promoting the involvement of people with lived experience, and of working in partnership with others. You will have the opportunity to become a newly qualified practitioner aware of the centrality of research to social work interventions, and equipped with the confidence to work in inter-professional and inter-disciplinary settings.

You will need to complete the programme in full to achieve the professional qualification and meet all the professional requirements, so all modules are compulsory. You will then be qualified to apply for employment in all areas of social work practice. In total you will complete 200 practice learning days which will

comprise of 170 days in placement and 30 days of skills development, which will be distributed across the programme.

A wide range of interactive teaching and learning methods such as lectures, seminar groups discussions and simulations are used to provide you with opportunities to learn in ways that suit you, and to develop your confidence in a supportive and vibrant student community. Your formative and summative assessments are designed for you to extend, as well as demonstrate, your learning in relation to skills development, independent research, and the application of knowledge to practice.

Only the target/highest award of BSc (Hons) Social Work provides eligibility to apply for Social Work England registration (with the exception of Aegrotat awards which are not eligible for admission to the register).

Educational Aims: The educational aims of the programme are for students to:

Integrate theory and practice and become socially, politically and self-aware practitioners. You will be supported to exercise autonomous professional judgment, power and authority in complex situations and work respectfully in partnership with people with lived experience.

Meet the standards of the social work professional regulatory body – Social Work England - to apply to register as a social worker.

Develop and demonstrate principles of equality and anti-oppressive practice that are central to the programme's content and educational approach. You will have opportunities to explore your own values and become a resilient, confident practitioner with strong professional identity, able to reflect critically on your own practice and professional development.

Actively prepare for and draw on the support of your Academic Personal Tutor (APT), while on placement your practice learning team, and also through your student community and peer learning opportunities.

To develop your own academic skills through accessing the learning resources, study spaces and support opportunities available from the library.

Programme Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of this programme graduates will achieve the following learning outcomes.

Programme Learning Outcomes

- PO1. Critically evaluate the roles and responsibilities of social workers in a range of practice contexts with adults, children, families and communities.
- PO2. Understand and appraise the values and ethical principles of the profession, including Social Work England requirements, and the implications of these for exercising professional authority and responsibility to people with lived experience, carers, families and communities.
- PO3. Synthesise the policies and legal requirements within which social workers practice, and appreciate the implications of these for professional decision making, inter-professional practice, and the promotion of the wellbeing and human rights of people with lived experience.
- PO4. Critically analyse a range of social science theories that contribute to the knowledge base for social work and their relevance for practice that supports sustainable development.
- PO5. Critique the evidence base for social work including research and knowledge gained from practitioners and people with lived experience.
- PO6. Recognise and understand the impact of inequality, diversity in the context of the social work role, and apply anti-discriminatory and anti-oppressive principles through sustainable social work practice.
- PO7. Build appropriate working relationships with others including people with lived experience and colleagues from a range of professions and agencies and communicate effectively with individuals, groups and communities and with interprofessional networks.
- PO8. Understand and prioritise the importance of sustainability in social work practice, to work with others to address a range of health and social needs in a way that contributes to tackling the climate emergency and promoting environmental protection.
- PO9. Undertake social work assessment and intervention processes, including statutory safeguarding responsibilities and the management of risk.

- PO1 0. Recognise the importance of professional leadership and develop an understanding of critically reflective social work practice in a variety of organisations.

Part B: Programme Structure

Year 1

Full time students must take 120 credits from the modules in Year 1.

Year 1 Compulsory Modules

Full time students must take 120 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules.

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UZVYH4-15-1	Law for Social Work Practice 2023-24	15
UZVSMB-30-1	Readiness for Professional Social Work Practice 2023-24	30
UZVSMC-30-1	Relationship Based Social Work 2023-24	30
UZVYH5-15-1	Rethinking Social Justice: Social Policy and Inequalities 2023-24	15
UZVSMA-30-1	Social Work and the Life Course 2023-24	30

Year 2

Full time students must take 120 credits from the modules in Year 2.

Year 2 Compulsory Modules

Full time students must take 120 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules.

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UZVYH7-30-2	Engaging with Young People, Children and Families 2024-25	30
UZVYH8-30-2	Mental Health, Society and Social Work 2024-25	30
UZVSMF-30-2	Social Work Placement 1 2024-25	30

UZVYH6-30-2	Working with Adults in Social Work Practice 2024-25	30
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Year 3

Full time students must take 120 credits from the modules in Year 3.

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Year 3 Compulsory Modules

Full time students must take 120 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules.

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UZVYH9-30-3	Equality, Ethics and Values for Social Work 2025-26	30
UZVYHA-15-3	Future Practice: Leadership, Organisations and Sustainability 2025-26	15
UZVRTS-30-3	Research Proposal Project 2025-26	30
UZVSMJ-15-3	Risk, Complexity and Decision-Making 2025-26	15
UZVSJ8-30-3	Social Work Placement 2 2025-26	30

Part C: Higher Education Achievement Record (HEAR) Synopsis

Students must complete the programme in full in order to achieve the professional qualification. The modules are closely mapped to the Social Work England Education and Training Standard (2021), the Professional Capabilities Framework Statement (2018), and the QAA Subject Benchmark statements for Social Work (2019). All students must complete 200 practice learning days, comprising of 170 on placement and 30 days of skills development, in order to pass the programme and meet PSRB requirements.

Part D: External Reference Points and Benchmarks

The programme team have used the following to inform the planning and development of the programme:

Professional Capabilities Framework (2018), British Association of Social Work.

Qualifying Education and Training Standards (2021), Social Work England.

Professional Standards for Social Work (2019), Social Work England.

Subject Benchmark Statement for Social Work (2019), Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education.

Sustainable Development Goals (2017), United Nations

UWE Academic Regulations 2022/23 (2022), University of the West of England, Bristol.

UWE Admission Policy (2021), University of the West of England, Bristol.

UWE Enhancement Framework (2020), University of the West of England, Bristol.

UWE Safeguarding Policy (2022), University of the West of England, Bristol.

UWE Strategy 2030, Transforming Futures (2020), University of the West of England, Bristol.

UWE Transforming Futures Health and Wellbeing Strategy (2020), University of the West of England, Bristol.

Part E: Regulations

Approved to University Regulations and Procedures.

Compensation is not permitted on this programme. Only the target/highest award

provides eligibility to apply for Social Work England registration (with the exception of Aegrotat Awards).