

Individual Work based Learning Project SW7025 MA Advanced Social Work (30 credits at level 7)

About this module

This module utilises a work-based learning approach with self-directed and autonomous learning in order to develop skills in critical reflection and self-directed working. Learning outcomes and the method of working will be agreed jointly by the student, module leader / academic supervisor and workplace mentor (Note: the workplace mentor may not be required where students are constructing the required assessment materials retrospectively).

The student will produce a project proposal wherein workplace activities will be utilised for development purposes, and these will have a defined academic output. Critical reflection and evaluation will be included in the project proposal. Implementation of such a strategy will typically include the following scheduled activities:

- Agreement of approach, framework, methods and techniques.
- Review of professional, academic and other related literature and/or relevant materials and media.
- Review progress and possible outcomes/outputs against the stated objectives at the outset.
- Highlighting avenues for further work and own professional development activities.

Aims

- To enable learning through the medium of work-based projects, utilising appropriate academic theoretical underpinnings and to develop capability in research type elements of study necessary to deliver work-based projects
- To develop a facility of critical academic, self-reflection concerning the work-based learning

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the module, you will be able to:

1. Effectively plan and deliver work-based projects to a quality standard, handling the complexity and issues of conflicting values which they may meet in their workplace/project environment
2. Critically evaluate possible solutions available for the resolution of the given problems and develop solutions even when no 'standard' solution available
3. Engage in critical self-reflection both of their own personal strengths and weaknesses and also of the solutions developed
4. Utilise their learning to demonstrate the achievement of professional standards and requirements

What and how you will learn on this module

The process and content of the project will be negotiable. It will be defined by a proposal from the student for the specific selected work-based learning activity (to be presented by the student and agreed upon by the module leader prior to enrolling on the module). Students will be provided with an academic supervisor to support the development of an appropriate format for project monitoring and academic evaluation. Students will be required to consult their academic supervisor on the framing of their work-based learning projects, and during the progress of the work. A learning contract will be drawn up specifying responsibilities of all parties and time scales. Proposals will be approved by the Module Leader prior to the student embarking on their project.

A typical process will involve:

- Specifying the plan and organise resources for project.
- Use mastery of knowledge in relating to, and extending the wider context of, the area of practice.
- Research, analyse and evaluate information to identify inter-relationships between wider systems in which the area of practice is located.
- Undertake substantial investigation to address significant areas of practice, using methodologies which are consistent with their purposes and contexts.
- Critically evaluate thinking, action and structural factors operating in the area of practice, including underlying assumptions, and identifying implications for wider systems beyond the area of practice.
- Present their findings in an acceptable professional manner, at an appropriate academic level.

Projects may provide the opportunity for key skills development in several of the following areas:

- Personal skills development
- Communication
- Information technology
- Statistical information collection and analysis
- Problem solving
- Improving one's own learning & performance
- Working with others

The module commences on:

Dates/Times: 09. 30am to 16.00, on 25.02.25 & 25.03.25

Individual sessions will be negotiated with each student for project development and supervision.

Fee For external applicants £1994.00

For Teaching Partnership members £1400.00

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If you require further details about the module, please contact the module leader, Dr David Nilsson for more information: D.Nilsson@kingston.ac.uk. Our Postgraduate Programme Administrator can also help with any queries at pgsocialwork@kingston.ac.uk

Thank you.
