

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AT UCLAN

Brief Guidance on Social Work Student Placements

Students who are training to be registered social workers are required to complete a minimum of 170 days assessed practice learning. UCLan divides the required 170 days as follows:

BA students

- 2nd year: 70 day assessed first level placement– starts September
- 3rd year: 100 day assessed final level placement– starts September

MA Students

- 1st year: 70 day first level placement – starts February/March
- 2nd year: 100 day final level placement – starts February/March
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Practice Educator Professional Standards (BASW 2013)

All students must be supervised by a suitably qualified practice educator, who must be a registered social worker with at least two years relevant experience. A placement may have a non-social worker practitioner as practice supervisor onsite and a suitably qualified “off-site” practice educator. For final placements, the practice supervisor must normally also be a registered social worker.

All practice educators are required to have undertaken approved training at least to Stage 1 level. This training generally takes place over five days and is provided regularly throughout the region. The training is followed by an assessment comprising a portfolio submission and a direct observation of practice with a student.

Portfolio

Students produce a portfolio including:

- Minimum of three reports of observed practice
- Minimum of 2 “Critical Analysis of Practice”
- Report prepared by practice educator

Students must evidence capability within the “Professional Capabilities Framework” which measures competence against 9 ‘Domains’ of practice and the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) Standards of Conduct and Ethics

Payment for student placements

Agencies are paid £20 per day for hosting a student, which is paid at the end of placement.

University Support

All students have an academic adviser from university who attends placement meetings and is available for consultation.

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