THE CENTRE FOR CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)
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UCLan has a long history of providing professional social work and social care education and training at post qualifying and postgraduate level. The Centre for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) has developed over several years in partnership with local agencies and employers. We now offer a wide range of bespoke training, modules and awards which reflect the professional standards and requirements of social work and social care. We aim to provide CPD for practitioners across many agencies in the UK.

The Centre is founded on our high academic standards and strong values and ethics of social work and social care practice. The courses have been designed to be flexible and dynamic whilst also meeting the needs of a broad workforce in a changing and complex environment. Our training balances these demands alongside the rigour and quality requirements of postgraduate study. Our teams of trainers can organise training on campus and off campus at venues around the UK.

All of the CPD content is structured with the busy practitioner in mind and offer blended learning approaches alongside traditional learning environments. The aim is to consolidate existing knowledge, learn new knowledge and skills, promote research mindedness and most importantly consider the impact on performance, enhancing service delivery and improving the service user and carer experience.

CENTRE FOR CPD: TARGET AWARDS AND PROGRESSION FOR STUDENTS

NB practitioners can access single modules i.e. from the list of all CPD modules: staff at UCLan will advise how they fit into each target award below. Or they can go straight for one of the target awards.
PG Certificate Specialist Child Care Practice (3 modules)

In the challenging arena of specialist child care practice it is essential that practitioners have opportunities to develop their learning and education to enhance their skills and knowledge. This course will enable practitioners to develop a comprehensive understanding and application of knowledge related to child care practice, including critical awareness of current issues and new evidence-based practice research. There will be learning opportunities to generate new approaches to safeguarding policy and practice in work with children and young people; and learning opportunities to develop and to enhance decision-making skills in complex safeguarding situations involving children and young people.

This award is a specific pathway for practitioners in social work and social care and aims to build on their early professional experience; they will be able to work towards a specified qualification. Practitioners will be able to evidence their learning in each module in order to meet relevant CPD standards or HCPC requirements for renewing their registration.

PG Certificate Specialist Practice with Adults (3 modules)

Specialist practice with adults is facing a challenging period of transformation in relation to implementing new law such as the Care Act 2014, managing the demands of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and reacting to organisational changes. It is essential that practitioners have opportunities to develop their learning and education to enhance their skills and knowledge. This course will enable practitioners to develop a broad understanding and application of knowledge related to adult social care practice, including critical awareness of current issues and new evidence-based practice research. There will be learning opportunities to generate new approaches to safeguarding policy and practice in work with adults at risk; and learning opportunities to develop and to enhance decision-making skills in complex safeguarding situations involving adults at risk.

This award is a specific pathway for practitioners in social work and social care and aims to build on their professional experience; they will be able to work towards a specified qualification. Practitioners will be able to evidence their learning in each module in order to meet relevant CPD standards or HCPC requirements for renewing their registration.

PG Certificate Professional Development & Practice (3 modules)

This award offers the opportunity of post graduate study for practitioners in social work and social care in settings beyond specialist child care, adult and mental health teams, for example: YOT, homeless services, domestic violence, learning disabilities and substance misuse specialisms. For social workers this will provide evidence of their learning in order to meet HCPC requirements for renewing their registration. However, we would expect this course to be attractive to non-social work qualified staff as part of their CPD and career development. The core module aims to support practitioners to extend their knowledge and analytical skills in relation to their own Continuing Professional Development and to reflect on their capability in relation to their evolving scope of practice.

PG Certificate Leadership and Management in Social Work and Social Care (3 modules)

The course reflects the current important emphasis on strong leadership in the context of major reforms in the public sector. Building on earlier professional experience and qualifications, students will have the opportunity to evidence their training and learning and contribute towards their Continuous Professional Development (e.g. for qualified social workers the course will provide evidence towards the HCPC requirements for Standards of CPD).

Each module encourages candidates to consider existing best practice in leadership and innovation; develop new skills in supervision; and develop advanced knowledge in the theory and practice of effective leadership. The course will develop research skills and research-mindedness; it will evaluate the contribution of research to inform practice and enhance service delivery.

For the full list of modules for each target award, see pages 5-6
PG Certificate Advanced Community Justice (3 modules)

This award develops a pathway specific for practitioners working in the area of community justice and provides an opportunity for them to work towards a specified qualification at post graduate level. The course will be of interest to professionals within the community justice sector, including Probation Officers, Youth Justice Workers, Workers in Drug and Alcohol Agencies, Crime Prevention Officers, Victims of Crime Support Workers, members of police and prison services and other related fields. The programme will enhance the opportunity for practitioners to develop and research specialist areas and to equip themselves for management or strategic management roles.

Each module encourages candidates to consider existing best practice; developing new skills and advanced knowledge in the area of community justice. The course will develop research skills and research-mindedness; it will evaluate the contribution of research to inform practice and enhance service delivery.

PG Certificate Substance Misuse (3 modules)

This programme provides detailed knowledge relating to policy, theory and practice essential for the delivery of effective services to those presenting with alcohol and other drug issues. The programme is intended to be of interest to existing alcohol and/or other drug misuse practitioners, those considering a career in the alcohol and other drug misuse field, post-qualified Social Workers seeking CPD or those working closely with service users who present with alcohol and other drug issues. The programme is designed specifically to provide an opportunity for participants to work towards a designated qualification in ‘Substance Misuse’ at post graduate level which will map directly to Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) professional standards and the Drug and Alcohol National Occupational Standards (DANOS).

PG Certificate Mental Health Practice (including AMHP qualification)

This award is specific to qualified mental health practitioners (social workers, nurses, OTs or psychologists) who are usually nominated and funded by their Local Authority to undertake the AMHP training. It is a part-time course over one year and includes a placement organised by the candidate’s employer. The programme has been approved by the regulating body, the HCPC.

PG Diploma Professional Development and Practice (3 modules)

MA Professional Development and Practice (One 60 credit dissertation module)

Candidates can enhance their academic qualification by progressing from one of the PG Certificates to complete a PG Diploma and then MA. This is a generic route and provides a flexible and wide choice of modules. For the PG Diploma the candidate will normally complete a research module and choose 2 from a broad range of modules. The MA will involve a dissertation in an area of their specialist practice.
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Plus
SW4704 Leading & Inspiring through Professional Supervision
Plus one module from
SW4712 Responding to Contemporary Issues in Social Work and Social Care
SW4717 Inclusion and Community
SW4721 Social Pedagogy: theories and practice

PG Certificate Advanced Community Justice (3 modules)

SW4725 Responding to Contemporary Issues in Community Justice
Plus 2 modules from
SW4716 Social Perspectives on Personality Disorder
SW4722 Substance Misuse: Social Impact and Practitioner Responses
SW4718 Youth Justice: Theory, Policy and Practice
SW4719 Assessment, Management and Treatment of Sexual Offending
SW4720 Violence against Women: Practice and Prevention across different communities

PG Certificate Substance Misuse (3 modules)

SW4722 Substance Misuse: Social Impact and Practitioner Responses
SW4723 Substance Misuse: Assessing Prevalence and Evaluating Policy
NU4078 Substance Misuse: Treatment Approaches

PG Certificate Mental Health Practice (inc AMHP qualification) (5 modules)

SW4115 Critical Reflections on Mental Health Practice
SW4116 Legal and Professional Roles
SW4117 Theory and Practice of Mental Health Law
SW4118 Diversity and Mental Health Application of Models of Mental Health

MA Professional Development and Practice (One 60 credit dissertation module)

SW4037 Dissertation Module

PG Diploma Professional Development and Practice (3 modules)

SW4027 Introduction to Social Research
Plus 2 modules from
SW4700 Professional Development Review
SW4701 ASYE: Demonstrating Capability in Social Work Practice
SW4702 Safeguarding & Adult Protection
SW4704 Leading & Inspiring through Professional Supervision
SW4705 Introduction to Facilitating Learning in the Workplace
SW4706 Advanced Facilitation of Learning in the Workplace
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SW4710 Making Personalisation Effective in Mental Health Practice
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SW4032 Childhood in Law and Welfare
SW4033 Safeguarding Children and Young People
SW4085 Theorising Childhood & Adolescence
BESPOKE TRAINING

In addition to credit bearing modules and programs the Centre for Continuing Professional Development is also able to offer bespoke training, workshops and short courses. We have a large staff team of academics and researchers and therefore have contemporary expertise in social work and social care to deliver high quality bespoke training to meet workforce training needs. Examples of training topics include but are not limited to:

- Social Media and Social Work practice
- The emotionally resilient practitioner
- Supervision and leadership
- Risk assessment and risk management
- Managing and recording professional development to meet HCPC and PCF requirements
- Return to Social Work
- Personalisation and Mental Health
- End of Life Care
- AMHP refresher training

Please contact us to discuss your topics of interest.
Entry Requirements

The standard benchmark for candidates accessing the CPD modules and awards is a first degree at 2.2 or above in a relevant subject, but non-standard entrants with suitable extensive work experience in social work or social care and evidence of recent study will be considered. Applicants will normally be practitioners in an area of health or social care.

Other Courses Available

- PG Cert Safeguarding Children
- PG Cert Researching Social Care (online)
- MA Contemporary Practice with Children and Young People
- Doctor of Professional Practice (DProf): Community and Social Care: Policy and Practice (online)

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