

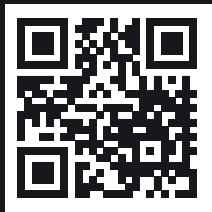
SOCIAL WORK WITH PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY

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UNDERGRADUATE



BA (HONS) SOCIAL WORK

Our Social Work degree prepares you to work in both statutory and non-statutory settings across the health and social care sector. Alongside teaching, you will undertake practice placements and develop the knowledge and skills required to become a reflective, ethical practitioner.

COURSE FEATURES

- On successful completion of the BA (Hons) course you are eligible to apply for registration as a Social Worker with the Health and Care Professions Council – HCPC.
- Our teaching and your learning is underpinned by strong research.
- Service users and carers are involved in all aspects of the programme.
- We use innovative and diverse assessment methods.
- Study groups enable you to work with peers to integrate theory and practice.

PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Placements are important teaching and learning opportunities where you are supported by qualified professionals to develop values, knowledge and skills.

A distinctive feature of the course is the quality of practice learning across all three years, commencing in the first year as part of the 'Readiness to Practice' requirements.

We offer placements across the South West including local authority teams in Devon, Torbay, Plymouth and Cornwall. We also provide placements in non-statutory agencies working with a wide variety of service user groups.

These include support for people who have problems with drugs or alcohol; homelessness; mental health issues; refugees and asylum seekers; families, older people, fostering and adoption and many more.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Teaching and learning prepares you to meet the Standards of Proficiency for Social Work (HCPC). The spiral assessment strategy enables you to consider, revisit and build on concepts in order to develop critical thinking and critically reflective practice.

Stage 1: Foundations for Social Work

In the first year, you will begin to develop your professional identity in the complex environment of social work. You will learn about the values underpinning theory and practice and the importance of self and identity. Learning through doing, you will discover the perspectives of service users and carers and make connections between local and global issues. You will spend 30 days in placements.

Stage 2: Transition to Professional Identity

In the second year you will further your professional development, learning how to apply ethical and theoretical



Karl, BA (Hons) Social Work graduate

perspectives to human development; understanding social sciences in context and applying legislation and social policy. You will explore issues of diversity; reflect on real-life issues for service users and carers and develop your skills in collaborative working. You will spend 70 days on placement.

Stage 3: Establishing Professional Identity

In the final year you will establish professional identity. Learning how to analyse and resolve complex issues by using a critical perspective, you will work towards becoming a safe, competent, ethical practitioner who demonstrates sound professional judgement. You will further your skills by working in multi-agency settings and develop your appreciation of the world of social work. You will spend 100 days in social work settings to consolidate your practice learning.



“Studying at Plymouth helped me for two significant reasons. Firstly, the learning and support I received from several of the lecturers and practice educators was really helpful. I didn’t realise at the time just how much of a difference it would make to the families I have gone on to work with. There are some staff who I will feel forever indebted to for teaching me, supporting me, and pushing me to continue when I didn’t know I could do it. Secondly, the practice learning opportunities I had were brilliant. The links that Plymouth University has with other agencies, especially the local authorities, is immensely important to the student experience.”

Karl, BA (Hons) Social Work graduate

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Qualified Social Workers are employed in a wide range of settings including private, voluntary and statutory organisations, working with people at all stages of the lifecourse.

Plymouth graduates have the knowledge, skills and creativity to make a positive difference as innovative professionals, both nationally and internationally.

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