



## **Module Specification**

### **Readiness for Professional Social Work Practice**

Version: 2023-24, v2.0, 27 May 2023

#### **Contents**

<b>Module Specification .....</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Part 1: Information .....</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Part 2: Description .....</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Part 3: Teaching and learning methods .....</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Part 4: Assessment.....</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Part 5: Contributes towards .....</b>	<b>6</b>

## Part 1: Information

**Module title:** Readiness for Professional Social Work Practice

**Module code:** UZVSMB-30-1

**Level:** Level 4

**For implementation from:** 2023-24

**UWE credit rating:** 30

**ECTS credit rating:** 15

**Faculty:** Faculty of Health & Applied Sciences

**Department:** HAS School of Health and Social Wellbeing

**Partner institutions:** None

**Field:** Health, Community and Policy Studies

**Module type:** Module

**Pre-requisites:** None

**Excluded combinations:** None

**Co-requisites:** None

**Continuing professional development:** No

**Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements:** None

## Part 2: Description

**Overview:** This module is the start of your journey to developing your professional social work practice. The module introduces you to central ideas and concepts related to professional social work practice and identity.

**Features:** Not applicable

**Educational aims:** Studying this module will support you to develop your understanding of professional social work practice. You will participate in simulated

learning of practice skills and a placement observation experience to support your knowledge and skill development.

**Outline syllabus:** In this module you will start to understand the role of the social worker and to learn about the key elements of professional social work identify.

You will examine the contribution of social work as a professional role with its associated codes of conduct, professional standards, ethics and values. These components are the essential foundation to your future practice.

Your learning will also enable you to identify the range of contexts within which social work practice takes place, including a focus on the value of diversity, and the involvement of people with lived experience in the provision of services.

Your study will include the identification and development of particular knowledge and skills for social work practice across a range of practice settings. For example, communication skills, assessment techniques, confidentiality, the use of supervision, working with other agencies, record keeping and report writing. All this will support you to maintain professional relationships and ensure the role of a social worker is understood.

In this module the United Nations Sustainability Development Goals (SDG) '1. No Poverty' and '11. Sustainable Cities & Communities' will be considered.

Studying this module will help you meet the requirements of all nine domains of the social work Professional Capabilities Framework.

The scheduled teaching and learning will also count towards the 30 days of skills development required by Social Work England.

### **Part 3: Teaching and learning methods**

**Teaching and learning methods:** Teaching and learning will take place through a variety of sessions, such as lectures, seminars and workshops which may be held in person or online. There will be contributions from people with lived experience and current social work practitioners. You will take part in simulated learning events that let you develop your practice skills. You will have access to a range of online resources to support your independent study.

The module also includes an observational placement with a social care agency. This will give you the opportunity to learn and develop your understanding of social work practice.

**Module Learning outcomes:** On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

**MO1** Explain the importance of the involvement of people of lived experience in the provision of social work and social care services

**MO2** Explain the key aspects of the social work role, and of the expectations of professional conduct.

**MO3** Describe and discuss your understanding of a range of skills, theories and concepts for working with individuals, families and communities

**MO4** Demonstrate key communication, engagement, assessment and decision making skills required to undertake simulated practice tasks

**MO5** Demonstrate how values and ethics influence social work practice.

**Hours to be allocated:** 300

**Contact hours:**

Independent study/self-guided study = 228 hours

Placement = 30 hours

Face-to-face learning = 72 hours

Total = 330

**Reading list:** The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/502A7C33-BD12-A10B-175A-901CD02C83CA.html?draft=1&lang=en&login=1) via the following link <https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/502A7C33-BD12-A10B-175A-901CD02C83CA.html?draft=1&lang=en&login=1>

## Part 4: Assessment

**Assessment strategy:** Formative assessment opportunities will be available e.g. skills development sessions, with peers throughout the module's skills workshops, and you will also take part in simulated practice learning on campus. These formative opportunities will help you develop the knowledge and skills required to successfully pass your summative assessment.

The summative assessment has two parts.

1. You will complete an online portfolio, no more than 2500 words, which will record your own observations, learning and development through your university and practice based learning (simulated activities and observations). The format of the portfolio is designed to enable you to document and reflect on your skills development, as well as your understanding of the social work role.
2. You will participate in a Readiness for Practice Assessment event where you will be undertaking a number of simulated social work practice activities to demonstrate social work skills.

### Assessment tasks:

#### Portfolio (First Sit)

Description: Online portfolio (2500 words)

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO5

#### Practical Skills Assessment (First Sit)

Description: Participation in a range of Readiness for Practice assessment activities

Weighting:

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO4, MO5

**Portfolio (Resit)**

Description: Online portfolio (2500 words)

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO5

**Practical Skills Assessment (Resit)**

Description: Participation in a range of Readiness for Practice assessment activities

Weighting:

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO4, MO5

**Part 5: Contributes towards**

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Social Work [Glenside] BSc (Hons) 2023-24

Social Work [Glenside] BSc (Hons) 2022-23