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# **SOCIAL SCIENCES AND SOCIAL WORK COURSES**



ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN

# **SOCIAL WORK**

# ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN SOCIAL WORK (UK-SPECIFIC)

## COURSE OVERVIEW

The Advanced Diploma in Social Work is a comprehensive six-month programme designed to provide students in the UK with advanced knowledge and practical skills in social work. This course covers various aspects of social work practice, including case management, community engagement, mental health support, and policy advocacy, preparing students for careers in social work within the UK. Through a combination of theoretical lectures and hands-on training, students will learn to address social issues, support vulnerable populations, and advocate for social justice according to UK standards and regulations.

## COURSE STRUCTURE

The Advanced Diploma in Social Work is structured into six comprehensive modules, each focusing on a key area of social work. The course is designed to be completed in six months, with classes held two days a week. Each module is designed to build upon the knowledge gained in previous modules, providing a progressive learning experience.

### MODULE 1

#### INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WORK

**Overview of Social Work** : Understanding the history, development, and scope of social work.

**The Role of Social Workers** : Examination of the roles and responsibilities of social workers in the UK.

**Social Work Ethics and Values** : Principles and practices of ethical social work.

### MODULE 2

#### SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE AND CASE MANAGEMENT

**Assessment and Planning** : Techniques for assessing client needs and developing care plans.

**Intervention Strategies** : Methods for effective intervention and support.

**Case Management** : Best practices for managing and coordinating care.

**Documentation and Reporting** : Techniques for accurate and effective documentation.

### MODULE 3

#### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

**Community Work** : Principles and practices of working with communities.

**Engagement Strategies** : Techniques for engaging and empowering communities.

**Community Development Projects** : Planning and implementing community development initiatives.

**Partnerships and Collaboration** : Building and maintaining effective partnerships.

### MODULE 4

#### MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

**Understanding Mental Health** : Overview of common mental health issues.

**Mental Health Interventions** : Techniques for supporting individuals with mental health challenges.

**Crisis Intervention** : Methods for managing and responding to crises.

**Well-being Promotion** : Strategies for promoting mental health and well-being.

### MODULE 5

#### POLICY, ADVOCACY, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

**Social Policy** : Understanding social policies and their impact on practice.

**Advocacy Skills** : Techniques for advocating on behalf of clients and communities.

**Human Rights and Social Justice** : Principles and practices of promoting social justice.

**Legislation and Ethics** : Overview of relevant legislation and ethical considerations.

### MODULE 6

#### RESEARCH AND REFLECTIVE PRACTICE

**Research Methods in Social Work** : Principles and practices of conducting research.

**Evidence-Based Practice** : Integrating research findings into practice.

**Reflective Practice** : Techniques for self-reflection and continuous improvement.

**Case Studies and Practical Exercises** : Analysis of real-world social work cases and hands-on exercises.



## ASSIGNMENT LISTING

Students will be required to complete a variety of assignments throughout the course, designed to reinforce theoretical knowledge and practical skills

### CASE STUDY ANALYSES

Detailed analysis of real-life social work cases, focusing on the application of social work techniques and the interpretation of results.

### PROJECT REPORTS

Comprehensive documentation of social work projects, including methodologies, results, and interpretations

### RESEARCH PAPERS

In-depth research on specific social work topics, requiring critical analysis and synthesis of current literature

### PRACTICAL EXAMS

Hands-on assessments of social work techniques, conducted in practical settings.

### GROUP PROJECTS

Collaborative projects simulating social work challenges, requiring teamwork and the integration of various social work disciplines

### QUIZZES AND EXAMS

Periodic assessments to test theoretical knowledge and understanding of course material

## CAREER PATH

Graduates of the Advanced Diploma in Social Work will be well-prepared for a variety of careers in the social work field within the UK. Potential career paths include

**Social Worker** : Providing support and advocacy for individuals and families in need.

**Community Development Worker** : Working with communities to develop and implement social programmes.

**Mental Health Support Worker** : Supporting individuals with mental health challenges.

**Policy Advocate** : Advocating for policy changes to improve social services and support.

**Case Manager** : Coordinating care and support for clients.

**Researcher in Social Work** : Conducting research to advance social work practices and policies.

**Child and Family Social Worker** : Working with children and families to ensure their safety and well-being

## COURSE DELIVERY

The course will be delivered through a combination of in-person and online methods, ensuring flexibility and accessibility for all students. Classes will be held two days a week

**Lectures** : Delivered by experienced social work professionals and researchers, available both in-person and online.

**Practical Sessions** : Hands-on training in social work practices, providing practical experience with social work techniques.

**Workshops** : Interactive workshops focusing on specific social work techniques and procedures.

**Online Resources** : Access to a comprehensive online library, learning management system, and digital resources.

**Guest Lectures** : Insights from professionals working in various social work fields, sharing their experiences and expertise.

**Field Visits** : Organised visits to social work agencies, community centres, and other relevant facilities.

**Placements** : Opportunities for work placements in social work agencies or community organisations, providing practical experience and industry exposure

## CERTIFICATION

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be awarded an Advanced Diploma in Social Work. This certification will signify that the holder has acquired the necessary knowledge and skills to work competently in the field of social work

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for the Advanced Diploma in Social Work, applicants must meet the following criteria

- ♦ **Educational Background** : A bachelor's degree in a related field such as Social Work, Sociology, Psychology, or a closely related discipline.
- ♦ **Academic Performance** : A minimum 2:1 honours degree or equivalent.
- ♦ **Language Proficiency** : Proficiency in English is required. Non-native English speakers must provide IELTS scores of at least 6.5 overall, with no lower than 6.0 in any component.
- ♦ **Practical Experience** : Basic knowledge and experience in social work or related fields are recommended.
- ♦ **Background Check** : Applicants must pass an enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check due to the sensitive nature of work in social work

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