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THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

BA (HONS) SOCIAL WORK DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP

APPRENTICE GUIDE

Why choose a Social Work Degree Apprenticeship?

- ▶ Gain and integrate practical skills and theoretical knowledge
- ▶ Achieve a degree qualification and, on completion of your apprenticeship, the work experience and assessment required to apply for registration as a social worker with the relevant professional body
- ▶ No university tuition fees
- ▶ Earn a salary as you study for your degree

Why choose the BA Social Work Degree Apprenticeship at Warwick?

The University of Warwick is one of the UK's leading universities, with a reputation for excellence in teaching, research and innovation, and for our links with business, social care and social work agencies. We've been named the 8th best university in the UK*, and three quarters of our culturally diverse students come from the West Midlands.

As an apprentice, you're first and foremost an employee of your chosen agency. Your university experience will be different from that of a full-time, undergraduate student, as you'll spend the majority of your time at work, and 80% of your learning will take place on the job. You will spend around 20% of your work time as a student at Warwick, where you'll have access to the academic, social and sporting facilities that a top class university can offer – the best of both worlds!

Whilst studying at Warwick, you'll be supported by both a university apprenticeship tutor and a practice educator to ensure you meet the requirements of your apprenticeship training, while on and off the job, and to ensure you successfully complete your Degree Apprenticeship. On completion of your Degree Apprenticeship programme, you will be awarded your BA (Hons) Social Work degree as a graduate of the University of Warwick.

Whether you've been out of education for 1 year, 10 years or 40 years, you will be supported by the Centre for Lifelong Learning and your employer in realising your potential and developing your skills in a profession.

*Guardian 2019 University Guide

Course aims

Our programme is an integrated degree course that combines academic study with its application in a practice based work setting, to enable apprentices to optimise their learning and demonstrate all the evidence needed to meet professional and academic standards (knowledge, values, skills and behaviours).

The Degree Apprenticeship in Social Work (DASW) has been collaboratively designed by the University of Warwick and local authorities and service users in the region to meet all the requirements of the Apprentice Standard for Social Work and the professional requirements for validation by the Health and Care Professions Council (Social Work England from December 2019).

Course content

The Social Work Teaching Group is committed to developing progressive forms of practice underpinned by principles of social justice and anti-oppressive practice and can draw on the resources within the Centre to meet your learning and support needs.

The 20% (off the job) part of the DASW is provided at the University of Warwick. It is delivered through a number of key modules related to the research and knowledge base required for Social Work practice, with a link to interdisciplinary and inter professional dimensions, as well as the involvement of experts by experience.

Your learning will also be supported by a virtual learning environment that is accessible 24/7. This allows you to catch up with any sessions missed through short term absence including illness or annual leave and to extend and reinforce your learning in a flexible way.

Course structure

Year	Areas of study	Level(s) of study
1	Investigating Work-Based Learning; Introduction to Social Work, Skills and Interventions A - The Professional Social Worker, Social Work Law A, Social Diversity and Social Work and Learning from Experts by Experience	4
2	Human Life-Course Development, Social Work Law B, Key Issues in Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults and Skills and Interventions B - The Interpersonal Social Worker	5
3	Key issues in Professional Social Work, Evidence-informed Social Work Practice and Preparation for Professional Social Work Practice	6



Delivery pattern

As an apprentice studying for a BA Social Work Degree Apprenticeship, you'll come to Warwick for one day a week and 80% of the week is spent in on-the-job training, where practice learning opportunities are provided by your employer allowing you to apply your knowledge and demonstrate your values and skills in the work setting. On- and off-the-job learning will be coordinated through your Individual Learning Plan.

For more information on Social Work Degree Apprenticeships at Warwick and live opportunities with our employer partners, visit warwick.ac.uk/degreeapprenticeships and get in touch, or talk to your current employer.

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Course information was accurate at the time of printing. Our course and module content and schedule is continually reviewed and updated to reflect the latest research expertise at Warwick, so it is therefore very important that you check the website for the latest information before applying.