

COURSE FACTS

Tariff Score	280 UCAS points Please note: Non-European students are unable to be accepted onto this course due to NHS funding criteria
Faculty	Faculty of Health, Education and Life Sciences
Apply	UCAS L501 - www.ucas.ac.uk
Duration	Three years full-time (September intake)
Location	City South Campus and practice placements
Contact	T: +44 (0)121 331 5595 E: Health.Admissions@bcu.ac.uk W: www.bcu.ac.uk/social-work
Open Days	Please refer to our website for dates and registration: www.bcu.ac.uk/opendays



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English and Mathematics at Grade C or above or equivalent. (Equivalent qualifications such as Key Skills Level 2, Adult Numeracy Level 2, Adult Literacy Level 2, Functional Skills English and Maths Level 2 or CSE Grade 1 will be accepted).

All GCSEs must be achieved prior to commencement.

Plus a minimum of 280 UCAS points which may be obtained from a variety of qualifications, for further information visit: www.bcu.ac.uk/social-work.

Places are also subject to a satisfactory Occupational Health Check, Disclosure and Barring Service Checks and registration with the Independent Safeguarding Authority.

COURSE OVERVIEW

This modular, full-time course provides you with the specialist and general skills required to become a competent social worker.

To become a social worker you need to be good at:

- Listening
- Communicating
- Assessing
- Team working

In addition, you should be self-aware, able to acknowledge and challenge your own prejudices, have a flexible attitude and be open to new ideas. You should be reliable, work to high standards and have complete commitment and responsibility for others.

Students undertake a minimum 170 days of placements over the three years of the programme working in different settings with service users and professional colleagues. Group learning is emphasised to facilitate the diversity and multicultural nature of student and staff groups.

Our teaching staff are from diverse backgrounds and are involved in research and academic writing, providing an atmosphere beneficial to adult learning.

You will be allocated an individual tutor who will offer guidance, academic and pastoral support for the duration of the course.

The Faculty of Health, Education and Life Sciences is one of the UK's largest higher education centres for health and social care.

COURSE CONTENT

The course provides you the skills to:

- Use theories to undertake practice with vulnerable groups in society
- Contribute to policy-making in social work agencies
- Protect the rights and promote interests of service users
- Develop and maintain the trust and confidence of service users and carers
- Enable service users and carers to gain maximum possible independence while protecting them from harm and danger
- Understand the need for high standards of social care for service users and carers
- Show commitment in being accountable for the quality of your work and take responsibility for maintenance of your knowledge and skills
- Ensure equality for all groups of service users and carers irrespective of their background

The role involves the ability to work in partnership with service users to build relationships based on mutual trust and respect. Social workers often work alongside speech and occupational therapists, teachers, psychiatric nurses and the police force.

At present social workers are employed by local authorities, voluntary agencies including charities and private organisations. You will gain experience in a number of sectors such as:

- **Residential setting** - providing services on a 24-hour basis to children, older people and people with disabilities, including mental illness
- **Day care setting** - providing a service for groups who require a few hours attention daily
- **Fieldwork setting** - based in an office, assessments are carried out, care plans developed and appropriate services are sought for service users

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed throughout each academic year on your understanding of issues and your ability to apply this understanding to practice. Assessment will be through written assignments, viva voce, exams, reflective diaries, group presentations, a practice portfolio and a research and evaluation project.

FURTHER STUDY

The BSc (Hons) awarded on completion forms the basis for progression into further study. Employers encourage graduates' continuation of professional development including post-qualifying training in child care, adult services and mental health.

A comprehensive portfolio of post-registration courses called Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is available, taught within the Faculty.

EMPLOYABILITY

Upon graduation you are eligible to register with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) to practice as a professional social worker.

With half of the programme taking place in practice settings, this course is highly regarded by employers, and the experience gained vastly improves employment prospects, having worked in a range of settings.

Our course and social work provision is highly regarded by local and national employers and you can expect good career prospects as we are the largest provider of qualified staff to the NHS for health and social services in the region.

MORE INFORMATION

You or your employer will be responsible for the payment of your tuition fees.

If you are not funded by your employer you may be eligible for a non means-tested bursary* of around £4000 per annum from the HCPC. Please note that most social work students will receive a non-loan Bursary in the Second and Final Year of their course and this will be determined by specific attendance, engagement and performance criteria.

*You must be a European National, or be granted indefinite leave to remain and have been resident in the UK for three years prior to submitting your application.

