

Module specification

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Module Code	SWK704
Module Title	Practice Placement 1
Level	7
Credit value	0
Faculty	FSLS
HECoS Code	100503
Cost Code	GASW
Pre-requisite module	N/A

Programmes in which module to be offered

Programme title	Core/Optional/Standalone
MA Social Work with Qualified Status	Core

Breakdown of module hours

Learning and teaching hours	6 hrs
Placement tutor support hours	6 hrs
Supervised learning hours e.g. practical classes, workshops	0 hrs
Project supervision hours	0 hrs
Active learning and teaching hours total	12 hrs
Placement hours	700 hrs
Guided independent study hours	0 hrs
Module duration (Total hours)	712 hrs

Module aims

This module enables students to practise skills in context by providing 100 days of work-based learning experience. Students must attend a pre-placement meeting to plan the parameters of the placement with their Personal Tutor and Practice Educator, including how their particular learning needs will be met.

Practice Learning Opportunities (PLO) are provided by our Local Authority partners, as established within the Programme Handbook. Whilst the partnership will liaise with agencies and organisations outside this area as possible to benefit students, we are unable to guarantee a placement will be provided outside of the partnership. Social Care Wales require that *at least*

one of students PLO's take place within a statutory setting, and that the two PLOs must be materially different from one another.

Module Learning Outcomes

At the end of this module, students will be able to:

1	Demonstrate Suitability to Practice by evidencing National Occupational Standards 2, 5 and 9.
2	Evidence the National Occupational Standards and Code of Professional Practice associated with level 7 social work education
3	Demonstrate an understanding of decision-making processes exercised throughout the PLO utilising evidence from appropriate guidance and legislation

Assessment

Indicative Assessment Tasks:

This section outlines the type of assessment task the student will be expected to complete as part of the module. More details will be made available in the relevant academic year module handbook.

Assessment 1: Practice Educator will evaluate the evidence provided of Learning Outcome 1 via a Suitability for Practice discussion by hour 140 of PLO.

Assessment 2: Construct a portfolio of evidence as required by Social Care Wales to demonstrate the National Occupational Standards for Social Work and Code of Professional Practice for Social Work.

Assessment 3: A reflective account exploring the developing professional identity of the student as a social worker.

Assessment number	Learning Outcomes to be met	Type of assessment	Duration/Word Count	Weighting (%)	Alternative assessment, if applicable
1	1	Oral assessment	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	2	Portfolio	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	3	Written Assignment	2000	N/A	N/A

Derogations

Two attempts at each assessment only. Each assessment element must be passed, and the module is not eligible for compensation.

Learning and Teaching Strategies

Practice during a PLO is done under the supervision of a registered social worker and in some cases, an On-site Supervisor. University support systems are continued via Personal Tutor

Welsh Elements

Where available, students are able to request a Welsh-language PLO, however, this cannot be guaranteed under the aforementioned partnership arrangements. Portfolios can be submitted in English, Welsh or bilingually at the students choice.

Indicative Syllabus Outline

700 hour PLO where hours are typically 9am – 5pm, working approximately 37 hours per week (according to agency patterns) to meet the regulatory requirements set by the Social Care Wales for placement opportunities.

Indicative Bibliography

Please note the essential reads and other indicative reading are subject to annual review and update.

Essential Reads:

Thompson, S. and Thompson, N. (2018), *The Critically Reflective Practitioner*. 2nd ed. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Other indicative reading:

Beckett, C. (2020), *Supervision: A Guide for the Helping Professions*. London: Sage Publications.

Fook, J. and Gardner, F. (eds.) (2013), *Critical Reflection in Context: Applications in Health and Social Care*. London: Routledge.

Social Care Wales, (2017), The Code of Professional Practice for Social Care [PDF] Cardiff: Social Care Wales. Available from: <https://socialcare.wales/cms-assets/documents/Code-of-Professional-Practice-for-Social-Care-web-version.pdf>

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