

Department of Allied Health Professions, Midwifery and Social Work

Module Title: Safeguarding: Working with Risk and Opportunity

Module Code: 7HSK2001 – 30 Credits

This course is delivered over 5 days of teaching in Semester C. Commencing in June 2023
07.6.23; 14.06.23; 28.06.23; 07.07.23; 20.07.23; 09.08.23.

This course provides social workers and healthcare professionals with understanding and skills of the role of a Best Interest or the Approved mental capacity professional. It is particularly relevant to, Social Workers Occupational Therapists, and Nurses. You should be currently working in an appropriate area of practice prior to applying. Delivery of the module will embody the Herts learning principles – using a blended and flexible learning approach. Please note that the online learning days may include a range of synchronous and asynchronous teaching sessions, and you will need to attend and engage with these on the days specified. This course is for social work and other health care professionals with a working interest in this area. The course can be taken as a standalone course or as part of a postgraduate award. If you take this course as part of a postgraduate award you need to be a qualified social worker with a degree or equivalent.

Course aims

Enhance their skills in critical reflection, decision making and to increase awareness of evidence-based practice when undertaking safeguarding. Students will be able to critically analyze and develop their professional role relating to safeguarding issues and processes and to recognize and work with the risks and opportunities that are created by safeguarding situations.

Content

Students will explore the definition of abuse and the development of protection and preventative services, to include international definitions and policies. They will explore causes and forms of abuse and the ethical issues that arise from this. It will examine current legislation and guidance by applying this knowledge to their own area of work, e.g., Children Act 1989, Working Together to Safeguarding Children (HM Government, 2018), Care Act 2012 and statutory guidance on the Act (Department of Health and Social Care 2018), and address issues for carers & information sharing. The module will enable students to critically analyse the impact of professional interventions and develop awareness of their own impact on others and the aetiology of their own judgements. Critical examination of diversity issues and safeguarding, e.g., Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic (BAME), sexuality, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning Plus (LGBTQ+) status.

Assessment

The assessment comprises of a written assignment and a class presentation

Who teaches this course?

The course is led by Brian Littlechild professor in social work. Brian is a registered social worker, and a renowned author of peer reviewed articles and books. His experience spans both nationally and internationally.

Cost

The fee for new self-funding students is £1620

Please note that the fee may vary depending on your source of funding and whether you are a returning student. To find out information about the fees visit go.herts.ac.uk/cpdfees

The course forms part of a broader CPD framework that can lead to the award of Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma or Master's degree.

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