

PG DIP in Social Work Practice Teaching, Supervision & Management

COURSE OVERVIEW: 1 Year, Part Time.

Average intake: 10. This course is designed for social workers who are interested in advancing their professional training. It develops the skills and knowledge of social workers who teach student social workers in the agency/placement setting. It is also relevant for those professional social workers currently taking or giving supervision. In addition the management section of the course will offer the opportunity to explore management models and practices within varied social work settings.

The programme is offered in a blended learning format, taking in traditional and technological concepts of teaching and learning. This will lead to participants acquiring an excellent academic theoretical framework on relevant theories, policies and practices. New perspectives will also be achieved on computer-based distance learning techniques and practical competence while supervising a student on placement.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE:

The programme content for this Post Graduate Diploma in Practice Teaching, Supervision and Management is divided into two main categories: The taught and e-learning component of the course in Semester 1 and the supervised placement and portfolio component in Semester 2.

Semester 1

Advanced Practice Teaching
Advanced Supervision

Semester 2

MSW Student supervision Jan–April (participants practice teach a student (MSW1) in their Agency).
Portfolio presentations.
Evaluating outcomes and identifying research opportunities
Management and Social Work

The duration of the course is from mid-September until the end of May and successful completion comprises of the following attendance, participation, practice and learning components:

Sept – Nov: 8 weeks of in-class lectures every Thursday and Friday (10am - 4pm)
Nov – Dec: Distance learning
Jan – Apr: Participants practice-teach a student (MSW1) in their Agency.
May: In-class lectures every Thursday and Friday (10am - 4pm)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Appropriate primary degree (Level 8 www.nfq.ie/nfql/eul) and hold a professional social work qualification NQSW or equivalent. A minimum of three years post qualifying experience in social work is required with a recommendation that the last six months work experience be spent in the current work setting. An active interest in social work education and in particular student social work education is necessary. All participants will be required to travel to NUI Galway for teaching and have adequate broad band connection, use of a computer and basic computer skills to carry out the e-learning section of the course. Acceptance of a student on placement for 14 weeks January to April is a pre-condition of gaining entry to this programme. Therefore approval with the management of the Social Workers' Agency will be required prior to accepting a place on the course.

HOW TO APPLY

Online: the www.cao.ie

Paper Application: Download from the www.cao.ie and send to:

The Central Applications Office

Tower House, Eglinton Street, Galway

353 91 509800

CAO Code: GYA91

Course Level:

Duration:

Closing Date: 16th May, 2016

FEES (EU)

Agency/Individual contribution – €300 per annum

Course placement contribution – €750 per annum

CAREER OPORTUNITIES

This course will further explore the areas of advanced supervision and management with a view to career advancement and continued professional development.

Work Placement

Acceptance of a student on placement for 14 weeks, January to April, is a pre-condition of gaining entry to this programme. Therefore successful applicants benefit from an engrained complimentary supervisory component to their learning experience and gain practice based supervision and management professional development throughout.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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FURTHER INFORMATION

Next Intake of Students: September 2016