



Why Work as a... Social Worker (Integrated Degree)

A solution for your training needs and career progression

ROLE OVERVIEW

Social Workers work in partnership with adults, children, carers, and families in a range of different settings to support and promote positive change in people's lives in order to improve their wellbeing and independence, and to reduce risk and harm. They protect and promote human rights and strive for social justice. They work within statutory and legislative frameworks, using their professional judgement.

KEY POINTS

- **Level:** 6
- **Duration:** 36 months + End Point Assessment
- **Entry requirements:** You may be required to undertake training in maths and English. See [HERE](#) for more information
- **Career progression:** This apprenticeship can lead to Occupational Therapist and Youth Worker Level 6 standards

KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS

- The importance of rights, responsibilities, freedom, authority and use of power
- That relationships with individuals and their carers should be based on respect, honesty and integrity
- The concepts of participation, advocacy, co-production, involvement and empowerment
- The value of research and analysis and be able to evaluate evidence to inform practice
- Social work theory, models and interventions; human growth and development across the lifespan and the impact of key developmental stages and transitions
- How to update knowledge to ensure evidence informed practice
- The requirements of the relevant professional body

SKILL REQUIREMENTS

- Ensure the highest standard of person centred approach, so that people are treated with dignity and their rights, values and autonomy are respected
- Promote the best interests of people who use services, carers, their families and communities
- Undertake assessments of need and/or capacity
- Gather, analyse, critically evaluate, and use research information and knowledge in your practice to develop an understanding of the individual's situation
- Identify and apply strategies to build professional and emotional resilience
- Balance appropriate levels of autonomy within a complex system of accountability

BEHAVIOUR REQUIREMENTS

- Communicate openly, honestly and accurately
- Treat people with compassion, dignity and respect and work together to empower positive change
- Adapt approach according to the situation and context
- Commit to continuous learning within social work, with curiosity and critical reflection
- Adhere to the Social Work England Standards of Conduct

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