

MA CHILD CARE SOCIAL WORK (L3K307)
POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA CHILD CARE SOCIAL WORK / POST QUALIFYING CHILD CARE AWARD
(L3K312)

(last admission January 2007)

1. Programme offered at: Durham in collaboration with the University of Northumbria at Newcastle (UNN).
2. Mode of study: MA part-time (34 months); Postgraduate Diploma part-time (12 months) commencing in January
3. Candidates must hold a professional qualification in social work and have two years' relevant full-time experience, or equivalent part-time. Candidates must be nominated and supported by their employing agency which will undertake to provide the candidate with support and appropriate learning opportunities for the duration of their period of study.
4. Candidates will be admitted initially on to the Postgraduate Diploma. Progression to the MA will be conditional on their having passed all the core modules.
5. Programme of study:

Module	Code	Credits	Code C or Optional (O)	Level
<u>Postgraduate Diploma Child Care Social Work</u>				
Child Development and Human Growth	SOCI58915	15	C	4
Legal and Social Policy Context of Child Care Social Work [†]	SOCI30515	15	C	3
Assessment of Children in Need and their Families	SOCI59015	15	C	4
Safeguarding Children and Promoting Optimal Outcomes [†]	SOCI50215	15	C	4
Intervention Theories and Skills	SOCI58715	15	C	4
Supervision and Mentoring	SOCI30415	15	C	3
Professional Practice in Child Care Social Work	SOCI58930	30	C	4
<u>MA Child Care Social Work</u>				
Modules listed above AND				
Dissertation	SOCI58845	45	C	4
Policy Related and Evaluation Research	SOCI57515	15	C	4

[†] Module provided by and taught at the University of Northumbria at Newcastle

6. Modes of assessment will include examinations, written assignments or written work.
7. Candidates who meet the requirements of the Postgraduate Diploma will be eligible for the professional Post-Qualifying Child Care Award (PQCCA), awarded by the General Social Care Council.
8. Candidates for the MA must submit by no later than 1 November in the third year of their study a dissertation of 12,000 words.
9. A Termination of Training Procedure exists and will be followed, with the possible conclusion that a candidate is required to withdraw from the programme where there is evidence that a candidate is behaving in a dangerous or damaging way either to service users, or to colleagues, or to him/herself. The Chair of the Graduate School Committee, on the recommendation of the Programme Director, shall be able to suspend the student's course at the time when the student is informed that the Termination of Training Procedure has been instigated.
10. The module Professional Practice in Child Care Social Work ([SOCI58930](#)) is assessed by portfolio on a pass/fail basis and is discounted from calculations for the award of distinction. For the award of Postgraduate Diploma Child Care Social Work with distinction, candidates must achieve a module average of 65% across modules to the value of 90 credits excluding [SOCI58930](#), must pass [SOCI58930](#) and must achieve marks of 70% or above in modules to the value of 60 credits. For the award of MA Child Care Social Work with distinction, candidates must achieve an average of 65% in modules to the value of 150 credits excluding [SOCI58930](#), must pass [SOCI58930](#) and must achieve marks of 70% or above in modules to the value of 90 credits.