

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA SPECIALIST SOCIAL WORK WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS (L5K112)

1. Programme offered at: Durham.
2. Mode of study: Part-time (24 months).
3. Candidates must be social workers or other professionals with a minimum of 6 months post-qualification experience in work with children and young people, their families and carers. Candidates applying to undertake this programme will normally have a first degree. Where this is not the case but a candidate demonstrates an appropriate level of professional experience and other qualifications, the School may set the applicant a short piece of written work to allow potential candidates to demonstrate suitability to undertake postgraduate study.
4. Programme of study:

Module	Code	Credits	Core (C) or Optional (O)	Level
Consolidation	SOCI30120	20	C	3
Direct Work	SOCI40120	20	C	4
Multi-Agency Working	SOCI40220	20	C	4
Safeguarding Children and Young People and Managing Risk	SOCI40320	20	C	4
Work-Based Project	SOCI40420	20	C	4
Practice Education	SOCI30220	20	C	3

5. Modes of assessment will include practice portfolios, written assignments, project reports and presentations.
6. The Postgraduate Diploma has been approved by the General Social Care Council (GSCC) as a post-qualifying award in specialist social work with children and young people, their families and carers. The post-qualifying award shall only be made to registered social workers.
7. 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 towards service users, colleagues, or him/herself. The Chair of the Graduate School Committee, on the recommendation of the Programme Director, shall be able to suspend the candidate's course at the time when the candidate is informed that the Termination of Training Procedure has been instigated.
8. This programme is accredited by the General Social Care Council until 2012.