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Awarded Gold for our outstanding student education
Welcome to the School of Healthcare

BA (Hons) Social Work

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Key facts about the School

- Employability - **100%**
  (after 6 mths: Unistats 2018)

- ‘World leading’ research – unique learning from respected academics

- 2018 Athena Swan Bronze award for advancing the careers of women in medicine.

- Top 100 University in the world
A great student experience

- Based in a vibrant campus, voted best student city in UK, best Student Union, and close to the country
- Support by personal tutors, programme managers, peers
- Great new student facilities across campus
- Leeds Curriculum – unique
The Leeds Curriculum

Learning in a research environment

Three key strands

- **Research-Based Learning**: research at the heart of a student’s academic experience culminating in a final year project

- **Core Programme Threads**: Ethics & Responsibility, Global & Cultural Insight and Employability

- **Broadening**: opportunities to expand knowledge and skills in the context of ten Discovery Themes
What is Social Work?

- Social Workers work with a wide range of people from babies upwards meeting many different needs

- Provide service user centred care and support across a wide range of settings

- Focus on enabling people to achieve their potential and develop throughout the life course
Why study Social Work with us?

- Teaching Partnership. - providing placements and professional input are Leeds and Wakefield local authorities
- Experienced, supportive specialist staff - Respected practitioners,
- Latest research informed knowledge - Internationally excellent healthcare research
- 100% employability (Unistats 2018) -our graduates are highly respected in the profession
- Accredited by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)
Our learning environments

50% practice 50% Learning

In practice: real world experience
- Practice learning opportunities within the two local authorities.

Learning in the School
- New highly-equipped hospital ward, POVA room, simulated flat enables realistic ward, community, home simulations.
- Well equipped teaching rooms and nearby library and computing facilities.
Real world experience

Practice

- Year 1 (20 days practical skills development)
- Year 2 (70 days practice placement)
- Year 3 (100 days practice placement)

Placements
Include areas such as:

- Assessment and child protection
- Fostering services
- Community mental health teams
- Adult intake teams
- Early help assessment teams.
Learning in School

- Counselling rooms
- Simulated flat
- Practice rooms
- New 4 bed ward area
- In-school lecture theatre
- Student learning zone
- Refurbished lecture rooms
- Undergraduate library,
- Medical library
- Computing facilities.
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Year one

- Learning Together Working Together
- Sociology, Social Policy and Law
- Human Growth, Behaviour and Development
- Disability, Inclusion and the Life course
- Professional Practice 1
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Year two

- Drugs and Alcohol
- Decision making
- Mental Health
- Social Work Law
- Research in Social work
- Professional Practice 2
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Year three

- Children and Families
- Adults
- Dissertation
- Optional modules
- Professional Practice 3
Assessment

- We use a range of assessment methods, including essays, posters/leaflets, practical skills examinations and multiple choice questions.

- You’ll need to demonstrate the knowledge and application of standard concepts, information and techniques, as well as your emerging abilities, skills and competencies.
Can you drive?

For most statutory placements a car is very useful:

- It helps manage workload
- It reduces stress
- There are some placements that cannot be undertaken without a car
Entry requirements

As a minimum you need

- 5 GCSE’s grade C / 4 or above, must include English and Maths
- 3 A levels at ABB or equivalent

There are some differences for each programme please check carefully to ensure you meet the requirements.
BTEC extended Diploma, Access to HE Diploma, CACHE

Please come and talk to us about equivalent qualifications we accept.
Bursaries

- Social work bursaries are administered by the NHS and are under review.

- You can find a guide to 2017-18 bursaries online.

- UG students can apply for bursaries in their 2nd and 3rd years, paid in three termly instalments.

- The government caps the number of bursaries available to each university.
Fees

- £9,250 per year
- No upfront fees to pay
- Loans provided
- Only repay 9% of any salary over £25k
- Loan written off after 30 years if unpaid
- Means tested support available
What do we look for in your application

Personal statement
- Gives reasons for choosing social work.
- Reflect upon your experience – voluntary, family or work
- Transferable skills: what has your practical experience and academic studies taught you about social work?
- What makes you stand out?
How we select

Stage 1
• Shortlisted against criteria
  – Academic background
  – Personal statement
  – Reference

Stage 2
• Invited for interview
  – Undertake written test based on a social work scenario
  – Participate in group and individual interviews

Stage 3
• Conditional offer made
Before you apply

- **Do your homework**, find out as much as you can about the course and profession

- **Talk to people who do the job**
  Take advantage of courses, visits family, friends etc.

- **Experience of caring**
  Is an advantage, but not always easy to get, can you demonstrate a motivation and commitment to social work?
Where it can take you

Social workers are in demand across the UK and there are many exciting career opportunities in a wide variety of roles:

- Children and family teams
- Adult teams
- Hospitals
- The prison service
- The voluntary sector
- Mental health
- With people with learning difficulties,
- With refugees and asylum seekers
- With homeless people
Any questions?