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Module teachers: Dr Penny Sorensen and Dr Pippa Belderson
Credit value: 20 Level 7 (M) credits, Autumn Semester
Module fee: £612
Submission of summative assessed work: by 3pm on Monday 16th December 2019

This 20-credit module provides essential learning and is a pre-requisite for those intending to take the Applied Dissertation, normally as the final stage of the MA in Advanced Social Work or MA Mental Health. Applications are open to social workers and other allied professionals.

INTRODUCTION
The module aims to introduce you to some research methods used in research in social work and related disciplines. It will enhance your understanding of different research methods and equip you with the competence to evaluate published research. In addition, you will gain skills to allow you to undertake a small scale project.

You will learn a range of skills relating to gathering and interpreting data including interviewing, evaluating research claims and considering limitations of research. Your learning will provide a grounding for many activities in the workplace and in particular as preparation for the Applied Dissertation module (SWK-7006X).

LEARNING OUTCOMES
By the end of this module you will be able to:

- Understand and explain different approaches and methods of research and their use in different situations
• Appreciate the importance of taking a critical stance when reading about research
• Develop and present a research proposal, justifying your research method and dealing appropriately with ethical issues.

The teaching days will include lectures, structured class exercises/activities and discussion. Each day there will be time for you to discuss your proposed research.

ASSESSMENTS
The formative assessment will involve producing a literature review (1000 words) relevant to your proposed research, submitted via email to the module leader no later than 3pm on Monday 4th November 2019.
The summative assessment is a research proposal (3,000 words plus completed ethics form). The assessment is due in by 3pm on Monday 16th December 2019.

TEACHING DATES
The course runs over four days 10:00am – 4:00pm (9:45am coffee):
• 11 September 2019
• 2 October 2019
• 30 October 2019
• 4 December 2019

Venue TBC (Norwich)
Lunch is not provided.

APPLICATIONS

Please contact your agency Workforce Development Department about the application process. If this is your first CPD module at UEA you will need to register with UEA Admissions https://www.uea.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/apply. If this is a second or further CPD module you will need to enrol through the Postgraduate Learning and Teaching Hub (ZICER Building): 01603 592071; hub.pgt.swk@uea.ac.uk

Please ensure you have approval from your agency before you enrol. Once you are enrolled, please check you have access to Blackboard before the first teaching date. Applications for 2019-20 should be submitted to UEA by 8th August 2019.
Please be aware that teaching, assessment dates and venues, are subject to change. All up to date information will be available via your UEA Evision account once you are enrolled onto the module.