

This guide has been created to give you a flavour of the subject areas we offer at Staffordshire University. It's one of over 50 different routes, so there's a good range to choose from. Visit www.staffs.ac.uk/ugsubjects for information on all of our subject areas.

## TOGETHER WITH **OUR BEST SUPPORTIVE** MINDS Why choose Social Work

### at Staffordshire University?

Many difficulties that people face in our modern society are grounded into the way society is structured. If you're passionate about equality for people, keen to learn more about the way oppression and

discrimination affects various groups, and want to work in social work or social care, then a degree in Social Work from Staffordshire University is the first step on your journey.

Approved by the General Social Care Council (GSCC), successful completion of our Social Work degree will qualify you to practice as a Social Worker.



My course is challenging and very practical. I have worked with troubled teenagers in the past and now want to help young offenders. All my lecturers are social workers and really know how to bring learning to life.

Natalie Williams, BA(Hons) Social Work



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#### Learn from industry experts

The Social Work teaching staff at Staffordshire University are primarily experienced practitioners. As a team, they have varied work experiences with different services, which informs teaching and ensures they keep up-to-date with current issues. They work together to ensure quality in the delivery of teaching and assessment.

#### Flexible study options

You can study Social Work full-time over three years or part-time for up to five years. This gives you the flexibility to achieve your full potential whilst fitting study around other commitments or even working part-time.

At Staffs, Social Work is taught using a variety of methods including working with service users and carers, knowledgebased teaching - including some distance learning on the part-time course - and assessed practice placements. You will experience good quality academic teaching from a range of people with specialist knowledge.



Staffordshire University is a great place to come and study whether full or part-time.

> Our partnerships with local social work teams ensure that our teaching reflects current issues within the profession.

David Mason, Lecturer in Social Work (Staffordshire University)



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Stoke-on-Trent Children and Young People's Services has an excellent relationship with Staffordshire University and through our partnership we provide good quality learning opportunities for social work undergraduates. Approximately 50 per cent of our current social work workforce graduated from Staffordshire University or obtained their PQ award from the partnership.

Robert Vacher, Workforce Development Manager - Stoke-on-Trent



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#### Gain the skills that employers demand

Our Social Work degrees combine academic learning and first-hand practical experience, giving you the perfect combination of knowledge and skills to embark on your career.

Rewarding vocational work placements will give you an authentic insight and greater understanding of a career in Social Work, and you'll have valuable workplace experience to draw on with future employers when you graduate.

#### Innovations in teaching

Our innovative Social Work degrees enable you to learn more efficiently by equipping you with a wide range of learning techniques and tools. You will participate in whole group sessions and peer group sessions. We will introduce problem-based learning and involve service users and carers, to enrich and deepen your appreciation of their issues. Guest lecturers will bring their own expertise to the course.

Distance learning is possible thanks to our innovative Blackboard Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), which allows students to participate online.

#### Give support, get support

We want you to excel and we'll be on hand whenever you need a little extra help. You'll be supported by a module leader and allocated a personal tutor to help you with any specific difficulties you may encounter. Most of your tutors were social workers themselves, so they know exactly how it feels to be in your shoes. During placements you'll have a practice assessor assigned to you, to support you and help you to recognise the links between academic study and practice.

#### Career choices

A degree in Social Work from Staffordshire University prepares you for a career in the personal social services or in more general health and welfare settings. But don't just take our word for it. An independent study found that 90% of Staffs Uni Social Work graduates had secured a graduate level job within six months of completing their degree.\*

\*Source: unistats.direct.gov.uk

To find out more about our Faculty of Health visit www.staffs.ac.uk/ health

## CHOOSE FROM A RANGE OF EXCITING AND INNOVATIVE **SUBJECTS.** Other subject areas that could interest you:

- Advice Studies
- Health Studies
- Law
- Psychology and Mental Health
- Sociology and Crime, Deviance and Society

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Now you've read the guide, if you would like specific information about one or more of the courses listed, please call our enquiries team on 01782 294400 to request a course leaflet or visit www.staffs.ac.uk/undergraduate

Why not check out what student life is like, first hand, at one of our open days? Visit www.staffs.ac.uk/opendays for more details.



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We have a regutation for preparing students to take on the world. Our courses deliver the skills and experiences employers value. Our lecturers know what it is you need, because they are professionals from a social work and social care background. What we teach is not only quality assured but informed by the latest thinking and developments in the real world. With excellent facilities and committed staff, Staffordshire University is a great place to be a student.



CREATE THE **DIFFERENCE** 

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