Postgraduate Diploma Approved Mental Health Practitioner/ MSc Mental Health

BIRMINGHAM CITY University

Faculty of **Health**



COURSE FACTS

Faculty	Faculty of Health
Apply	Applications to Admissions T: 0121 331 6100
Duration	Postgraduate Diploma Approved Mental Health Practitioner (one year full-time) MSc Mental Health (two years part-time)
Location	City South Campus
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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Post Graduate Diploma in Approved Mental Health Practitioner

Applicant must be professionally qualified and registered as a Social Worker, Learning Disability Nurse, Occupational Therapist or Psychologist. They must also have at least 2 years post-qualifying experience in Mental Health. They must have undertaken preparation for engaging with the AMHP training and be provided for block release and sponsorship for the duration of the course by a Local Authority or Health Trust. Applicants are required to have an enhanced DBS clearance.

MSc Mental Health

Students who successfully complete this course can enrol onto the MSc in Mental Health. This module is also open to experienced AMHP's who have achieved a PG Diploma in Mental Health or equivalent qualification.

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course has been specifically designed to equip relevant professionals with the knowledge skills and values necessary to engage in safe and effective AMHP practice and be considered for approval by a local authority as an AMHP.

This includes the preparation and assessment of competencies to undertake the duties and responsibilities of an AMHP. The students are prepared to undertake statutory mental health act assessments as an independent and autonomous AMHP.

The course is delivered in close collaboration with sponsoring agencies and involves practitioners and educators with significant experience of statutory mental health practice, by utilising a range of teaching and learning methodologies, including structured tutorial support to ensure full and effective engagement by the student.

COURSE CONTENT

The AMHP requirements have been incorporated into the course and is delivered full-time through three 40 credit modules at Master's level over a one academic year period as follows:

Module 1: The Role of the Approved Mental Health Professional

Module 2: The Legal and Policy Framework for Mental Health

Module 3: Evidence Based Mental Health Practice which includes an assessed practice placement of at least 40 days

The role of the AMHP Module allows students to critically explore their role with regards to their legal responsibilities, the ethical dilemmas involved and compliance with equality legislation, as well as engage in the specific statutory AMHP role in a multi-disciplinary context as an independent practitioner and assessor.

The AMHP students will be able to identify areas of discrimination in mental health practice, the impact it has on individuals and use of the least restrictive option, when carrying out their statutory duties. The module provides opportunities for students to identify, develop and apply strategies to address and ameliorate inequalities and discrimination.

The Legal and Policy Framework for Mental Health Module prepares students to understand and evaluate the legislation that is specific to the role of the Approved Mental Health Professional under the Mental Health Act 1983 as amended in 2007. This module will provide them with a comprehensive knowledge of the Mental Health Act 1983, as amended in 2007; the Mental Capacity Act 2005; the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards 2009 and the codes of practice, as well as national and local policy guidance.

The Evidence Based Mental Health Practice Module prepares students to consolidate their learning on the programme and demonstrate their skills and abilities to work inter-professionally within an evidence-based context. The module includes an assessed practice placement of at least 40 days. It prepares students to engage with the specific roles of the Approved Mental Health Professional (AMHP) under the Mental Health Act 1983 (as amended in 2007) by working directly with services users and carers; as well as other professionals using evidence based approaches. In addition the candidates will utilise research methodology to critically evaluate their experience and learning on placement.

ASSESSMENT

Students are assessed through a range of formative and summative methods that include skills simulation, written assignments, law exam, presentations and via practice placement.

EMPLOYABILITY

All students undertaking this course will already be employed and they will become eligible for consideration for approval as an AMHP by a local authority and entered onto its rota for the statutory duties and functions allowed by that role. The AMHP role is a recognised unique status and independent role and is a significant CPD achievement that will enhance career development opportunities.



FURTHER STUDY

The MSc in Mental Health is a 60 credit Dissertation module and is a significant Continuous Professional Development opportunity.

MORE INFORMATION

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