

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Practice Education in Social Work Stage 2

A 15 or 30 credit Masters level course delivered on campus at the University of Sussex

Who is this module aimed at?

This course will enable you to further your knowledge, skills and capabilities to effectively supervise and assess student social workers and others in the workplace. It meets the requirements for Stage 2 of the Practice Educator Professional Standards programme for Social Work (BASW 2022). Successful completion will enable you to gain the credentials to be a Practice Educator in Social Work.

The course is designed for experienced social workers who wish to gain further knowledge and skills in practice education.

To enrol, you must meet the following requirements:

1. Be a registered social worker with a minimum of two years' post-qualifying experience
2. Have completed Practice Education Stage 1 (or equivalent)
3. Be able to demonstrate that you are practising at PCF Experienced Social Worker level (level 7, BASW 2018) in your practitioner role.

What and how will I learn?

During the course, you will have primary responsibility for teaching, supervising and assessing a student social worker on their first (70-day) or final (100-day) placement. Teaching will primarily be via a mixture of in-person lectures and seminars, and there will also be opportunities for group work and case discussion for which you will be provided with learning resources and materials. You will gain a deeper understanding of the core principles, models, and theories of adult learning, creating an effective learning environment, promoting critical reflection and providing effective supervision, principles of assessment, research-minded practice, and how to support students who need additional support within an anti-oppressive, anti-discriminatory and anti-racist practice framework.

You will learn from and be supported by an experienced Practice Educator/Assessor who will provide lectures and group reflective seminars, as well as additional support as required.

**80 per cent minimum attendance required*

A 6-day module for experienced practitioners who have previously completed PE1 (or equivalent)

Deepen your understanding of practice education, and critically evaluate your approach to supervising and assessing students

Develop skills in researching topics relevant to practice education

Embrace further opportunities to enable students' learning

How will I be assessed?

You will have opportunities to engage in course work, peer-reviewed activities, case-study work, presentations, progress exercises, direct observations of your practice, and other teaching and development opportunities. You will be formally assessed via a portfolio of evidence for which you must demonstrate how you have met the capabilities of the Practice Education Professional Standards (BASW 2022), Domains A-D and the values statements.

You will be expected to engage in pre- and post-session tasks, as well as more general reading and research throughout your period of study. As this course is designed to run alongside a student placement, there will also be opportunities to discuss your student's placement in a confidential environment, share your issues and challenges and gain support and advice from your peers on your own learning journey.

This course meets the requirements of BASW's (2022) Practice Educator Professional Standards (PEPS) for social work.

Teaching Dates: 2025/26

All sessions will be taught in person on campus

DATE	TIME
Wednesday 24 September, 2025	10am-4pm
Wednesday 22 October, 2025	10am-4pm
Wednesday 19 November, 2025	10am-4pm
Wednesday 21 January, 2026	10am-4pm
Wednesday 25 February, 2026	10am-4pm
Wednesday 22 April, 2026	10am-4pm

Applying

For more information - including fees - and applications forms, visit www.sussex.ac.uk/schools/education-and-social-work/study/social-work/cpd.

Completed application forms must be received by 29 August 2025

Local authority funded applications must be authorised by a line manager and sent to the University via an Agency Training Manager to confirm funding.

Self-funded applications can be emailed directly to pqcoord@sussex.ac.uk

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