

## CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

# Practitioner Research

A 15 credit Masters level module for social work, social care, health, police and education practitioners.

### Who is this module aimed at?

Experienced social work, social care, health, police and education practitioners will find this 15-credit module a welcome opportunity to develop their role through practice-based research. You will look more deeply into the ideas and practices of your everyday work, and develop your critical reflective research skills to shape best practice.

### What and how will I learn?

You will identify an issue, challenge, knowledge gap or service need relevant to your professional role for which you, your organisation and/or service users would benefit from further exploration or development. You will learn how to critically examine what is already known (through a literature review) and to apply this knowledge through research informed practice, enabling you to develop your professional role and improve your practice.

You will participate in research methodology seminars and a virtual learning environment for additional learning support and resources.

You will be able to discuss your plans, present your work – issues, dilemmas, critical incidents - and share your learning in conversation with your peer group. You also will be expected to engage in self-directed learning, critical self-reflection, and practice development through research.

On completion of the course, you should feel equipped to develop your own projects, inform policy developments and/or make significant changes to your practice, improving outcomes for individuals, families, groups or communities.

**An opportunity to develop your practice through research**

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**Learn how to critically examine practice through literature review**

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**Engage in active learning through research methodology seminars, peer discussion and additional learning resources**

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**Develop your role and improve your practice and outcomes for families, groups or communities**



## Teaching Dates: 2026

DATE	TIME
Tuesday 13 January 2026	10am-1pm [Private study 2-5pm]
Tuesday 10 February 2026	10am-1pm [Private study 2-5pm]
Tuesday 10 March 2026	10am-1pm [Private study 2-5pm]
Tuesday 14 April 2026	10am-1pm [Private study 2-5pm]

## Applying

For more information - including fees - and applications forms, visit [www.sussex.ac.uk/schools/education-and-social-work/study/social-work/cpd](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/schools/education-and-social-work/study/social-work/cpd).

### **Completed application forms must be received by 5 December 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](mailto:pqcoord@sussex.ac.uk)

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