

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL POLICY

MENTAL HEALTH SOCIAL WORK

Postgraduate Certificate in Mental Health Social Work (Mental Health Officer Award)

These regulations are to be read in conjunction with [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#).

Admission

1. See [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#).
2. In addition, all successful applicants will be required to have had at least two years of appropriate, post-qualifying professional experience. All applicants must satisfy the requirements for professional registration outlined by the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC).

Duration of Study

3. See [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#).
4. Notwithstanding the [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#), the normal duration of study shall be 12 months. For those in part time employment it is possible to undertake the programme of study over 24 months. The maximum period of study is normally 24 months but for those in part time employment the maximum period of study is 36 months.

Mode of Study

5. The Postgraduate Certificate in Mental Health Social Work (Mental Health Officers Award) is available by part-time study only.

Place of Study

6. See [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#).
7. The practice learning component of the programme takes place within the student's employing agency.

Curriculum

8. All students shall undertake an approved curriculum as follows:

Compulsory Modules

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
L8920	Mental Disorder, Mental Health Legislation and Human Rights	5	30
L8921	Capacity, Incapacity and the Law in Scotland	5	20
L8923	Working with Individuals with a Mental Disorder and Criminal Proceedings	5	10

Assessment

9. See [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#).

Progress

10. All modules contain an assessment of the student's practice. The practice element of the first module completed must be assessed as a pass before the student can progress to subsequent modules.
11. The final award will be based on performance in the assessments, and coursework.

Award

12. **Postgraduate Certificate:** In order to qualify for the award of the Postgraduate Certificate in Mental Health Social Work (Mental Health Officers Award) a student must have accumulated 60 credits at Level 5 from the programme curriculum.