

# POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN APPLIED SOCIAL STUDIES

## Overview

**Status:** Active

**National Framework Of Qualifications (NFQ) Level:** 9

**NFQ Award Class:** Major Award

**Total Credits:** 60

**Connected Curriculum:**

- Civic and Community Engagement
- Employability
- Research Based Teaching

**Graduate Attributes:**

- Creator, evaluator and communicator of knowledge
- Digitally Fluent
- Effective global citizen
- Independent and creative thinker
- Socially Responsible

**UCC policies applying to applicants/students on this programme:**

- Fitness to Practise Policy
- Student Vetting Policy and Procedure

The Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Social Studies is a non-professional alternative exit award for students registered on the Master of Social Work (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/mswk/>) or Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work Studies (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pdsws/>) who:

- have passed all Year 1 modules on the MSW/PDSWS but choose to end their studies at that point or;
- have successfully passed at least 60 credits of taught modules but failed a fieldwork placement element offered to candidates on the programme.

Candidates who opt to exit and graduate with Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Social Studies will not be eligible to apply to register with the Social Work Registration Board (CORU).

## Programme Requirements

For information about modules, module choice, options and credit weightings, please go to Programme Requirements (p. 1).

## Programme Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Year 1</b>		
Students must pass at least <b>60</b> credits of the 120 credits of modules available on the MSW/PDSWS.		
<b>60</b> credits available as follows:		
<b>Assessment and Intervention across the Life Course</b>		
SS6101	Social Work Approaches 1: Theory and Practice	10
SS6115	The Rights and Welfare of Adults at Risk of Harm	5
SS6108	Child and Family Welfare I	5

<b>Knowledge, Skills and Values for Practice 1</b>		
SS6112	Practice Skills and Fieldwork Placement 1	20
<b>Human Rights and Social Justice</b>		
LW6005	Social Work and the Law (Child Law)	5
SS6105	Social Policy and Social Exclusion	5
SS6106	Applied Social Research	5
SS6107	User Experiences in Diverse Contexts I	5
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>60</b> credits available as follows:		
<b>Critical and Transformational Practice for Sustainable Futures</b>		
LW6003	Social Work and the Law (The Rights of Vulnerable Persons)	5
SS6200	Social Work Approaches II: Theory and Practice	5
SS6201	Child and Family Welfare II	5
SS6202	User Experiences in Diverse Contexts II	5
<b>Knowledge, Skills and Values for Practice 2</b>		
SS6207	Practice Skills and Fieldwork Placement II	20
<b>Research for Social Work</b>		
SS6206	Dissertation in Social Work	20

## Examinations

Full details and regulations governing Examinations for each programme will be contained in the *Marks and Standards Book* and for each module in the *Book of Modules*.

## Programme Learning Outcomes

**Programme Learning Outcomes for Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Social Studies (NFQ Level 8, Major Award)**

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of social systems and human behaviour to promote social change, problem solving in human relationships and the empowerment of people to enhance their well-being;
- Demonstrate knowledge of social policy to critically examine and respond to the impact of social and political contexts;
- Recognise the application of principles of social justice, human rights and anti-oppressive practice in the provision of social welfare services;
- Critically appraise the influence of research, theory, legislation, policy, official inquiry reports and international conventions on the delivery of contemporary social services;
- Illustrate a reflective approach to learning that is self-directed and employs principles of problem based learning;
- Demonstrate critical appreciation and knowledge of theoretical frameworks to understand and critically analyse social structures at macro and micro levels;