

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN APPLIED SOCIAL STUDIES

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;