

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SOCIAL WORK STUDIES

Programme Learning Outcomes

Programme Learning Outcomes for Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work Studies (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

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

- Apply 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;
- Apply knowledge of social policy to critically examine and respond to the impact of social and political contexts on service users and social work;
- Reflectively evaluate and implement the values and ethics of the profession of social work as embodied in the Irish Association of Social Workers, CORU and International Federation of Social Workers codes;
- Promote principles of social justice, human rights and anti-oppressive practice as intrinsic elements of social work practice;
- Demonstrate core social work practice proficiencies in the areas of: professional autonomy and accountability; communication, collaborative practice and teamworking; safety and quality; professional development; professional knowledge and skills;
- Demonstrate knowledge of theory, legislation, policy, official inquiry reports and international conventions, and apply this to assessment and intervention planning in social work practice;
- Illustrate a reflective approach to learning that is self-directed, strengths-based and reflective;
- Engage in a process of self-awareness, self-monitoring and continuous professional development;
- Develop as 'research minded' practitioners who will continue to update their knowledge and engage in systematic evaluation of their practice;
- Respond reflectively and reflexively as social workers in a variety of social work settings, including multi-disciplinary contexts;
- Complete a practice project that demonstrates their use of professional knowledge, values and skills in social work practice related situations.