

A person with blonde hair is sitting on the ground in a public space, looking down. The person is wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt and dark pants. The background is a blurred crowd of people in a public square or park. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day. The text "HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE" is overlaid on the top left of the image, with a white horizontal line above and below it.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

A range of health and social care courses is offered to prepare students for work in health and social care settings, including social work, health promotion and public health, drugs and alcohol, sexual health and health studies. Our skilled team has excellent relationships with health and social

care colleagues, and is involved in professional development and research in a number of key areas.



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CERTIFICATES IN PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPPDs)

Community and Primary Healthcare

- Caring for Older People
- Case Management and Community Matron
- Clinical Skills for Advanced Assessment and Diagnosis
- Developing and Implementing Effective Strategies in Long-term Conditions
- Enhancing Clinical Practice
- Exploring Advanced Practice for Community Matrons
- Introduction to Nursing in Primary Care
- Leadership in Telephone Assessment and Consultation Services
- Management of Complex and Changing Healthcare Needs of Clients with Long-term Conditions
- Strategic Commissioning

Health Promotion and Public Health

- Public Health

Sexual Health

- Breast and Cervical Screening
- Care of People with Sexually Transmitted Infections
- Family Planning Nursing
- Managing the Care of People with HIV Disease
- Promoting Sexual Health

Infection Control

- Global Infections and Pandemic Preparedness
- Infection Control: Principles and Practices
- Managing TB Care: Prevention and Control

Substance Use and Misuse

- Enhancing Cultural Competence in Dealing with Drug and Alcohol Problems
- Harm Reduction
- Sex, Drugs and Alcohol
- Substance Misuse and Dual Diagnosis
- The Use and Problem Use of Drugs and Alcohol.

SOCIAL WORK

BSc (Hons)

UCAS code: L500 BSc/SW

Duration: Full-time – Three years

Starting: September

Location: Brentford

ENTRY CRITERIA

200 UCAS tariff points, which include at least two subject areas plus four months' work experience in social care.

Applicants with a Progression or Advanced Diploma in Society, Health and Development are welcomed.

Students without the above qualifications who have relevant work experience are invited to apply. Such applications will be considered on an individual basis.

Competence in written and spoken English is a pre-requisite for entrance, and an IELTS score of 6 or equivalent is the minimum standard required.

For detailed information on international equivalences and alternative qualifications, please refer to page 169.

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course leads to a professional qualification, which has been developed in collaboration with our stakeholders in north west London and Berkshire. On successful completion of this course students will be able to apply for admission to the GSCC Register of Social Workers.

This course will develop qualified social workers to practise in non-oppressive ways, and work confidently and effectively with other professionals to meet the challenges of the 21st century. The course is designed to enable students to successfully meet the new occupational standards for social work and the social work academic benchmark statements. Students will develop competence in applying acquired knowledge, skills and values that will assist in making social work interventions to improve complex social problems for diverse populations of service users.

Social work is a regulated profession and students will be expected to register with the General Social Care Council (GSCC), the social work profession's regulator, and adhere to the standards set out in the Code for Social Workers.

As well as regulating individual social workers and students, the university also regulates the performance of social work courses, the reports of which are published on the website, so students can check to see how each University is performing. For more information visit: www.gsc.org.uk

FURTHER STUDY

On completion of this course, students will be able to progress to study for a Masters degree or study relevant Certificates in Personal and Professional Development (CPPDs).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Employment opportunities are excellent as there is a national shortage of social workers. Students will be qualified to work in a wide range of statutory and voluntary agencies, which employ social workers.

SUBSTANCE USE AND MISUSE STUDIES

DipHE

UCAS code:	Direct application
Duration:	Part-time – Two and a half years to three years
Starting:	February and September
Location:	Brentford

ENTRY CRITERIA

120 credits in Health related subject area, which would normally include at least two subject areas plus four months' work experience in social care.

Applicants with a Progression or Advanced Diploma in Society, Health and Development are welcomed.

Students without the above qualifications who have relevant work experience are invited to apply. Such applications will be considered on an individual basis.

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COURSE OVERVIEW

This multidisciplinary course recognises the diversity of staff working in the field of substance use and misuse with distinct training needs. The blended learning approach enables the course to be delivered in a flexible manner, mixing face-to-face, online and work-based learning. The course is mapped against Drug and Alcohol National Occupational Standards (DANOS). Students who successfully complete the foundation degree will also be able to gain an accredited professional qualification: the award by the FDAP (Federation of Drug and Alcohol Professions) as a Drug and Alcohol Professional.

This course enables individuals working with drug and alcohol users and misusers to develop knowledge and competences by linking theory to practice. The course provides an essential overview on substance use and misuse issues, and introduces appropriate methods of working with people who experience problems with their drug and alcohol use.

FURTHER STUDY

The course provides a route for students wishing to progress into HE from Access, BTEC National Diploma, Apprenticeships etc. Upon successful completion, this course enables progression to a final year 'top-up' on the BSc (Hons) in Substance Use and Misuse course.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This course provides opportunities for employer engagement as it links theory to practice via its work-based learning modules, and enables students to reflect on their practice. For most students, completion of this course will serve to:

- enhance their current practice in the field of substance misuse
- give them a deeper understanding of the relevant concepts
- enhance their professional status with colleagues and managers
- enable them to take on increased responsibility and promotions.

SUBSTANCE USE AND MISUSE STUDIES

BSc (Hons) – Top up

UCAS code:	Direct application
Duration:	Part-time – Two to five years
Starting:	February and September
Location:	Brentford

ENTRY CRITERIA

Applicants must have 240 credits at Level 5 in a related subject area (diploma level) and work experience in the drug and alcohol field. Those who do not meet the academic criteria will usually need to enter the course at diploma level.

For detailed information on international equivalences and alternative qualifications, please refer to page 169.

COURSE OVERVIEW

The key purpose of this course is to enable individuals who work with (or whose work brings them into contact with) people with substance misuse problems to:

- contribute to the provision of effective high quality intervention strategies for substance use and misuse related problems
- critically analyse the literature on theory and practice in substance use and misuse and actively engage with current debates in the drug and alcohol sector
- contribute to the implementation of intervention strategies as laid out in the Government's Drug and Alcohol Misuse Strategy for the UK
- develop the ability to examine the relationship and impact of the social and cultural, political and economic factors that influence substance use and problem use of drugs and alcohol.

For most students, completion of the course will serve to enhance their current practice in the field of substance misuse, give them a deeper understanding of the relevant concepts, enhance their professional status with colleagues and managers and enable them to take on increased responsibility and promotions.

FURTHER STUDY

Successful students can progress to further generic or substance misuse specific degrees at Masters level, eg MSc Advancing Practice with Substance Misuse, MSc Enhancing Leadership and Integrated Working. Certificates in Personal and Professional Development (CPPD) are also available to study.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This course will provide students with new career opportunities, which include the opportunity to pursue a career in the drug and alcohol field, increased opportunities to move into management positions or teaching, and the opportunity to move into a teaching or academic role.