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ADVANCED CHILD PROTECTION PCert, PDip, MA

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ADVANCED CHILD PROTECTION (DISTANCE LEARNING)

Kent is a leading UK university. In the most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF), Kent was ranked in the top 20 for research output and research intensity in the *Times Higher Education*, outperforming 11 of the 24 Russell Group universities.

Academic excellence

The International Centre for Child Protection is part of the School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research (SSPSSR), which is ranked 5th for research quality and 2nd for research power in the REF. The Centre maximises this research network and has established itself as an independent centre of teaching and research excellence. Awards include the University of Kent Social Sciences Faculty Teaching Prize, the Kent Innovation & Enterprise Innovation Award in 2014, *The Guardian* University Award for Digital Innovation 2016 and the HEA Collaborative Award for Teaching Excellence 2017.

Highlights of the programme

With focus on the welfare of the child being paramount, the programme provides multi-agency practitioners with the knowledge, skills and confidence to take a child-centred approach to their practice. One of the defining features of the MA is the 360-degree perspective

on the child protection system, integrating research, practice expertise and theoretical paradigms, such as:

- access to the Centre's award-winning child protection simulations and innovative learning tools
- flexibility in how you study
- high-quality video lectures from experts/leading academics
- inter-professional teaching and learning
- online access to academic journal articles, book chapters and e-books
- thought-provoking activities, promoting reflective practice and critical thinking.

Programme structure, content and delivery MA

Duration: January to September the following year
Induction week held in January.

Course content: All modules listed below are compulsory:

- Understanding Social Research (SO926)
- Definitions, Prevalence, Causes and Consequences of Child Abuse and Neglect (SO927)
- Contemporary Child Protection Practice and Policies (SO928)
- New Perspectives on Assessment and Observation (SO929)
- **Either** Support, Help and Intervention: What works, how and when? (SO930) **or** Support, Help and Intervention in International Child Protection (SO979)

- The 'Unconscious at Work' (SO931)
- Dissertation on an agreed aspect of child protection.

PDip

Duration: Year 1: January to November
Induction week held in January.
Year 2: February to July.

Course content: You take all six of the MA modules across the two years (four in year 1 and two in year 2). You do not write a dissertation for this qualification.

PCert

Duration: January to November
Induction week held in January.

Course content: You take three modules (SO926, SO927 and SO928), amounting to 60 credits, from year 1 of the MA programme.

Please see www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/fees/tuition for details of our current fees.

Support and interaction

You receive one-to-one support from your tutor throughout your studies. Contact is flexible and can be offered face-to-face, via email, Skype or phone. You are offered the chance to meet your fellow students at the induction and on study days, and have the opportunity to take advantage of enhancing these multi-agency networking opportunities. The four-day induction is hosted at the start of Years 1 and 2, and study days take place once a term.



The MA is responsive to the realities of busy practice and the format offers flexible mobile learning. We have created an environment where you can access varied and relevant resources on the move or at home. Our forums add another dimension to the study of child protection, encouraging multi-profession child protection engagement and sharing of expertise and ideas. Discussions within the online forums demonstrate that this medium is viewed as a safe place within which to explore, reflect upon and change practice.

Our students

- The MA attracts national and international students from a variety of professions. This adds to the depth and richness of its content and provides insightful global perspectives on child protection

- Student intake consists of a mixture of statutory and non-statutory agencies across the social care, health, education, police, law, probation and NGO spheres
- Successful students are publishing their dissertation research in leading journals, some of which has gone on to inform teaching and learning

Entry requirements

Applicants require a minimum of a second-class honours degree. However, relevant practice and professional experience will be considered, and these cases are assessed individually. In certain circumstances, the Centre will consider candidates who have not followed a conventional education path. For more details, contact ccp@kent.ac.uk or visit www.kent.ac.uk/sspsr/ccp

“I found this course fantastic. The content is varied and truly multi-disciplinary which, when allied with the diversity of students, means you get a truly expansive and refreshing perspective on all aspects of child protection.”

Barrister
Graduated 2019

The Graduate School

As a postgraduate student, you also have the support of the Graduate School, which promotes your academic interests, co-ordinates the Researcher Development Programme and the Global Skills Award, and facilitates cross-disciplinary interaction.

How to apply

Apply online at www.kent.ac.uk/pg/326

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