



Professional Masters in Social Work

Information Session

Professional Masters in Social Work (PSW)

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UCD Professional Masters in Social Work is accredited by CORU (The Social Workers' Registration Board www.coru.ie). With this qualification you are eligible to apply for professional registration which is a requirement to practice social work in Ireland.

Eligibility Criteria

- The **minimum** standard for entry is the equivalent of an overall Second Class Honours Grade II in the applicant's primary (Level 8) degree
- Applications should hold a BSocSc degree with a major in Social Policy or a B.Social Work or equivalent; or another undergraduate degree, at least half of which has involved the study of Social Policy or Social Policy related subjects.
- Alternatively, applicants must hold a level 8 primary degree together with a Second Class Honours (or GPA equivalent in the institution which awarded the degree) in a postgraduate (level 8) Higher Diploma in Social Policy or equivalent.

Eligibility Criteria

- If your degree grade is given as a GPA, the standard for entry is the GPA equivalent of a Second Class Honours Grade II in the institution which awarded your degree. You should note that this may vary from institution to institution. For degrees awarded by UCD it is a GPA of 2.48.

AND 420 hours of relevant paid or voluntary experience (250 by the time of your application and the remainder by the end of August 2020)

The Admissions Process

1. **Application Form : Deadline for submissions is 24th January , 2020 at 5pm.**
2. **Work experience form** – ensure you make it clear why your experience should be considered relevant. All information provided in application forms must be accurate and evidence based . Placements completed as part of your eligibility degree programme **CANNOT** be counted in these hours. UCD reserves the right to check the information submitted on your online Work Experience form with your employer or the organisation that you are volunteering with.

Work /voluntary experience Examples

- The following are suggested, but not exclusive, types of relevant paid or voluntary work experiences:
 - Working in social care settings with adults or children in day care, residential or community based settings
 - Working with people in health care settings
 - Working with people in criminal justice settings
 - Working with young people in educational and youth services
 - Working with voluntary sector organisations that are involve in advocacy services for disadvantaged groups
 - Working with voluntary sector organisations involved in online helping

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Shortlisting

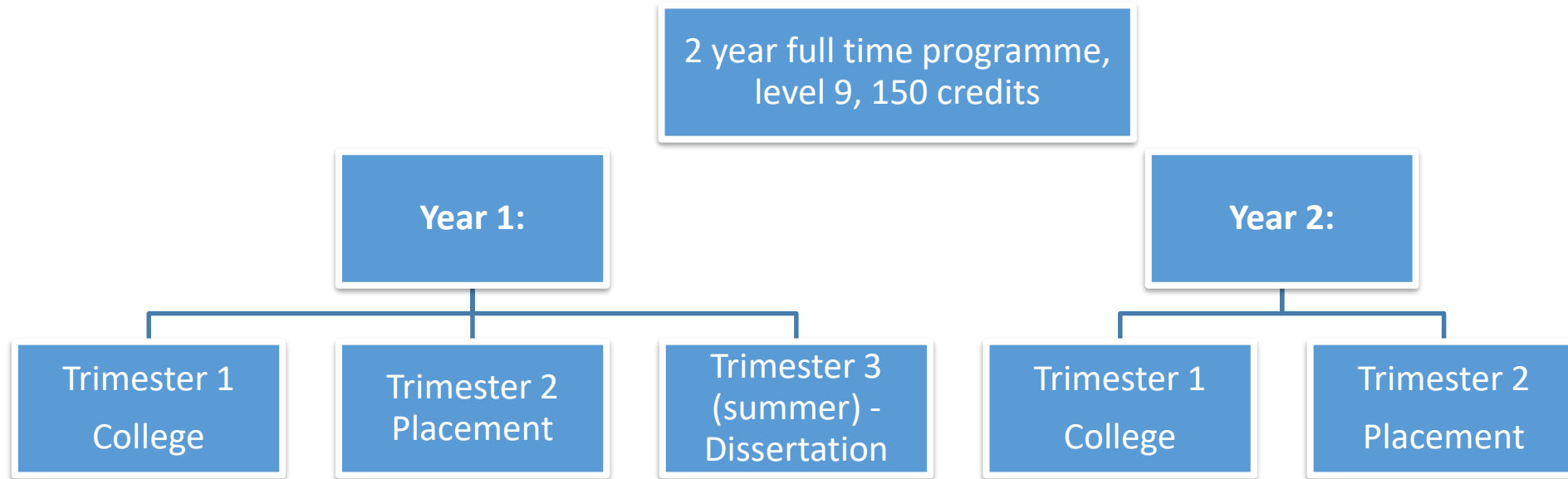
Applicants will be shortlisted for interview on the basis of academic results and relevant work experience. If shortlisted you will be invited to:

1. Group interview.

Interviews will be scheduled for the week starting Feb 24th, 2020.

- 2. Written test: on the same day as your interview.** This will involve writing a short reflection on your participation in the group selection process. If you have a disability or specific learning difficulty e.g. Dyslexia, and require exam accommodations, please contact the admissions administrator at least one week before the interview so that appropriate exam accommodations can be put in place.

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Modules (subject to amendment)

Year 1:

- Law for Social Work
- Social Work Counselling Skills 1
- Adult Services & Health 1
- Human Development & Behaviour
- Child Welfare and Protection 1
- Social Work Theories & Methods 1
- Research Methods 1
- Preparation for Professional Practice 1
- Practice Placement 1
- Research Methods 2 Dissertation

Year 2:

- Group Work & Community Work
- Social Work Counselling Skills 2
- Adult Services and Health 2
- Social Work Theories and Methods 2
- Social Justice, Human Rights & Probation
- Child Welfare and Protection 2
- Preparation for Professional Practice 2
- Practice Placement 2



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**WHAT WERE YOUR
PLACEMENTS LIKE?**

Placements

- Placements in year 1 and year 2 will be organised by our Placement Coordinator and the Practice Team.
- To support this process each student will be allocated a Practice Tutor;
 - The practice tutor will meet with the student to discuss their placement needs and to plan for the placement.
 - Consideration will be given to geographic factors in so far as this is feasible and as placement availability allows.
 - Practice tutors will work with Practice Teachers and students to agree a plan for the placement and to act as ongoing support to both student and practice teacher.
 - Placements will be full time block for a minimum of 14 weeks.

Social Work Career: Social workers work in a broad range of settings including

- Adoption
- Children, and Adolescent mental health
- Child and families (including child welfare and protection, family support)
- Disabilities
- Elderly
- Fostering
- Local Authority Housing
- Medical
- Mental Health (Adult)
- Primary Care
- Probation
- Refugees and Asylum Seekers
- Substance Abuse
- Occupational Social Work
- Check: <https://www.iasw.ie/iasw-career-in-social-work>

Careers in Social Work

- Our graduates employed in across the island of Ireland and internationally
- Currently **great demand** for social workers to work in a variety of sectors, both statutory and non-governmental
- Sectors in which our graduates are employed include: Child Welfare & Protection; Medical Social Work; Criminal Justice; Mental Health Services; Intellectual Disability Services; Older People's Services; Community Development
- Starting salaries of c. **€40,217** (from p.21 of: <https://health.gov.ie/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2018/01/2018-1st-January-Consolidated-Salary-Scales.pdf>)



More
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