Postgraduate Admissions Statement

MSc Advanced Social Work with Children and Families

Programmes covered
Advanced Social Work with Children and Families (MSc)
Applicants should also refer to the relevant prospectus entry for further programme details.
This admissions statement should be read in association with the University Admissions Principles and Procedures for Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Faculty
Faculty of Social Sciences and Law

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Admissions cycle
2017

Application process

Online application
Applicants should complete the online application form, uploading all required documents directly into the application form. Guidance on uploading documents can be found in the How to Apply FAQs.
Applicants should make every effort to choose the correct programme in the application form by reading the prospectus entry and admissions statements fully. Applicants should contact the relevant Admissions Team if clarification is required.

Application Deadline
There is an application deadline for this programme, which is displayed on the individual programme page within the University course finder.

Required documents
All documents must be translated into English. Degree certificates and transcripts should be certified copies and list subjects taken and grades/degrees achieved. If your degree is not yet complete, please provide transcripts of subjects taken and marks achieved to date. All documents must be uploaded into the online application form unless otherwise noted. Applicants who have already submitted an application can upload additional documents into the ‘Post-submission uploads’ section. You can find information about how to upload documents to your application form in our How to Apply FAQs.
Required documents for this programme are:

- Two references
• Degree certificate(s) from first and subsequent degrees
• Academic transcript(s) from your first and subsequent degrees
• Personal statement
• Curriculum vitae (CV) (not required for those applying for the 'credit only' route)
• English language certificates if English is not your native language and your undergraduate degree was not in an English-speaking country (please see the English Language Requirements list of English-speaking countries)

Interviews
Interviews are not part of the selection process for this programme.

Correspondence with applicants
Applicants will normally receive communication via email to the email address used to set up their application form account. Applicants should ensure that this profile email address is kept up-to-date.

Admissions criteria

Academic entry requirements
Professional social work qualification (or equivalent) and current registration with the HCPC (or UK equivalent). An honours degree (or equivalent qualification demonstrated through experience in the field), and a demonstrated ability to study at postgraduate level.

For information on international equivalent qualifications, please see our International Office website.

English language criteria for non-native English speakers
For applicants whose first language is not English, it is necessary to achieve a minimum score in an approved English language test specified in Profile B of the University's English Language Requirements Policy. You can find information about the University of Bristol's Pre-Sessional English courses at the Centre for English Language and Foundation Studies website.

Reference criteria
Applicants should arrange for referees to provide electronic references, which can be submitted through the online application system. Non-electronic references should be on headed paper, with clear contact details and signed by the person who wrote it. We require two references as part of your application, one of whom must be familiar with the your academic work. We recommend you use academic referees, unless you have employment references which are directly relevant to the to the programme to which you.

Personal statement criteria
All applicants must provide a personal statement to explain why they are applying and how they expect to benefit from the programme. The personal statement should be no more than 700 words (300-500 words for those applying to the credit-only route) and cover the following areas:
• How you have developed skills and knowledge as a reflective practitioner
• How you are capable of studying at the necessary academic level
• That you are aware of the time management demands of this type of programme
• How you have built on the skills acquired via the initial professional qualification
• That you have undertaken continuing professional development via local training programme etc since qualifying

Additional requirements
This part-time programme does not meet UK government requirements for student visas. Internationals holding non-student visas may be eligible for study.
Selection process and offers

Selection process
All applications are considered in accordance with the University’s policy on equality and diversity. The University of Bristol upholds the principles of equality and diversity, respect and dignity. Candidates are not discriminated against on the grounds of race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, sexuality, religion or belief, disability, health or age.

The selection process is based on the information included in the application.

Decisions
Applicants will be notified by email when a decision has been made and decision letters will be available to view and print by logging into their application.

If there is a deadline by which applicants must accept their offer of admission, this will be stated in the offer letter.

Deferrals
Deferrals are not permitted for this programme.

Deposits
A deposit is not required for this programme.

ATAS
An ATAS certificate is not required.