



A Postgraduate Certificate: **Contemporary Perspectives in Intellectual Disability, Mental Disorder and Forensic Practice**

Workers who would benefit most from this qualification

This qualification is aimed a range of professionals, including nurses, social workers and associated health practitioners, members of the Criminal Justice System working with vulnerable adults, such as the police, prison and probation officers. It is also open to those with an interest in enhancing their knowledge and skills in this area and come into contact with this population.

How will you learn?

A blended learning approach with learning contracts and online learning resources. The programme will run across the academic year and you will get the opportunity to learn with similar minded professionals from a wide range of associated settings. Attendance at one mandatory study day at the beginning and end of the programme is required.

What will you learn?

Three core stand alone modules taken on their own or contributing towards the certificate.

1. **Contemporary definitions and principles of practice** - Current interpretations of intellectual disability and associated mental health issues will be considered. Opportunities to examine different frameworks and service responses in working with this population.

2. **Law and Ethics in Intellectual Disability** - A current awareness of the changing legislation relating to people with intellectual disabilities. The legal system will be covered encompassing the unique ethical issues relating to this population.
3. **Forensic and Mental Health Work** – Drawing on student's own experience and interest, specific approaches to working with this vulnerable population will be analysed, covering the main psychiatric disorders affecting this population.

Why should you study with us?

The Faculty of Health and Life Sciences is able to offer expert teaching staff in the areas of intellectual disability, mental health, criminology and forensic investigative science. The Faculty has a track record of delivering excellent E Learning. We have extensive links with practice partners and key experts who have helped develop the learning resources.

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