

Faculty of Health, Life Sciences & Social Science

Postgraduate Education in Intellectual Disabilities

Napier University is one of the leaders in the development and delivery of education for health, social care and independent sector practitioners. A series of on-line 20-credit Master's level options have been developed for busy practitioners in health, social care, the independent sector and carers with a drive and commitment to their own development and a desire to improve the lives of people with intellectual disabilities.

The programme that has been developed is flexible with a number of step-on and step-off points that enable practitioners and carers to pace their study according to their individual needs and commitments. Practitioners and carers can opt to study single modules and then progress onto achieve a named postgraduate award in intellectual disability practice. An innovative suite of modules has been developed and includes: -

- *Contemporary issues in intellectual disability practice*
- *Person Centred Management*
- *Improving access to healthcare for people with intellectual disabilities*
- *Improving health and wellbeing with people with intellectual disabilities*
- *Assessing capacity for treatment for healthcare practitioners*
- *Politics, policy and practice in intellectual disabilities*
- *On-line learning portfolio*
- *Research for practice*
- *Practicing in a consultancy role*
- *Health promotion*

Postgraduate degree options at Napier University

Practitioners have the opportunity to study for a Postgraduate Certificate in Intellectual Disability Practice upon completion of three 20-credit modules. This can be followed by study for a Postgraduate Diploma in Intellectual Disability Practice, which comprises a further three 20-credit modules. The MSc in Intellectual Disability Practice comprises a further period of study that involves a supervised research-focussed project or an extended academic literature review relevant to intellectual disability practice.

Customised postgraduate degree options at Napier University

Napier University also offers an innovative customised postgraduate degree route which enables practitioners to design an individual programme that can build on previous study and interests. Practitioners opting for a customised postgraduate degree may be able to use previous Master's level study towards an award. With the help of an academic advisor, practitioners can create a customised programme of postgraduate study.

Finding out more about postgraduate and other education opportunities at Napier University is easy. Please contact Elaine Kwiatek, Senior Lecturer on 0131 455 5364 e.kwiatek@napier.ac.uk.