

Job Description

Job Title:	Lecturer (Practice) in Social Work
Job Ref:	HE370
Campus:	Hendon (with remote working)
Grade:	Grade 7
Salary:	£37,530 - £43,111 (Inclusive of London Weighting)
Period:	2-year fixed term (in the first instance)
Reporting To:	Director of Programmes Social Work Partnerships and Workforce Development
Accountable To:	Head of Department

Role Summary

The role will be held by an experienced social work practitioner and developing academic who combines professional practice activities with learning and teaching, primarily for our Think Ahead PGDip/MA 2-year course specialising in Mental Health Social Work. The Lecturer will work within the Social Work academic team.

Job Purpose

The post holder will deliver learning and teaching within a social work practice context and engage in research and knowledge transfer to the benefit of students, the School, the University and the wider community. Duties will include teaching on the six-week summer institute at Hendon Campus and delivering blended learning, including tutoring and support for students whilst they are on placements across England.

Main responsibilities

Learning and teaching

- Deliver high quality teaching to students
- Design, develop and review teaching activities and materials
- Identify best and innovative practices in professional social work education, learning and teaching and build them into personal teaching practice
- Maintain an understanding of professional practice in social work to inform social work teaching practice
- Contribute to course/programme review and design
- Give effective advice, guidance and feedback to students, to support their academic progress
- Enhance student experience and outcomes

Practice and knowledge transfer

- Investigate and reflect on professional standards and practices and contribute to the presentation and/or publication of findings
- Engage in professional practice activities, such as the provision of advice and/or training to professional groups
- Develop and maintain a network of professional contacts in the sector and the wider social work community
- Engage with and maintain personal social work practice knowledge and disseminate across Team, Department, Faculty, School and University
- Assist colleagues in ensuring that research has impact beyond academia
- Continually update own knowledge in the field of specialism related to the social work discipline
- Supervise Masters students and contribute to doctoral supervision

Academic Leadership and Management

- Lead learning and teaching activities in a particular area as agreed, e.g. module leadership
- Contribute to the administration of the academic programme, by supporting student recruitment, induction etc.
- Advise and coach colleagues
- Undertake other activities, as required

Hours: The duties and responsibilities of a Lecturer are wide-ranging. You will be expected to work hours as are reasonably necessary in order to fulfill your duties and responsibilities; the post holder will be assigned to cover at least one of five placement units which are located across England

Leave: 35 days per annum plus eight Bank Holidays and seven University days taken at Christmas (pro rata for part-time staff) which may need to be taken as time off in lieu.

Flexibility: Please note that given the need for flexibility in order to meet the changing requirements of the University, the duties and location of this post and the role of the post-holder may be changed after consultation. The balance of duties may vary over time and will be reviewed as part of the appraisal process.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

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NOTE: An enhanced DBS check will be required for this post.

Essential Requirements

Knowledge, Skills and Experience

- Professional social work qualification and current registration with HCPC
- Appropriate academic qualifications at postgraduate level (normally a Masters or Doctorate or equivalent)
- Experience of teaching and supervising social work students
- Ability to deliver high quality teaching and facilitation of learning within a HEI environment and practice settings, with due regard to working with vulnerable adults, including mental health and with children and families
- Ability to be able to teach and supervise students at undergraduate and masters level
- Commitment to attracting project funding
- Evidence of practice performance and practice-related outputs
- A strong understanding of the current qualification and CPD framework for social work education
- Track record of innovation in teaching and learning, reflected in design, delivery and promotion of good professional practice
- Ability to engage students and staff, and to motivate them to perform at their best
- Track record of high-quality partnership networking and development
- The necessary technical ICT Skills for teaching (i.e. information and communication technology literacy)
- Knowledge in the area of media pedagogy for the design of eLearning (e-learning competencies)
- Commitment to completing formal training in academic practice
- Direct and relevant practice experience within the UK context in working within Adults and/or Children and Families statutory settings; and across a range of practice settings including mental health

Desirable

- Experience of working within a HEI environment
- Knowledge, skills and experience of delivering social work interventions in a mental health context e.g. motivational interviewing, systemic approaches and strengths-based methods.
- Qualified as a Best Interests Assessor and/or Approved Mental Health Practitioner PGCertHE
- PhD/DProf

No Parking at Hendon campus: There are no parking facilities for new staff joining our Hendon campus, except for Blue Badge holders. If you are applying for a post at our Hendon Campus please ensure you can commute without using a car.

Information on public transport to Hendon can be found here:

http://www.mdx.ac.uk/campus/campuses/docs/Hendon_campus_map.pdf

We offer an interest-free season ticket loan, interest-free motorbike loan, and bicycle and motorbike parking and changing facilities.

Flexible working applications (including part-time working) will be considered.

The post holder should actively follow Middlesex University policies and procedures and maintain an awareness and observation of Fire and Health & Safety Regulations.

Closing date for receipt of applications: see job advertisement

Interview date: see job advertisement

What Happens Next ?

If you wish to discuss the job in further detail please contact either Dr. Lucille Allain Director of Programmes on L.M.Allain@mdx.ac.uk or Edd Carter, Programme Leader (Think Ahead) e.carter@mdx.ac.uk . If selected for interview, you will hear directly from someone in the School/Service/Campus, usually within 3 weeks of the closing date. If you do not hear from us you may assume that your application was unsuccessful.

Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education programme

Staff who do not hold a teaching qualification in Higher Education may be required to undertake a PGCHE on appointment.

POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Set out below are the conditions which apply to newly appointed academic staff in relation to the PG Cert Higher Education programme:

- all staff with a contract of more than two years duration and not less than 0.5 FTE are expected to complete the programme unless exempted at the time of appointment;
- other fractional staff and part-time hourly-paid staff may enroll on the programme subject to the normal University conditions concerning payment of tuition fees;
- exemption shall be granted to suitably qualified and experienced staff: *i.e.* 3 years full-time or equivalent or PG Cert HE or equivalent;
- normally staff should be expected to complete the PG Cert HE programme successfully within 24 months of enrolling;
- normally there will be an upper limit of four years to complete the programme successfully. If problems are identified at 30 months every effort will be made to resolve them at a staff development level;
- failure to complete the programme within four years may result in delayed grade progression within the University from Lecturer to Senior Lecturer and is likely to be considered negatively when candidates in such a position apply for promotion;
- staff must be given adequate time to complete the programme within an agreed time framework (*i.e.* normally within 24 months);
- staff will normally be given a time allocation of 0.1 FTE in order to participate in the programme;
- staff who do not complete the programme successfully within 48 months of enrolment without good cause shall not receive a further increment until they do successfully complete the programme;
- where exceptional circumstances apply staff should have the right to appeal to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor against a decision to withhold increments pending successful completion of the programme within four years.

The following qualifications will be considered for exemption of new teaching staff from undertaking the PGCHE:

Either

- Qualified teacher status: e.g. Registered teaching qualification recognised by SEDA, Bed, PG Cert E or further education qualification;
- DFEE registered teaching number (school based number);
- Recognised ENB (NURSING) teaching qualification.

Or

- Three years full time teaching experience (subject to review following guidelines from ITLHE).

Not Accepted

General Adult Education cert. not accepted at present as it does not consider theories of learning, knowledge, needs, skills, and principles of learning.

NB Regardless of exemption, all new lecturers to the University MUST go through academic induction.

Academic Professional Apprenticeships

Newly appointed academic professionals, including Associate Lecturers, engaged in higher education teaching and/or research have for some years been required to undertake the PG Cert HE programme unless they hold an equivalent qualification or relevant experience. This is because Middlesex University is committed to the professionalisation of teaching in higher education through recognition and the celebration of good practice in learning and teaching. The PG Cert HE carries academic credit, not only for articulating and demonstrating the scholarship of teaching and learning but, of equal importance, for evidence from practice which convincingly underpins espoused theory.

From September 2018, subject to eligibility criteria, Academics without a teaching qualification are now required to undertake the Academic Professional Apprenticeship or the PG Cert HE as appropriate. Key points *(please refer to the Academic Professional apprenticeship Guidelines for more detailed information)* <https://www.intra.mdx.ac.uk/key-information/academic-professional-apprenticeship>

- Employees will follow a Teaching or Research route dependent on the focus of their main post'
- The Academic Professional Apprenticeship is expected to be completed over 18 to 24 months.
- Employees working less than 0.8 FTE will have the duration of the Apprenticeship extended.
- 20% of the contractual time is set aside for off the job Training (7 hours a week).
- Applicants will be auto-registered on the Apprenticeship in October or January following their employment.

- The Apprenticeship is managed by the School of Health and Education
- Applicants have 2 years to successfully complete the programme.

Guidance Table

Considerations	Answer
Does applicant already have a teaching Qualification?	If yes, no further action is required. If applicant does not already have a teaching qualification and is a UK or EEA national (who has been in the UK for at least 3 years) they will be auto registered onto the Academic Professional Apprenticeship.
Is applicant a UK or EEA national (who has been in the UK for at least 3 years) ?	If Applicant does not meet the requirements (<i>i.e although they have the right to work but have not been in the UK for 3 years</i>), they will be required to undertake the PG Cert HE as they will not be eligible to be an apprentice.
When are applicants expected to start the programme?	If Applicant commences employment before September, they will commence the programme in September. Applicants who commence employment after September but before January, will commence in January.
Are applicants able to request a deferral?	Any permission for deferral will be given by the Dean.