

Social Work Programmes entry to Year 1

Introduction

This code of Professional Behaviour identifies those forms of conduct which can be reasonably expected from a social work student. While it does not constitute a legal contract, by signing it the student is providing evidence of his/her commitment to a code of behaviour which is seen as essential for successful practice in social work.

- a) In addition to the requirements of this Code of Behaviour detailed below, social work students are also expected to be familiar with and act in such a manner that is compatible with:
Social Work England Professional Standards (SWE, 2019/20)
- b) Code of Behaviour Policy for Students (incorporating the Student Disciplinary Regulations and Procedures) (University of Greenwich 2007)
- c) BASW Code of Ethics (BASW, 2014)

Social Work students are expected to always behave in a manner that justifies public trust and confidence and upholds and enhances the good reputation of the social work profession and the University of Greenwich.

This Code of Professional Behaviour has been written as a set of general principles to complement the publications listed above and is applicable to behaviour both on and off the University campus.

Code of Professional Behavior

1. I will act in such a manner that is compatible with the Social Work England Professional Standards (SWE, 2019/20) and Code of Behaviour Policy for Students (University of Greenwich 2007).
2. I will show respect for others, including peers, all staff of the University and in placement areas, and service users, carers and their relatives. I will be mindful of my professional role in all contact with others and will not engage in any form of physical coercion or verbal abuse.
3. I will not engage in deception by, for example, falsifying qualifications, medical and/or criminal declarations, by falsifying placement records or practice assessment documents or by any form of cheating or plagiarism in assignments or examinations.

4. I will attend all timetabled sessions and placements punctually and will follow the published procedures for notifying absences at both the University and practice placement. I will endeavour to meet expectations about times of arrival and departure.
5. I will work collaboratively and constructively as part of a team alongside fellow students, teaching staff, support staff and all staff in the placement area. In teaching sessions and in practice I will endeavour to engage positively in learning activities.
6. I will take responsibility for my own progress. For example, if I am unable to work or study satisfactorily due to ill health, I will seek support as appropriate.
7. I will notify the University of any changes of circumstances, including changes of name or address
8. I understand that in the event of my conduct being deemed to be unprofessional whilst registered as a student of social work at the University of Greenwich, the following steps may be taken:
 - a) Temporary suspension
 - b) Temporary suspension from the programme
 - c) Referral to the University Fitness to Practice panel which may result in termination of my programme of study.

Declaration of Good Character Commencement

Students are unable to attend practice placement without completing a self-declaration at the beginning of each year. Failure to do so will result in your placement being withdrawn and absence occurred. You may be required to make up this absence at the end of the programme without a bursary.

I declare that:

- i) I believe that my health and character are sufficiently good to enable me to continue on the BA Social Work Programme.
- ii) I confirm I have complied with the programme requirements to have a University of Greenwich DBS in place at the start of the programme.
- iii) I confirm that since the issue of the university DBS I have not been convicted of any criminal conviction, reprimands, on the spot fines, including been cautioned (verbally or in writing) or been bound under investigation that may have been recorded by the police. I am aware that it is my responsibility to ensure that I disclose all necessary and required information.
- iv) I confirm that I have not developed a health condition or disability since interviewing for the programme that may affect my ability to practise safely and effectively.

v) I can confirm that I have not previously been struck off of the register of a professional body for social work, nursing or an allied caring profession