

# Social Pedagogy



## WHY LEARN ABOUT SOCIAL PEDAGOGY?

Social pedagogy connects care and education through relationship-centred practice. Its central idea is that each person has inherent potential, is valuable, resourceful and can make a meaningful contribution to their wider community if we find ways of including them. The objective in social pedagogical practice is to create the conditions in which people can thrive and unfold their unique potential. As a social pedagogy practitioner you are able to form warm and authentic professional relationships that make a genuine difference to the lives of the people you work with and address social inequality through educational means.

## QUALIFICATION OVERVIEW

Jacaranda and ThemPra have recently developed the Crossfields Institute Level 3 Diploma in Social Pedagogy for people working in care and education across the age range. The 47-credit qualification is regulated by Ofqual and divided into 7 units:

- ★ Key theories and principles in social pedagogy

- ★ Learning perspectives on human development
- ★ Communication and understanding lifeworlds
- ★ Building meaningful relationships
- ★ Creativity in working with individuals, groups, and communities
- ★ Safer practice from a social pedagogical perspective
- ★ Observation and reflective practice within a social pedagogical culture

The qualification consists of our 8-day, face-to-face course, which draws on experiential, active and reflective learning methods to:

- ★ Develop practice by integrating social pedagogical theories and principles
- ★ Practice with greater confidence, intention and creativity
- ★ Enhance important interpersonal skills such as communication, relational and reflective skills

You will have access to our virtual learning environment and be supported in your learning and assessment. Assessment is via a variety of tasks, including some written and reflective work, presentation, and a creative scrapbook.

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*“Having spent nearly 4 years embedding social pedagogy into a local authority through the fostering service, with foster carers and looked after children, I can see the considerable benefits that social pedagogic learning has had in stabilising looked after children’s lives in foster care.”*

*Alison Benjamin, Service Manager, Fostering Surrey County Council*

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## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Social pedagogy is highly relevant for inter-professional practice in educational and care settings across the life course. Successful graduates of the qualification meet the new SPPA Standards of Proficiency in social pedagogy and may carry the title *Social Pedagogy Practitioner*. The qualification offers progression to further study and development, including our SPPA endorsed Level 5 Diploma in Social Pedagogy. We envisage that this will be available from January 2018.

## WHO IS IT FOR?

This new qualification provides an excellent development opportunity for people working in care and education across the age range.

Settings include:

- ★ Residential and foster care
- ★ Services for care leavers
- ★ Adoption support
- ★ Early childhood education and care
- ★ Education services, including schools, virtual schools, residential schools, Pupil Referral Units
- ★ Youth justice
- ★ Early Help and family support
- ★ Field social work
- ★ Independent reviewing
- ★ Youth and community services
- ★ Advocacy and participation services
- ★ Person-centred care
- ★ Mental health support
- ★ Day care and supported living for adults
- ★ Arts-based support projects

## WHO DELIVERS THE DIPLOMA?

**Jacaranda** and **ThemPra**, UK pioneers in social pedagogy learning and development, are approved to deliver the Diploma. This is built on our longstanding experience in facilitating unique social pedagogy courses.

## WHEN AND WHERE DOES IT START?

We are now accepting applications for open courses in Preston and London from October 2017. Courses can also be commissioned by single organisations and regional clusters of organisations. We are very happy to discuss your needs, timing and location with you. We may be able to connect you with another course running locally to you.

## RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

If you have previously participated in a social pedagogy course, we may be able to recognise your prior learning. Please contact us for further details so that we can discuss what level of support you will require to refresh or deepen your learning and undertake the qualification.

## COST

The fee for the Full Qualification is £2,400 (+VAT) per learner.

If you have completed a social pedagogy course of six or more days with Jacaranda or ThemPra, the fee is £1,100 (no VAT) per learner for 2 days of top-up learning and development, access to our Virtual Learning Environment and assessment (limited to first 50 learners).

For further information please visit [www.sppa-uk/qualifications](http://www.sppa-uk/qualifications) or contact:  
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