



Postgraduate Certificate in Continuing Professional Development for Social Work
School of Political Science and Sociology, NUI Galway
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The discipline of Social Work at the School of Political Science and Sociology is delighted to announce a new **Postgraduate Certificate in Continuing Professional Development for Social Work** for qualified social workers at various stages of a social work career.

The Certificate will begin in May 2017 and a follow on Diploma in **Continuing Professional Development for Social Work** is planned to commence in 2018. Completion of the Certificate is a requirement for progression to the Diploma.

A variety of modules will be offered on a stand-alone basis and credits from these modules can contribute to the award of a Postgraduate Certificate (30 ECTS) or Diploma (60 ECTS). **This means that Candidates must register for the certificate and can pay in full (1,500) or pay as they take each module (500).** It is intended that the suite of modules available will increase over the coming years to vary the options on offer including possible modules delivered in partnership with other departments in the university or with partnerships with agencies. **All Classes are on Thursdays and Fridays at the Institute for Life Course and Society (ILAS) NUI Galway, Room G008.**

Potential Candidates are invited to apply **NOW** for registration on the Certificate. Candidates can sign up for all three modules or decide to take one module at a time. Each module is worth 10 ECT's.

Entry Requirements: Applicants must have a CORU accredited professional social work qualification (level 8 or level 9) or equivalent.

Candidates can must successfully complete the postgraduate certificate to be eligible to apply for the postgraduate diploma.

Candidates must normally complete a Certificate in no more than 3 years and a Diploma in no more than 5 years.

Candidate must pay a fee of **500 Euro** per module.

Modules on Offer for Certificate in CPD for Social Work

CORE + TWO OPTIONS = PG Certificate in CPD for Social Work

An additional CORE + TWO OPTIONS from subsequent years will result in a PG Diploma in CPD for Social Work.

Core: Critical and Reflective Practice (Pre-requisite: Two options must be completed alongside or before this module is taken)

OPTIONS (Further options will be provided as the programme develops. Options not chosen at Cert level can be taken at Diploma level):

- Contemporary Research in Global Child protection
- Management for Social Work
- Child to Parent Violence: current Research & Policy

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Submit a **Completed Application Form, 2 page CV** and a **copy of your Social Work Qualification** to dee.quinn@nuigalway.ie by **April 21st 2017**.

Application Forms are available at <http://www.nuigalway.ie/colleges-and-schools/arts-social-sciences-and-celtic-studies/political-science-and-sociology/postgraduate-programmes/pgcertdip-cpd-social-work/>

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	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3	CORE 1
NAME	Contemporary Research in Global Child Protection Prof. Caroline McGregor	Non Violent Resistance Practice Dr. Declan Coogan	Management for Social Work Marguerita McGovern & Caroline McGregor	Critical Reflective Practice Prof.Caroline McGregor
DESCRIPTION	This module provides input on the most recent and significant research relating to child welfare and protection. It will cover research from regional, national and international perspectives. It will give students insight into some of the current major trends in child protection and will identify gaps in research for the future	Child to parent violence/abuse is a form of family violence that involved males/ females under the age of 18 who use violent/ abusive/ controlling behaviour towards parents/carers. This problem challenges parents, children, practitioners and wider society. The Non Violence Resistance (NVR) Programme responds to the needs of parents & practitioners in a wide range of settings for a non-blaming, structured & evidence-influenced response to this problem in family relationships.	This module provides an overview of theories and perspectives relating to management and leadership. The emphasis is on development skills for management within Social Work.	This module is a core module for the Certificate. It is a self-directed learning model aimed at assisting the student to develop their CPD reflective practice portfolio. The subject matter is based on the two optional modules completed alongside the candidates practice experience.
MODULE Learning Outcomes	<p>Show knowledge of the range of the most up to date research relating to child protection</p> <p>Understand the role research plays in influencing and shaping child protection policy and practice</p> <p>Examine critically the relationship between research, policy and practice</p> <p>Compare child protection in Ireland with other systems</p>	<p>Demonstrate increased confidence and skill in assessing and responding effectively to child to parent violence and abuse</p> <p>Understand the key concepts and skills of the Non Violent Resistance Programme</p> <p>Relate these concepts and skills to their own or to other areas of social work practice.</p> <p>Demonstrate an ability to critique and reflect on research and practice concerning aggressive, violent and controlling behaviour within families.</p>	<p>Provide an overview of the relevant theories of management and leadership for social work</p> <p>Specifically identify two approaches that can be applied within an social service context</p> <p>Demonstrate increased skills in management and leadership practice</p> <p>Demonstrate increased knowledge about research</p>	<p>Develop and maintain their reflective practice CPD Portfolio</p> <p>Apply theory to practice in a critical and analytical way</p> <p>Demonstrate their ability to apply theory and research to own practice experience</p> <p>critically analyse their work and plan for future development</p>

	Apply research to a specific practice /policy context.	Consider the applicability of this model other practices areas and identify the challenges and the potential for resolution of these challenges in applying to practice NVR principles.	ability to apply knowledge and skills to a specific practice context Demonstrate the ability to apply at least one theory of management and leadership to practice using a specific critical framework.	
Module Schedule	Total Taught Hours - 40 Total Independent Study Hours: 40	Total Taught Hours – 40 Total Independent Study Hours: 40	Total Taught Hours - 40 Total Independent Study Hours: 40	Total Taught Hours
Provisional Dates (may be subject to some adjustment) All classes are 10-4	Feb 2018 March 2018 March 2018 Online-Teaching (Flexible time) – 10 hours	November 17 2017 November 23-24 November 30- Dec 1 Online-Teaching (flexible time) – 10 hours	May 4- 5 2017 May 11-12 2017 May 18-19 2017 May 25-26 2017	Running on on-going basis. Contact Programme Director for further information. Online-Teaching (flexible time) – 16 hours
Indicative Content	1. Child Protection Research in Ireland 2. Global Child Protection Research 3. Use of Research in Child Protection Practice	1. Definitions, research about & experiences of cpva, & key concepts of nvr. 2. Working with motivation and resistance Nvr in practice	1. Theory relating to management and Leadership 2. Application of Theory to Practice	1 Critical Reflection and Social Work 2 Writing Workshops 3. The project: Portfolio writing
Assessment	Continuous Assessment (Presentation Outline and policy Brief)	Continuous Assessment (Presentation /written assignment)	Continuous Assessment (Written Assignment)	Continuous Assessment (Portfolio)
Pre-requisites	None	None	None	Must be Registered on or have completed Two optional module