

COURSE: Postgraduate Programme in Children Welfare and Applied Childhood Studies

Date: Teaching begins 3 October 2006
Location: Swansea, Wales, UK

The Master of Arts in Child Welfare and Applied Childhood Studies (MACWACS) is a one-year full-time or two-year part-time degree delivered by the Department of Applied Social Sciences at the University of Wales Swansea. It is a well established (since 1997) diverse programme which in recent years has strongly attracted international students from both Europe (Portugal, Greece, Finland, Italy), and further (India, China, Taiwan, Zimbabwe, Saudi Arabia). It has a strong multidisciplinary approach and has drawn students from health workers, social workers and educationalists. Students are frequently professionals in practice with children and families, but also those who are at the beginning of a career in either research or practice with children (for example recent graduates).

The programme is delivered one day a week throughout an academic year (October – May). Students take six modules from eight on offer, three of which are compulsory. The compulsory modules are *Children and Childhood in the Social Sciences*, *Child Welfare*, and *Understanding and Doing Research*. Optional taught modules include *Sexual Exploitation of Children*, *Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood Studies*, *Child Study and Child Development*, *Children's Rights*, and *Therapeutic Work with Children*. In addition there are two practice-based modules for current practitioners, *Children's Service Development and Social Change* and *Advanced Practice with Children*.

All modules are assessed through submission of written essays; there are no exams. Students are required to be proficient in English (IELTS 6.5 or better, or the equivalent). Upon completion of all the taught modules, students submit a 20,000 word dissertation. All students are allocated personal tutors from amongst the programme staff who are experienced practitioners and researchers in child welfare.

There are opportunities for students to gain experience of working with children and families in the local community (either in a volunteer capacity or as an employee), where permitted by UK entry regulations.

Deadline for applications: **8 September 2006**

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Applications can be made online: <http://www.swansea.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply/>