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Job Description

Job Title:	Senior Lecturer in Social Work
Grade:	6
Job Family:	Teaching, Research and Scholarship
Work Base:	Peterborough (with travel to other sites and/or and overseas as required)
Hours of Work:	Full-time (37 hours per week) or part-time
Responsible to:	Assistant Principal
Responsible for:	No direct line management responsibility
Relationships and Contacts:	Students, Colleagues, Professional and external bodies
Job Purpose:	To undertake teaching, research and other academic activities within our Faculty

SCHOOL BACKGROUND DETAILS

Social Work is a well-established part of the ARU Peterborough portfolio, with Social Work England accredited undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. Strong partnerships with local authorities, employers, people with lived experience, and community stakeholders provide students with rich learning opportunities, high-quality placements, and valuable professional networks. These experiences enhance employability, ensuring graduates develop the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to succeed in a wide range of social work careers and make a positive impact in their communities.

Principal Accountabilities

Contribute to teaching and related activities across a range of undergraduate, apprentices, postgraduate and CPD courses, drawing on own area(s) of expertise.

Design and develop engaging teaching material across a range of modules and courses in the subject(s) at both undergraduate and postgraduate/professional levels.

Act as Course Director, leading the course teaching team, supporting students, administrating the course and representing the course at assessment panels, student-staff liaison meetings, employer advisory group meetings and with PSRB engagement, being responsible for the course quality processes and action plans.

Act as a module leader for modules, leading the module team and co-ordinating activities, resources and assessment.

Act as personal development tutor, providing advice, guidance and support to students.

Lead on the development of opportunities for curriculum enhancing activities relating to professional practice, including

but not limited to: industry visits and placements and development of degree apprenticeships.

Take a proactive role in recruitment activities such as open days and outreach activities in schools, colleges and the community.

Contribute to planning and implementation of strategic areas such as student recruitment, marketing, quality assurance and student retention.

Work with colleagues to improve and enrich the experience of our students. Contribute to local plans in response to NSS outcomes.

Take a pro-active role in the supervision of undergraduate and postgraduate students and undertake associated duties including preparation, marking and administration.

Contribute to curriculum development by identifying the need for review of current provision and designing and developing course proposals.

Contribute to the accreditation of courses and quality assurance procedures including periodic reviews, approvals and annual monitoring.

Work to achieve our vision and values in respect of widening participation, equality of opportunity, commitment to the health and safety of students and colleagues and the delivery of high-quality education provision.

Contribute to external income generation, including research, consultancy, and networking, and the identification and development of new market opportunities for ARU Peterborough.

Comply with Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR requirements in all working practices maintaining confidentiality, integrity, availability, accuracy, currency and security of information as appropriate. Take personal responsibility for all personal data within own working environment.

Comply with Equity diversity and Inclusion, Safeguarding, Health & Safety and sustainability responsibilities as detailed in our policies and procedures.

Such other duties temporarily or on a continuing basis, as may reasonably be required, commensurate with your grade.

This is a description of the job as it is presently constituted. It is normal practice to review periodically job descriptions to ensure that they are relevant to the job currently being performed, and to incorporate any changes which have occurred or are being proposed. The review process is carried out jointly by manager and employee and you are therefore expected to participate fully in such discussions. In all cases, it is our aim to reach agreement to reasonable changes, but where it is not possible to reach agreement, we reserve the right to make reasonable changes to your job description which are commensurate with your grade after consultation with you.

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Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable
Academic/ Professional Qualifications	Degree or relevant professional qualification Higher degree or relevant professional qualification in subject discipline at post-graduate level Registered Social Worker with SWE	Fellow/Senior Fellow of the Higher Education (HE) Academy PhD or Professional Doctorate (or nearing completion PG Certificate in Learning and Teaching (HE) (PG Cert) or equivalent
Experience	Relevant and extensive professional and/or academic experience Course and curriculum design and development Demonstration of leadership in academia and/or professional practice Extensive teaching experience at FE or HE level	Excellent external networks/links Placement support Development of work-based learning and/or degree apprenticeships
Knowledge/ Skills	Excellent written and oral communication skills Willingness to maintain currency in field through CPD IT literate with a sound knowledge of Microsoft Office Ability to think innovatively Ability to meet deadlines, sometimes under pressure	Ability to build external networks and links with practice Knowledge of work-based learning and/or degree apprenticeships

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Personal Attributes	Ability to work co-operatively and as part of a team Good interpersonal and negotiating skills Growth mindset Commitment to our values Willingness to engage with industry Enthusiastic and flexible approach Student focussed Willingness to contribute to the collective life of ARU Peterborough	Knowledge of Peterborough and the surrounding region
Other	Understanding of the external environment in which we operate Commitment to own continuous personal and professional development. Willing and able to travel, as required including overseas Committed to our University's values Compliance to our equity diversity and inclusion, safeguarding, Health and Safety, and sustainability policies and procedures. Compliance to Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR principles/ requirements	Knowledge of Peterborough and the surrounding region