

MA Social Work Interview Guide

How to prepare for your MA Social Work interview

Social work is a professional qualification and a registered title and therefore the selection process is important as applicants need to demonstrate key skills in interpersonal and written communication and a beginning understanding of the varied role of the social worker. If you are thinking about doing social work, it is very important that you research the challenges and demands of the profession.

Beforehand:

- Research the course and the University by looking at the website and, if possible, attend an open day
- Update yourself on current themes and issues in social work, and wider social issues by reading various sources of information. Good websites to research include: the 'what is social work' section of the BASW website, Social Care Institute for Excellence, and Community Care online
- Review relevant legislation and policy frameworks such as Working Together to Safeguard Children - GOV.UK; and Care and support statutory guidance - GOV.UK Get as much practical experience and information as you can
- Try and engage with a social worker - it will give you an insight into the realities of the sector, and information to discuss at interview.

In addition, under the current situations, applicants who have been successful in their interview will be recalled at a later date to complete their written exercise. This is in contrast to the usual process where applicants perform both parts of the selection process on the same day, but due to the unusual circumstances, we have had to adapt our process.

If you have any disability support needs for the interview, please contact the Admissions Team within 48 hours of receipt of this email to give time for support arrangements or reasonable adjustments to be put in place.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Admissions team on SSSHLAdmissions@tees.ac.uk