

BSc/BSc (Hons) Degree in Rehabilitation Work (Visual Impairment)



Faculty of Health



COURSE FACTS

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Duration	Two years (part time)
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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

One of the following:

- Foundation Degree - Rehabilitation Work (Visual Impairment).
- Dip HE - Rehabilitation Studies (Visual Impairment).
- Foundation Degree - Health and Social Care in Rehabilitation Studies (Visual Impairment).
- Rehabilitation Officer Certificate – Certificate plus a portfolio of evidence.
- Mobility Instructor and Technical Officer Certificates – Both certificates plus a portfolio of evidence.

COURSE OVERVIEW

This qualification enables Rehabilitation Workers to progress to degree level, and also provides essential Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for the profession. Students who successfully complete the Foundation Degree in Rehabilitation Work (Visual Impairment) can progress to this top-up degree (designed as part-time study) to obtain a BSc or BSc (Hons) in Rehabilitation Work (Visual Impairment).

The course is aimed at workers who are already qualified as a Rehabilitation Worker (Visual Impairment), or a Rehabilitation Officer in appropriate employment. The course predominately looks at how to improve and reflect on your current practices.

Students will typically study over two years, with a maximum study length of four years. Rehabilitation Workers who wish to attend certain lectures to gather knowledge but do not wish to study for the credits will be welcome to attend for a fee and treat their learning as CPD.

The degree can either be completed to BSc level, which requires 60 credits at level 6, or to BSc (Hons) level, which requires 120 credits at level 6.

COURSE CONTENT/FEATURES

- Advanced O & M incorporating working with children (an optional module of 15 credits). This module will include learning and teaching in relation to Orientation and Mobility, addressing travel needs for people that have complex needs, teaching children and young adults and current adaptive technology.
- Evidence-based Practice (a compulsory module of 30 credits). This module will enable the student to gain knowledge and competence in using evidence-based practice. This is a double module that will examine research methods in relation to rehabilitation practice.
- Techniques and Approaches to Management and Supervision (an optional module of 15 credits). This module includes coaching and motivational strategies. Content will include models of management and links will be strong to rehabilitation practice. Risk and negligence will form part of the module. This will enable the student to gain knowledge and competence in how to assess and minimise risk.
- Person-centred Practice and Psychology (a compulsory module of 30 credits). This core module includes applying psychological and person-centred theories to practice enabling students to develop their knowledge and skills of enabling, empowerment and advocacy.
- Working with People who have Complex Needs and Impairments (a compulsory module of 15 credits). This core module includes examining and evaluating methods of effective communication with people who have additional and complex needs.
- Low Vision Training including eccentric viewing (an optional module of 15 credits). This module will include lighting, contrast sensitivity and application of viewing strategies.

ASSESSMENT

Methods of assessment vary from module to module, but can include written assignments, examinations, technical skills assessments, individual formal presentations and subject-related workbooks/portfolios.

EMPLOYABILITY

With many Local Authorities requiring team managers to be educated to Degree level – many Visual Impairment Teams have recruited Social Workers or Occupational Therapists to the role of manager. Successful completion of this course would allow Rehabilitation Workers to be considered on the same basis.

The BSc (Hons) Degree Rehabilitation Work (Visual Impairment) is the first course in this country to train Rehabilitation Workers to Level 6. This has generated approval from Local Authorities and sight loss organisations. There have been vacancies in countries such as Australia and New Zealand advertised recently as they look to the UK for potential employees.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information please contact The Rehab team:

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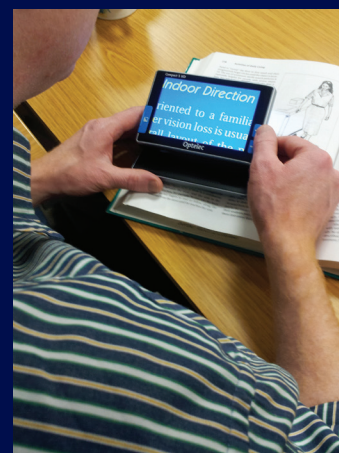
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