

After the course

Students who finish the programme successfully qualify with a postgraduate diploma in social work. They will be able to register as social workers with the HCPC.

“Step Up is both a personal and professional journey, which is incredibly fast-paced and can feel like a rollercoaster at times, so a sense of humour and a thick-skin are a must! The blended learning approach between academic study at university and workplace training will prepare you for the challenges and complexities around working with adults, children and families. If you have energy, drive and determination and want to help make a difference to people’s lives, then this course will change your life.”


Gemma Cohen

Step up to Social Work
Student Social Worker

Please visit the following link for more information and to register your interest in the programme. This will enable you to receive regular information about the timetable for recruitment and selection process

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/step-up-to-social-work-information-for-applicants>

North East Region

The logo for 'step up to social work' features the words 'step' and 'to social work' in a black, typewriter-style font. The word 'up' is written in red and is positioned between 'step' and 'to', with a small red arrow pointing upwards from the 'p' in 'step' to the 'u' in 'up'.

Step up to Social Work is a Department for Education initiative aimed at people who want to take up a career in Child and Family Social Work, including an opportunity to retrain for those wishing to change career.



Step up to Social Work

The Step up to Social Work programme is a unique programme designed in collaboration between Manchester Metropolitan University and the 12 local authorities that make up the North East Region Partnership.

A key aspect of the programme is to make clear links between academic learning and social work practice.

Students on the programme will undertake placements – one of 70 days and the other of 100 days - in one of the local authorities in the partnership. In addition the programme includes a variety of skills training days.

It is an intensive full-time, fully funded, training programme that could see you kick-start your career as a social worker in just 14 months

Where will I study

The degree programme is delivered by Manchester Metropolitan University however lectures are delivered in a central location within the region.

Please follow this link for further information
<https://www2.mmu.ac.uk/social-care-and-social-work/step-up-resources/>

Which authorities are offering placements?

Darlington, Durham, Gateshead, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Newcastle, Northumberland, North Tyneside, Redcar & Cleveland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, Stockton,

What Funding is available

There is a bursary payment of £19,833 (£1,322.20 per month) in total over 15 months to cover living expenses. In addition the partnership meets University tuition fees.

What qualifications do I need

Applicants must have 1 of the following;

a minimum 2:1 level 6 degree qualification

a minimum 2:2 honours degree plus a higher degree (level 7 or above, which can include a master's degree or a Postgraduate Certificate in Education)

Applicants must also have all of the following

GCSEs in English or English language and mathematics at grade C or above (or approved equivalent)

experience of voluntary or paid work with children, young people and families

the right to remain and work in the UK