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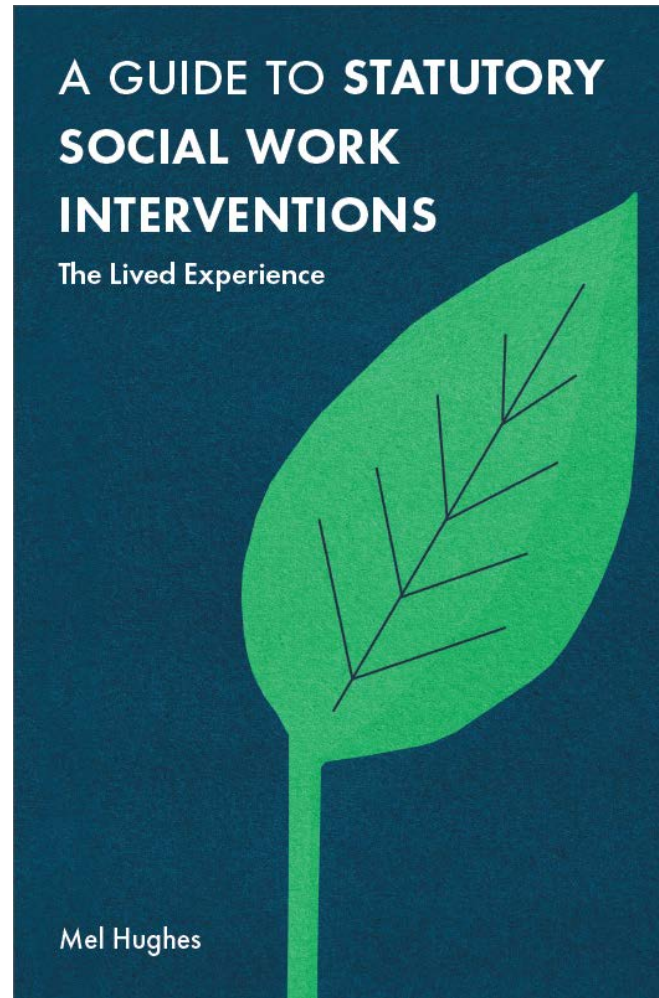
BA (Hons) Social Work

- Practice Learning
- Fusion – academia and practice
- Transition of graduates into practice
- Strategic links for teaching and learning



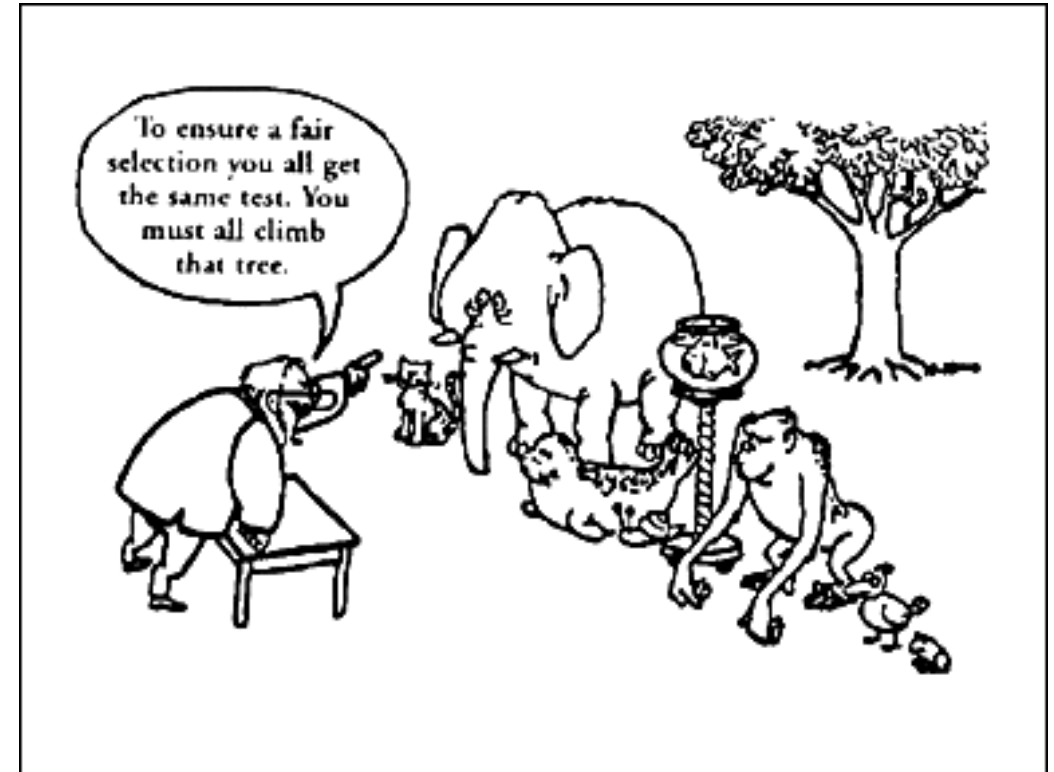
The 1st Teaching Partnership in the Southwest

An example of collaboration



Studying Social Work at BU

- Valuing diversity and anti- oppressive practice - social work values are integral to teaching and learning
- Balance between learning in placement and in the university: 170 days in a practice setting
- Consideration of the evidence that informs practice

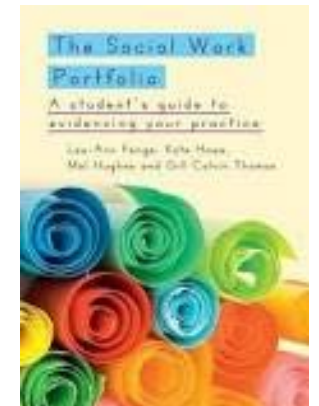
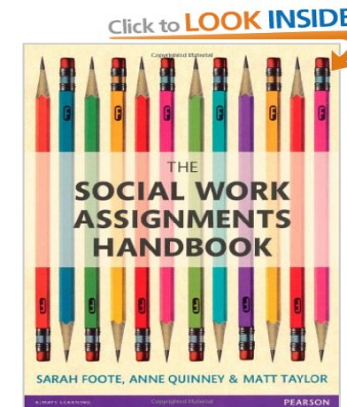
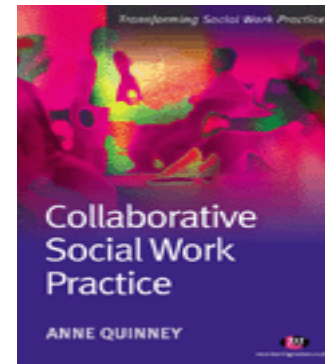
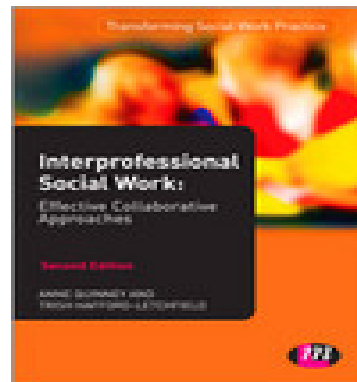
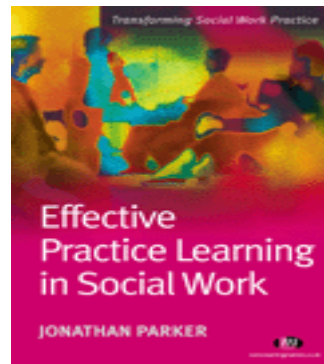
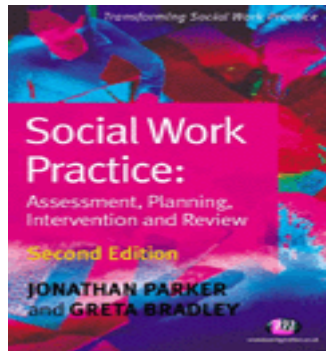
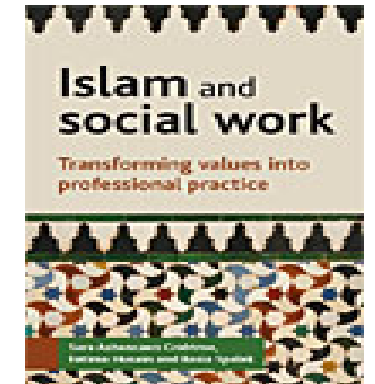
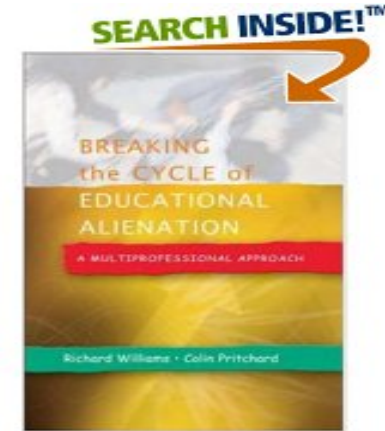
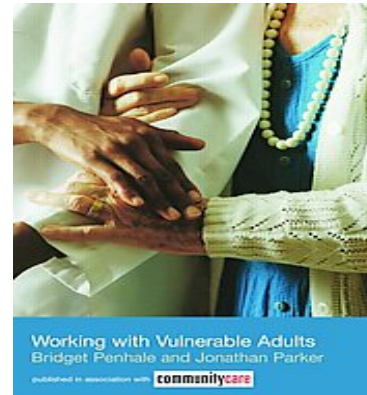
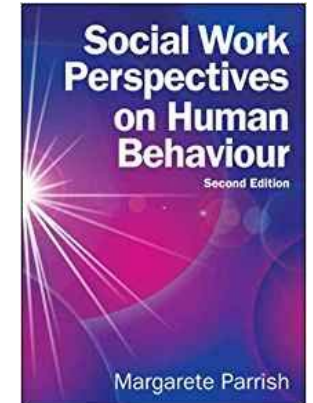
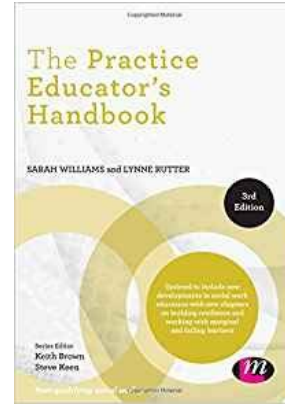


Example of Critical Thinking

- Stop and Think
- Recognise Assumptions
- Evaluate Information
- Draw Conclusions
- Plan of Action

Research-informed teaching and learning

The Social Work Academic Teaching Team are research active and have written a range of social work text books and research articles; both of which keep the curriculum fresh and up to date



BASW Year 1 – units of study

Semester 1

- Social Exclusion and Discrimination
- Psychosocial Perspectives
- Foundations for Professional Practice and Research

Semester 2

- Learning from the Lived Experience
- Readiness for Direct Practice in Social Work
- Law and Social Policy



Year 2 – units of study

Semester 1

- 70 day First Substantive Placement

Semester 2

- Methods and Approaches for Social Work Intervention
- Research for Professional Practice
- Relationship Skills in Social Work
- Social Justice and Social Work



Year 3 – units of study

Semester 1

- Professional Practice with Adults
- Professional Practice with Children and Their Families
- Mental Health and Substance Use
- Critical Literature Review

Semester 2

- 100 day Final Substantive Placement



“The teaching is really interesting and enables me to explore & debate with peers”
“I like the interactivity of the sessions and the guest speakers”

Final year social work students 2018-19



Practice learning

You will experience two contrasting service user groups

You will experience statutory social work tasks involving legal interventions

The university takes responsibility for finding, quality assuring and matching students to placements

“The placement opportunities were amazing and also, because the lecturers have been social workers, you’re getting honest and relevant experience”

Julia Armstrong (social worker in the Drug and Alcohol Statutory Team)

Practice learning

Bear in mind:

- Many final placements are only available to students with their own transport
- Most of our placements are organised through our practice partners in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP), Dorset and Wiltshire



Entry requirements

- Relevant qualifications - English and Numerical skills are essential
- Understanding of social sciences
- Aptitude for Social Work – demonstrated through
 - Life experience
 - Voluntary work experience
 - Paid social care experience

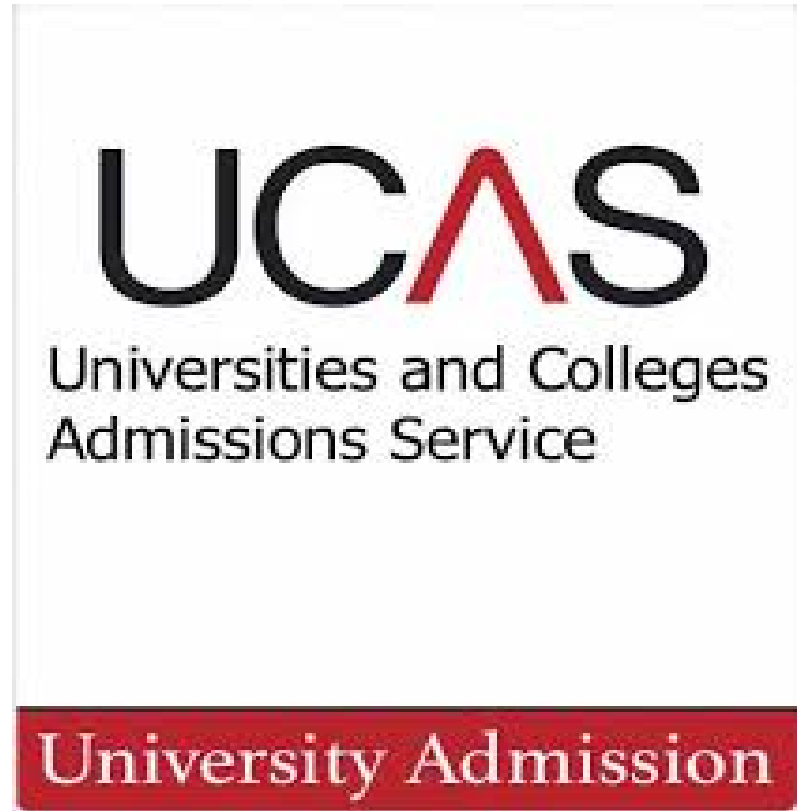
120 UCAS points

Or equivalent
(e.g. 3 Bs at A-level)

**We will look at
health checks &
DBS disclosures**

Application process

1. Complete UCAS form
2. Selections made for interview
3. Invitation sent to candidates to attend for interview



Assessment Day – (online)

- Introduction
- Meeting with current students
- Meeting with current practitioners
- Group exercise
- Individual interview with a lecturer

The Guardian League Table

Ranking for Social Work at Bournemouth University

2021-22 ranked 1st out of 81 universities

2020-21 ranked 1st out of 74 universities

National Student Survey

Social work students for 2020-2021

97% reported overall satisfaction

New home for Faculty of Health & Social Sciences

Bournemouth Gateway Building

Open in January 2021



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