# **Postgraduate Certificate in Dementia Studies** Brand new distance learning course from January 2020

## Do you want significant improvements in the care and support for people affected by dementia? Are you interested in studying at Master's level with one of the world leading research and education centres in dementia care?

Applications are now open for prospective students to enrol on our brand new postgraduate modules.

Code	Module Title and Module Lead	Starting	Credits
MDEM4001	Person-Centred Leadership: the VIPS Approach	January 2020	15
	Professor Dawn Brooker		
MDEM4003	Expert Practice in Delivering Person-Centred Dementia Care	January 2020	30
	- Isabelle Latham	(over 2 semesters)	
MDEM4004	Supporting People Living with Advanced Dementia	September 2020	15
	Mary Bruce		
MDEM4005	Enabling Environments for People Living with Dementia	September 2020	15
	Teresa Atkinson		
MDEM4006	Engagement and Empowerment in Dementia Studies	January 2021	15
	To Be confirmed		
MDEM4007	Dementia in the Family Context	January 2021	15
	Professor Tracey Williamson		

To complete a postgraduate certificate you are required to complete a total of 60 credits from the selection above. Person-Centred Leadership: the VIPS Approach is the mandatory module and this must be completed, although it doesn't have to be the first module completed.

All modules can also be taken standalone and may be eligible for recognition of prior learning at other universities. The course content will reflect the requirements of the Dementia Training Standards Framework and will meet all of the Tier 3 leadership learning outcomes.

Successful completion of the Expert Practice in Delivering Person-Centred Dementia Care module will give you a 30 credit Postgraduate Award in Professional Development. This has been developed from an evidence-based programme 'Focussed Intervention Training and Support (FITS) into Practice' course in care settings for people with dementia, complex needs and distressed behaviour.

### 2019/2020 Fees: (Fees are revised annually)

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•	15 credit module	£ 574
•	30 credit module	£1,148

Postgraduate Certificate (60 credits) £2.297

These fees have been agreed for UK and EU students. If you are interested in this course and live outside the UK and EU, please contact Gina Dutton on g.dutton@worc.ac.uk

Closing date for applications: The closing date for the January 2020 modules is 29 November 2019.

For more information and to apply online please visit: Postgraduate Certificate in Dementia Studies and/or Postgraduate Award in Professional Development or Email: dementia@worc.ac.uk; Tel: 01905 542531.



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#### **Dear Potential Student**

Helping people develop their expertise in supporting people to live well with dementia is our passion at the Association for Dementia Studies. Research tells us that the people, who make the most impact on this, are those in leadership roles. These people work in a wide variety of care and support services that accessed by people affected by dementia. It is people in leadership roles, or who have the potential to lead others, who will get the most out of this course. We have pitched this course at a postgraduate level as the most appropriate level for developing reflective and creative leadership qualities.



#### Is this for you?

This course is fully online, but you won't be studying alone. Practitioners worldwide face similar challenges in delivering great quality dementia care. By sharing the learning and solutions to common challenges together, your horizons will open up.

The course is open to graduates of any discipline. Many candidates will have a clinical or social care qualification, but we also want to attract people from business, the arts, sport and culture backgrounds.

Our watchwords in developing this course have been evidence-based practice and teaching excellence. We are delivering a course that you do at your pace, studying at the time that is convenient to you. You will engage with online lectures, videos, research literature and discussions to facilitate your independent study. There will be regular live interactive learning opportunities via seminars in a virtual classroom, as well as interactive activities and engagement with other students and tutors.

We know that many people are capable of working at this level but they might not already have a degree. If you think this is the course for you, but you don't have a degree then you will need to provide some pre-course writing and evidence during the admission procedure to make sure that you can work at this level. Also, for those people for whom English is a second language we will need to see evidence that you have IELTS 6.5.

You will benefit from courses designed by academics who are leaders in their specialism. The course content is grounded in research that we have been directly engaged with over the past ten years. I am excited to lead the first module on Person-Centred Leadership: The VIPS Approach.

Our vision is that this will develop into a full Master's level course over the next few years with more exciting modules on stream. We want to support you to see your way through complexity, to deliver care and support fit for people living with dementia in the 21st century.

Together we can bring about amazing change.

## Dawn

#### Professor Dawn Brooker PhD CPsychol (clin) AFBPsS

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