

PROSPECTUS

**POSTGRADUATE STUDY IN PROFESSIONAL
PRACTICE**

**THE EDUCATION OF
CARE EXPERIENCED CHILDREN**

2019-2020

**STAND ALONE MODULE
POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE
MASTER'S DEGREE**

Flexible part-time programme for busy professionals interested in the education of care experienced children. Teaching starts in September 2019 and will take place online and at convenient locations in London and Manchester, supported by online tutorials and resources.

Who's it for?

Any professional with a bachelor's degree and who has an interest in the education of children are in care or who have experienced care.

What will I learn?

The courses will give you an overview of research findings on the education of care experienced children and learn about research methodology. You will be able to specialise in areas of particular interest to you.

How will I be taught?

- Face-to-face group sessions
- Webinars
- Distance one to one tutorial support
- Personal study and literature research.
- Access to Minerva, the Bath Spa University Virtual Learning Environment

YEAR 1 COURSE CONTENT

Theory and practice in the education of care experienced children

1. Preparatory work

We'll ask you to undertake some reading and written work during the summer to get you ready for the course and to introduce you to some of the key concepts and areas of research around the education of care experienced children.

2. Working at postgraduate level.

We start the academic year with webinars to welcome you to the course and explain how to use the online resources and the support available for you as you work through the course. We'll also describe the academic expectations of postgraduate work including reading, writing and referencing.

3. The education of care experienced children

We hold our first face to face sessions in London and Manchester where we review and discuss some of the key research in this area and how to analyse it at postgraduate level. The tutor will set your first assignment and explain the requirements to pass. The face-to-face session will be followed up with webinars expanding on some of the key themes and you will be able to access tuition support for your first assignment.

4. Attachment, trauma and learning

We hold our second face to face sessions where we look at some of the current thinking and criticism around attachment, trauma and learning. Your tutor will set the second assignment and again, these sessions will be followed up with webinars.

Teaching

- Two face to face training days in London and Manchester
- Webinars
- Online/phone support

Assessment (30 credits)

1. Analysis of current research on the education of care experienced children (3750 words)
2. Analysis of current research on attachment, trauma and learning. (3750 words)

Key dates

March -mid May 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applications open
Late May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Places allocated by NAVSH• Students register with Bath Spa University
June – July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparatory work
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invoices and contracts issued
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students given access to Bath Spa online resources• Introductory webinars
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Face to face session days in London and Manchester• Follow up webinars• Assignment 1 set for submission by January 2020
January 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Face to face session days in London and Manchester on attachment, trauma and learning• Follow up webinars• Assignment 2 set for submission by April 2020
August 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Module complete• NAVSH scholarships awarded

Qualifications

- You can follow this as a stand-alone module. Your academic transcript will indicate you completed a module called *EDU7113-30 Independent Study*.
- If you wish to study further you can use the 30 credits from this module to proceed to the following qualifications:
 - Postgraduate Certificate in Professional Practice – 60 credits
 - Master’s Degree in Professional Practice – 180 credits

NB: You will need to tell NAVSH and Bath Spa University on your application form if you wish to apply for the stand alone module or the postgraduate certificate. You will need the postgraduate certificate if you wish to proceed to the Master’s.

- Depending on your personal circumstances you may also be able to count previous experience and learning towards your credit total. For more information contact: admissions@bathspa.ac.uk
- Academic credits can also be transferred to courses at other universities.

Fee payable to NAVSH

The first year costs £1900 fee and covers:

- Tutorial support, assessment and online resources.
- Face to face tuition and webinar fees.
- Venue and catering costs (but not travel/accommodation).

Please note that we need to recruit at least 20 students for the course to be viable. We will notify you by the end of May 2019 if we have recruited sufficient numbers.

Fees for the current Bath Spa University taught Master's degree are here:

<https://www.bathspa.ac.uk/students/student-finance/postgraduate-students/ukey-fees---postgraduate-taught/>

The NAVSH Scholarship

Students will be eligible for a £500 NAVSH Scholarship provided that they:

- Submit the two assignments to Bath Spa University and which subsequently receive pass marks
- Share their learning with others, for example through a webinar or at a short workshop at the annual NAVSH conference

Please note that the scholarship will only be paid directly to individual students and not to other sources such as employers.

Application

Please go the URL below and complete the NAVSH application form by Friday May 10th 2019. (Email info@navsh.org.uk if you would like this link emailed to you, or go to www.navsh.gov.uk and enter 'postgraduate course' in the search box).

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc5D5aqWeIKGGkPEIyAjRiX0h3s-YNHjftadW3gu5ztH3M9yA/viewform?usp=sf_link

NAVSH will then:

- Assess your application for eligibility and let you know the outcome by May 17th 2019.
- If successful, send your details to Bath Spa University who will tell you how to register as a student. This must be completed by Friday 31st May.
- Issue you with a contract and send out invoices.

Notes on completing the personal statement in the application form

You are asked to complete a personal statement as part of the application. This will be used by a panel appointed by the NAVSH Board of Trustees to decide on eligibility of applicants for the course using the following criteria and to select students where the number of applicants exceeds the maximum number of places:

1. You are currently working with care experienced children and you have a professional responsibility for improving their educational outcomes. *The course is open to anyone with a first degree but preference will be given to applicants who are directly involved in the area. This includes foster carers, adoptive parents and carers, as well as teachers, social workers and virtual school heads and team members.*
2. You are willing to share your learning with others via NAVSH and you are able to give examples of how you have done this successfully in the past. *This is particularly important as sharing knowledge and expertise with as wide a public as possible is one of the charitable objectives of NAVSH. We are open to all proposals for sharing your newly gained knowledge - whatever you think will work to get the word out there.*
3. You understand the expectations of the course and you are able to participate in all the components including the face-to-face days; you are able to demonstrate with examples how you will balance the demands of postgraduate work alongside your other commitments. *Postgraduate work is interesting and enjoyable but it is also hard work! How will you fit it in around your current commitment? What successful coping strategies have you used in the past when work demands have significantly increased?*

In the event of oversubscription, the Board will maintain a waiting list for applicants who are not shortlisted. These applicants will be able to join the course if a place becomes available at any point prior to the first face to face session in October 2019.

Fees payable to NAVSH for the module in 2019-2020

The fee of £1900 is payable either:

- as a one-off lump sum payable by August 31st 2019 OR
- in three equal instalments of payable by August 31st, October 31st and December 31st 2019. Payment by instalments is only available for students paying as private individuals.

Important notes regarding funding:

- Students are responsible for arranging payment of course fee to NAVSH. Additional financial support for students from other sources such as employers is a private arrangement for individual students to discuss and agree as appropriate.
- Students will be required to sign and return a contract setting out the terms and conditions of participation in the course. This includes a sliding scale of reimbursements if a student withdraws from the course after September 1st 2019. They are also available on the NAVSH website along with this prospectus.