University of Surrey Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences in partnership with Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Family Interventions for Adults
Foundation level training in Family Therapy and Systemic Practice
Introduction to Family Interventions, Application to Practice for Psychosis, Dementia and other Health Challenges

Course Outline
This is a short course, accredited by the Association for Family Therapy and Systemic Practice (AFT) at Foundation Level, and preferred provider of FI by Health Education England. It comprises two 15-credit modules at Level 6 or 7.
To complete the course and receive AFT accreditation students must complete both modules.

Intended course benefits
On completion staff will be able to:
✓ Deliver family and carer interventions in and across the relevant pathways: to facilitate family meetings, discuss the impact of dementia and mental health challenges on family; improve communication and problem-solving
✓ Have increased capacity to deliver psychological interventions recommended in national guidance and research literature
✓ Collaboratively work with families to support client and family experience and recovery
✓ Improve service efficiencies through better longer-term outcomes e.g. reduce relapse in people with psychosis; improve wellbeing, and reduce use of inpatient and residential care
✓ Be an additional resource for other staff, through co-working and sharing of family and systemic theories and practices
✓ Use the course as evidence towards revalidation or evidencing CPD

Pre-requisites of Study
• Diploma in Higher Education, Undergraduate degree or equivalent (eg. Nursing registration)
• Core mental health professional training or equivalent e.g. Nursing, OT, social work, Practitioner Psychology, Psychiatry, etc
• Extensive clinical practice in mental health
• Able to actively contribute to the delivery of formal psychological interventions with people with psychosis or dementia
• Line manager support to work with at least two families during the period of training and to deliver family interventions ongoing after completing the course
• Line manager support to attend the teaching days and supervision sessions and to attend ongoing supervision and annual CPD to maintain practice after course completion
• Reference from manager and clinical supervisor
• Currently working in a role appropriate for family interventions to be incorporated into the job description or job plan during and after training
• Applicants will be required to have completed statutory training such as information governance, safeguarding of adults and children and have a current DBS check.

Location
Sussex Education Centre, Hove, Sussex
Second venue to be arranged

Supervision sessions: East Sussex, Brighton & Hove, West Sussex or Surrey borders

Study Dates
Group Two: 20 Sept 2019, 11 Oct, 1 Nov, 22 Nov, 6 Dec, 10 Jan 2020, 31 Jan, 21 Feb, 13 March, 3 April, 8 May, 5 June

*Please check the university website to ensure that there have been no revisions to the course dates listed
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**Course Delivery**

- 12 taught days from Sept 2019 to June 2020
- 10 two-hour group supervision sessions from Dec 2018 to Sept 2019
- Written assessments for each module and supervisor feedback for second module
- Additional reading - assigned reading prior to each teaching day
- Experience of working with at least two families
- Two x 15 credit modules at level 6 (final year undergraduate level) or level 7 (Masters level) from University of Surrey - you must register for these modules with the School of Health Sciences, University of Surrey
- Systemic and psychosocial intervention approaches
- Teaching days combine lecture, individual and small group work, discussion, role play and presentations
- Accredited by AFT (Association of Family Therapy and Systemic Practice) at Foundation Level

All students will need to be in a position to carry out family interventions in their local place of work, according to local governance structures.

Please note: all students will need to practice alongside another family worker for the practice component of module 2 (from January to summer 2020). We strongly recommend that students apply for the course in pairs in order to co-work with families both during and after the course.

**Module Leaders**

Tanya Smart, Bob Birtwell, Belinda Giles

**Programme Cost**

- HEE fully funded places for trainees from Kent and Medway Partnership, Surrey and Borders, and Sussex Partnership NHS Trusts (please note that salary backfill and travel costs are not included)
- Other non-HEE funded applicants course cost £1895

**How to Apply**

Please contact Education and Training at PPT@sussexpartnership.nhs.uk for the application form and fuller course details. Please complete and send your application along with your references to the same email address

**Deadline for Applications**

Applications must be submitted by midday on 10 May. Late applicants please contact PPT@sussexpartnership.nhs.uk or tanya.smart@nhs.net

**Interview dates:** in Hove, Sussex: To be confirmed June and July 2019

For discussion about the course or application process, please contact:

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