

## Integrated Working with Children and Families BA (Hons) Top Up degree – Flexible and Distributed Learning (FDL).

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **1) What does the FDL mean for me in terms of actual attendance at university?**

If you select all of your modules for the online FDL route, you will be required to become actively engaged in online learning as a student, with your tutors and other students on your course. This means that you will be expected to be online approximately 10 hours per week; additionally you will attend lectures once a month at the University on a Saturday during academic semesters. The Saturday contact will also include a summer school and a student conference event, which is part of your teaching and learning experience on this degree.

### **2) I am not very confident with my ICT skills; will this stop me from taking the online FDL route?**

No not at all, every student who opts for the online FDL route will be required to complete a few ICT tasks (not a test) to help us as tutors to understand what additional support needs you may have and how best to support you in this area of development.

### **3) I have heard about Blackboard as a teaching tool and it was used in my previous course, will I be using Blackboard on this course?**

Yes, Blackboard is integral to the teaching and learning experience of all students of the Top Up degree. It is important that all students familiarise themselves and become confident in accessing this learning environment in order to fully engage and benefit from your studies and communication with others. You will be introduced or re-introduced to BB as part of your induction onto the course in September.

### **4) I can get to a couple of the taught classes; can I do the other module online as an FDL student?**

Yes, you are able to 'mix and match' course options. You will be asked just before you start the course where you want to study each module.

**5) What modules will I be studying as a FT student?**

You will be studying a total of 4 mandatory modules which will run over 2 academic semesters, they are:

IWCF 3003-Professional Practice and Inquiry

IWCF 3004-Safeguarding Learning and Development

IWCF 3005-Integrated Support for Children and Families: policy, practice and leadership

IWCF 3002-Independent Study

**6) What modules will I be studying as a PT student?**

You will be studying the same modules as above, but you will be able to choose which two modules to study in year 1 and which to study in year 2. The Independent Study must be taken in year 2.

**7) Will it take me longer to study and finish my degree on the online FDL route?**

No, the face to face route or online FDL route either as a FT or PT student will be the same in terms of completion times.

**8) Will it cost less to study the online FDL route?**

No, the cost to complete the degree will be the same because students will have the benefits of tutorial input and guidance online and monthly face to face lectures on a par with students on the more traditional route of study.

**9) When is the course induction?**

The induction events will be on a Saturday in September (dates tbc) at the University of Worcester. All students will receive an induction pack before this event to give more details of the programme's schedule. You will also be invited to a summer school, which will take place on 2 Saturdays (one in July, one in September, dates tbc).

**10) What do I do if I have more questions?**

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