**Studentship Specification**

**Essential Criteria**

### RESIDENTIAL STATUS

### Applicants must be a permanent resident in NI.

Available for interview on the 11th May

### EXPERIENCE

Applicants must by the closing date for receipt of completed applications:

1. Have a minimum of 6 months experience in a paid or voluntary capacity of working with children or young people within the last 5 years.
2. Be at least 18 years of age;

**QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Have a minimum of one A’ Level qualification or equivalent or higher;
2. Have a minimum of 3 GCSE’s (Grades A – C) to include English and Maths (or equivalent or higher);

**KNOWLEDGE**

## Essential

* Demonstrate knowledge of issues affecting young people.

**SKILLS**

## Essential

* Demonstrate ability to build and maintain relationships with young people;
* Effective communication skills;
* Problem solving skills;
* Organisational skills;
* Ability to work as part of a team.
* Empathy with young people.

**PERSONAL QUALITIES**

## Essential

* Motivated;
* Enthusiastic;
* Ability to use own initiative;
* Reliable;
* Positive attitude;
* Flexible;
* Ability to accept constructive feedback;

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

## Essential

* Attendance at all modules of the course including those organised over the summer months;
* To undertake an alternative placement in an EA locally registered voluntary youth work organisation.

**Pre-placement checks**

Any recommendation for an studentship will be subject to the following:-

* Proof of NI residency;
* Issue of a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure Certificate;
* Receipt of **original** documentary evidence of qualifications (this will be required to register as a student at Ulster University 13/04/2017;
* Receipt of satisfactory references. At least one reference should be able to comment on the candidate’s suitability to work with children/young people in a youth work setting and their professional ability.

**Enhanced Disclosure Certificate (Disclosure of Criminal Background)**

As this studentship involves ‘regulated activity’, under the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (NI) Order 2007 the Practice Placement Provider will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure of Criminal Background.