

STaCS

FUTURE CAREERS

Social, Therapeutic and Community Studies at Goldsmiths: Some future career paths

The Department of Social, Therapeutic and Community Studies (STaCS) brings together several different areas of study through multidisciplinary teaching. The emphasis in STaCS is on continuing education and professional development; after completing your degree you can choose to join the workforce or take advantage of the extensive opportunities for postgraduate study in the Department. No matter what you choose to study in the Department, the skills you learn will be transferable to a variety of industries.

Where do Goldsmiths STaCS graduates work?

In 2013-14, the graduate-level careers for Goldsmiths STaCS graduates included: ¹

- Youth Worker
- Support Worker for young people with learning difficulties
- Project Co-ordinator
- Case Work Assistant
- Recovery Practitioner
- Psychosocial Worker
- Art Engagement Officer
- Employability Mentor
- Safeguarding Co-ordinator
- Child Social Worker

Employers include: ¹

- Experimental Experience (theatre company)
- British Academy of New Music
- Castle Hill Academy
- Family Separation Clinic
- Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
- Victim Support
- Mercedes Benz
- London Borough of Bromley
- Lewisham Children's Social Care
- The Scout Association

¹Source: *Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education*. This data is collected six months after graduation and shows where graduates start their careers.

What skills will I gain?

Studying in the STaCS Department at Goldsmiths will enable you to develop a variety of skills that can be applied to a broad range of sectors. Below you can see the skills you will develop in the main areas of study covered by STaCS:

Social Work and Therapeutic Studies:

- developing an understanding of your own attitudes and responses
- fostering relationships of trust and respect with clients
- fine-tuning your observation and active listening skills
- understanding confidentiality issues

Community Studies:

- managing and organising
- advocacy and campaigning in the community
- understanding of principles of equality and learning to be non-judgemental
- developing self-management skills
- assessing complex situations
- acquiring the ability to critically analyse problems

What kinds of graduate employers might be interested in me?

As STaCS is a multidisciplinary department offering study in a variety of subjects, many different sectors will be interested in your skills and knowledge. Here are some ideas to get you started.

Community engagement

There are a number of roles which aim to provide support within the community. You could work with individuals who have been socially excluded or who are experiencing crisis and provide support to enable service users to help themselves. Similarly youth workers work within the community to provide opportunities for the personal and social development of young people.

Counselling and psychotherapy

Counsellors work with individuals, couples or small groups to help people problem-solve and cope with difficulties. Similarly, psychotherapists treat mental disorders through a process of psychological treatment. Counsellors and psychotherapists work in a variety of settings including hospitals, GP surgeries, community-based clinics and social services departments.

Not-for-profit sector

You may choose to apply your skills to working for a local, national or international charity. Your work activities will vary according to the organisation but it is likely that you'll be involved in project management, business development and fundraising activities and lobbying government or other policy makers on behalf of a cause or client group. As more sectors are encouraged to address the significance of sustainable communities and the need to give something back to the community, the number of opportunities within this sector is increasing.

Further study

Many students go on to further study after successful completion of their undergraduate degree. Graduates from 2014 went on to a wide variety of courses including:

- MA Social Work
- MA Culture, Diaspora and Ethnicity
- MA Counselling
- PGCE Primary Teaching
- PGCE Teaching (Music)

More information on postgraduate courses in the Department of STaCS can be found at:

www.gold.ac.uk/stacs

Where can I find further information?

On the Prospects website, the 'What can I do with my degree?' section is a useful starting point. Here you can access detailed information about careers relating to Social, Therapeutic and Community Studies.

www.prospects.ac.uk/options_with_your_subject.htm

Counselling and psychotherapy

The Association of Counsellors and Psychotherapists in Primary Care - www.cpc-online.co.uk

British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy - www.bacp.co.uk

UK Council for Psychotherapy -

www.psychotherapy.org.uk

Mental Health Foundation - www.mentalhealth.org.uk

Therapy Today (BACP publication) -

www.therapytoday.net

Community engagement

Community Care (social care news) -

www.communitycare.co.uk

The National Federation of Community

Organisations - www.communitymatters.org.uk

Skills for Care (adult social care) -

www.skillsforcare.org.uk

Care Quality Commission (health and social

care regulator) - www.cqc.org.uk

Social work

The British Association of Social Workers -

www.basw.co.uk

The College of Social Work - www.tcsw.org.uk

Health & Care Professions Council - www.hcpc-uk.org.uk

Non-profit

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations -

www.ncvo-vol.org.uk

The Association for Research in the Voluntary

and Community Sector - www.arvac.org.uk

Directory of Social Change - www.dsc.org.uk

Goldsmiths Careers Service

The Careers Service has a full programme of events - you can find out more at www.gold.ac.uk/careers From the moment you arrive at Goldsmiths you can use us to help you plan your future - pop in and book an appointment with a careers consultant.

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