



MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information			
Module Title	Communication Skills in Supportive and End of Life Care		
Module Code	UZTR3X-20-3	Level	6 (3)
For implementation from	September 2020		
UWE Credit Rating	20	ECTS Credit Rating	10
Faculty	Health and Applied Sciences	Field	Continuing Care Adult Nursing
Department	Nursing and Midwifery		
Contributes towards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSc (Hons) Specialist Practice (District Nursing) • BSc (Hons) Health and Social Care • MSc Specialist Practice (District Nursing) • MSc Advanced Practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Masters Apprenticeship – Advanced Clinical Practice • Professional Development Award 		
Module type:	Project		
Pre-requisites	None		
Excluded Combinations	None		
Co- requisites	None		
Module Entry requirements	None		

Part 2: Description
<p>This module aims to develop your knowledge, skills and attitude necessary to communicate sensitively, effectively and in a purposeful manner with individuals and those close to them in the context of supportive and end of life care.</p> <p>The module will cover:</p> <p>Overview of communication processes and theory, with practical application of communication skills - active listening, reflecting, paraphrasing, summarising and probing.</p> <p>Psychosocial responses to acute and long term life threatening conditions including cultural perspectives</p> <p>Approaches to support individuals experiencing emotions including anger and sadness</p> <p>Barriers to listening, to include physical, professional, and personal perspectives</p>

Recognition and assessment of information needs of those with life threatening conditions, their families and carers

Frameworks for sharing of significant and bad news

Communication skills within the context of multidisciplinary and inter-professional working

Ethical and Professional Issues to include: boundary setting, consent and confidentiality, models for reflection and critical analysis of practice, and consideration of support/supervision

Part 3: Assessment

Formative assessment strategy

Formative feedback will be given by facilitators throughout the module and there will be opportunity for peer led discussion of assignment planning. A dedicated assignment support session is included in the module timetable.

Summative assessment

Students will complete an assignment based on a clinical incident relating to communication issues incorporating analysis and appraisal of relevant theories and concepts. This is a practice-focused assessment that facilitates the student to apply their knowledge and self-appraisal of communication skills through transcribing of a critical discourse from their practice within the context of supportive and end of life care. The assignment includes detailed analysis of this transcript, with reference to supporting evidence of relevant theory. And a 1500 word reflection upon the process of critical analysis and self-appraisal. This assessment strategy enables students to demonstrate the full range of module learning outcomes related to their practice and level of study.

Identify final timetabled piece of assessment (component and element)

Component A

% weighting between components A and B (Standard modules only)

A:

B:

100%

First Sit

Component A
Description of each element

Element weighting
(as % of component)

Analysis of transcribed practice conversation and 1500 word critical reflection.

100%

Resit (further attendance at taught classes is not required)

Component A
Description of each element

Element weighting
(as % of component)

Analysis of transcribed practice conversation and 1500 word critical reflection.

100%

Part 4: Learning Outcomes & KIS Data																																			
Learning Outcomes	<p>On successful completion of this module students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of psychosocial responses to acute and life limiting illness.2. Demonstrate understanding of communication skills and approaches, with application to achieve best practice.3. Critically analyse communication skills and support mechanisms used in supporting individuals experiencing loss, change and psychosocial issues.4. Critically evaluate evidence which informs learning regarding own communication processes.5. Appraise and reflect upon own communication skills and the potential influence of such skills when supporting patient and family centred care in a range of complex situations.6. Identify key communication skills, qualities and attributes that are significant in making an effective response to individual's needs. <p>All learning outcomes are assessed by Component A</p>																																		
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