



Module Specification

Health and Social Care Research: Methods and Methodology (Distance Learning)

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Health and Social Care Research: Methods and Methodology
(Distance Learning)

Module code: UZWSRV-15-M

Level: Level 7

For implementation from: 2020-21

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

Faculty: Faculty of Health & Applied Sciences

Department: HAS Dept of Nursing & Midwifery

Partner institutions: None

Delivery locations: CPD Distance Learning (Glenside)

Field: Acute and Critical Care Adult Nursing

Module type: Project

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: Health and Social Care Research: Methods and Methodology 2020-21, Health and Social Care Research: Methods and Methodology 2020-21

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: Yes

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: Pre-requisites: Study at level 3 in a related area or equivalent

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: See Learning Outcomes.

Outline syllabus: The current state of research in health and social care including for example issues of funding, the formulation of research questions, the relationship between evidence and practice and the implementation of research findings in different settings.

Access, use and the development of information systems: data bases; libraries; bibliographic searching; the Internet.

An overview of the main research methodologies and strategies.

Health Service Evaluation.

Ethical issues in research and research governance.

Innovations in research and the development of new methodologies.

Critical appraisal methods as applied to selected research methodologies and strategies adopted in health and social care, including:

Evaluating intervention research (experimental and quasi-experimental research; randomised controlled trials; action research; descriptive and inferential statistics including both parametric and non-parametric approaches)

Evaluating survey research

Evaluating qualitative research (open interviews, discourse and content analysis, observational research)

Evaluation criteria: reliability, validity; issues of corroboration; triangulation

Developing a research/ health service evaluation proposal

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: This module has 150 allocated hours these take the form of independent learning.

Independent learning requires students have access to a computer and the Internet for the duration of the module. These hours are for essential reading, and assignment preparation and completion.

Contact Hours:

This is a distance learning module; there are no face-to-face contact hours.

Students are allocated a supervisor who has the main responsibility for coordinating formal support and monitoring progress. It is the student's responsibility to initiate and maintain contact with the supervisor. This includes contact time through email or other technology-aided discussion and formative assessment.

Module Learning outcomes:

MO1 Critically analyse the rationale for, and make judgements on the use of a range of qualitative and quantitative research methods and methodologies in the investigation of health and social care research/evaluation

MO2 Critically appraise published research/ evaluations/ systematic reviews and identify the implications for policy and practice

MO3 Demonstrate the ability to integrate the stages of the research process and the meaning and significance of these stages in qualitative, quantitative or literature based research/ evaluation within a research/ project proposal

MO4 Justify the appropriate use of primary and secondary sources of data

MO5 Demonstrate a critical awareness of the need for ethical review, and the process of research governance

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 150 hours

Total = 150

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzwsrv-15-m.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzwsrv-15-m.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: The summative assessment will be in the form of a single 3000 word assignment. The assignment is a research/ project proposal. The proposal outlines the design and methodology of a primary or secondary research study or service evaluation the student aims to complete for their Masters dissertation.

Formative assessment will take place through online tutorials and/or reading of draft work.

Assessment components:

Written Assignment - Component A (First Sit)

Description: 3000 word written assignment

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Written Assignment - Component A (Resit)

Description: 3000 word written assignment

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested:

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Nuclear Medicine [Sep][DL][Distance][3yrs] MSc 2018-19