



ACADEMIC SERVICES

MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Basic Data					
Module Title	Physical Assessment and Clinical Reasoning				
Module Code	UZWRWV-20-3	Level	3	Version	1.1
Owning Faculty	Health and Applied Sciences	Field	Acute and Critical Care Adult Nursing		
Contributes towards	BSc (Hons) Professional Studies BSc (Hons) Specialist Practice MSc Advanced Practice MSc Specialist Practice MSc Professional Development Postgraduate Certificate Specialist Practice Graduate Diploma Professional Development BSc (Hons) Professional Development				
UWE Credit Rating	20	ECTS Credit Rating	10	Module Type	Standard
Pre-requisites	None		Co-requisites	None	
Excluded Combinations	UZWS5F-20-3 Physical Assessment and Clinical Reasoning UZWRH7-20-M Clinical Examination Skills for advanced practice UZWSRR-15-M Physical Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	Module Entry requirements	Registered practitioner		

	UZWSRQ-15-3 Physical Assessment and Clinical Reasoning		
Valid From	September 2015	Valid to	September 2021

CAP Approval Date	31 st May 2016
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Part 2: Learning and Teaching	
Learning Outcomes	<p>On successful completion of this module students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of concepts related to anatomy, physiology and the clinical reasoning that supports recognition of common illnesses (Component A and B) • Differentiate between normal and abnormal variants of the physical assessment and their clinical significance (Component A and B) • Use clinical reasoning to enhance critical analysis of diagnostic findings (Component B) • Systematically identify and evaluate findings from physical assessment (Component A) • Discuss the ethical and legal issues that impact on clinical reasoning (Component A) • Apply the process of physical assessment and clinical reasoning (Component A) • Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the skills and reasoning underpinning physical assessment and clinical reasoning (Component A and B) • Exercise clinical judgement by formulating an action plan based on the findings of the clinical examination (Component A and B)
Syllabus Outline	<p>Skills Systematic history taking Use of assessment tools for recognising normal and abnormal findings Introduction to use of frameworks for clinical reasoning Introduction to differential diagnosis and patient risk Assessment</p> <p>Scientific Knowledge Foundations of relevant anatomy and pathophysiology Introduction to clinical findings related to head to toe physical assessment with application to related disease processes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiovascular examination

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head, Neck, Skin, Ears, Eyes, Nose and throat examination • Respiratory examination • Abdominal examination • Neurological examination • Musculoskeletal examination • Rationale for diagnostic investigations and relevance to practice <p>Context of physical assessment and clinical reasoning Legal/ethical principles Clinical governance Evidence based practice National and local initiatives for changing roles in practice Health Promotion</p>
Contact Hours	48 contact hours. These will take the form of lectures, group activities, case study presentations and practical practice sessions
Teaching and Learning Methods	<p>A variety of approaches will be used which may include E-Learning, Lectures, Practical sessions, Seminars, Experts from practice, Analysis of Case Studies.</p> <p>Formative OSCEs undertaken throughout the module will contribute to use as part of the student learning strategy for physical assessment.</p> <p>Independent learning – students will engaged with essential reading, case study preparation and preparation for online examination.</p>
Reading Strategy	<p>Core readings</p> <p>Module guides will reflect the range of reading to be carried out.</p> <p>Further readings</p> <p>Students are expected to identify all other reading relevant to their chosen research topic for themselves. They will be encouraged to read widely using the library search, a variety of bibliographic and full text databases, and Internet resources. Many resources can be accessed remotely.</p> <p>Access and skills</p> <p>All students are encouraged to make use of the extensive resources provided through the Library. Additional support is available through the Library web pages. This includes interactive tutorials on search skills and on the use of specific electronic library resources. Sign up workshops are also offered by the Library.</p>

Indicative Reading List	<p>Indicative reading list</p> <p>The following list is offered to provide validation panels/accrediting bodies with an indication of the type and level of information students may be expected to consult. As such, its currency may wane during the life span of the module specification. However, as indicated above, current advice on readings will be available via the module guide.</p> <p>Students need to purchase or have regular access to a physical assessment textbook. Options include:</p> <p>Bickley, L. and Szilagyi, P. (2013) <i>Bates' Guide to Physical Examination and History Taking (11th Edition)</i> International addition. Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams and Wilkins.</p> <p>Douglas, G., Nicol, F. and Robertson, C. (2009) <i>Macleod's Clinical Examination (12th Edition)</i> Edinburgh: Churchill Livingstone, Elsevier.</p> <p>Seidel, H.M., Ball, J.W., Dains, J.E. and Bednecik, G.W. (2006) <i>Mosby's Guide to Physical Examination (6th ed.)</i> St Louis: Mosby.</p> <p>Tortora, G. and Derrickson, B. (2012) <i>Essentials of anatomy and Physiology</i>, Oxford: Wiley.</p> <p><u>Journals</u></p> <p>Emergency Nurse</p> <p>British Journal of cardiac nursing</p> <p>Advanced Practice</p> <p>Musculoskeletal journal</p>
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Part 3: Assessment	
Assessment Strategy	<p>Component A</p> <p>The student is required to independently conduct an advanced clinical examination under exam conditions in the form of an Observed Structured Clinical Examination</p> <p>Component B</p> <p>The student will provide is a 2000 word critical analysis and evaluation of an eclectic log of clinical examinations (12 examinations) undertaken by the student in practice. This is an opportunity for students to critically evaluate their practice and clinical examination techniques with supporting research.</p>

Identify final assessment component and element	A	
% weighting between components A and B (Standard modules only)	A:	B:
	50%	50%
Student is required to pass both components of the module		
First Sit		
Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)	
1.OSCE	50%	
Component B Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)	
2. 2000 word critical analyses of eclectic clinical logs	100%	

Resit (further attendance at taught classes is not required)		
Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)	
1. OSCE	50%	
Component B Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)	
2. 2000 word critical analyses of eclectic clinical logs	100%	
If a student is permitted an EXCEPTIONAL RETAKE of the module the assessment will be that indicated by the Module Description at the time that retake commences.		