



## **Module Specification**

### **Foundations of Physician Associate Practice 1**

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## Part 1: Information

**Module title:** Foundations of Physician Associate Practice 1

**Module code:** UZYY5Y-30-M

**Level:** Level 7

**For implementation from:** 2022-23

**UWE credit rating:** 30

**ECTS credit rating:** 15

**Faculty:** Faculty of Health & Applied Sciences

**Department:** HAS Dept of Allied Health Professions

**Partner institutions:** None

**Delivery locations:** Glenside Campus

**Field:** Allied Health Professions

**Module type:** Professional Practice

**Pre-requisites:** None

**Excluded combinations:** None

**Co-requisites:** None

**Continuing professional development:** No

**Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements:** None

## Part 2: Description

**Overview:** This module will promote and support the development of person-centred consultation skills including the development of a management plan. This module prepares students for professional practice and students undertake professional practice as part of the module. Skills include history gathering, clinical examination, person-centred communication skills and clinical reasoning as well as a level of self-awareness and reflection appropriate for professional practice.

**Features:** Not applicable

**Educational aims:** This module provides learning on professional issues of physician associate practice

**Outline syllabus:** The module will cover:

History gathering, person-centred communication and consultation skills

Physical examination skills

Procedural skills and diagnostics

Mental state assessment

Application of clinical reasoning in the interpretation of clinical findings

Recognition of emergency clinical situations

Professional development

The PA role and how to develop strategies to ask for help

Working effectively in a multi-disciplinary team

Personal responsibility and recognition of professional codes of conduct

Foundations in Physician Associate Practice 1 will focus on the application of the above to general adult medicine. Foundations in Physician Associate Practice 2 will focus on the application of the above to paediatrics, obstetrics and gynaecology, mental health, general surgery, emergency and acute medicine.

### **Part 3: Teaching and learning methods**

**Teaching and learning methods:** Scheduled learning is largely skills based practical sessions, it includes lectures, seminars, tutorials, demonstration, and simulation.

Independent learning includes hours engaged with essential reading, case study preparation, assessment and placement preparation.

**Module Learning outcomes:** On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

**MO1** Perform a professional consultation with patients and apply clinical reasoning to interpret findings to the appropriate level and stage of training

**MO2** Perform practical procedures safely, effectively and within scope of practice

**MO3** Formulate clinical judgements, decisions and plans for management, based on the available evidence

**MO4** Employ person-centred communication skills sensitively and effectively with patients and their families, from different social, cultural or ethnic backgrounds and disabilities and form suitable professional relationships

**Hours to be allocated:** 300

**Contact hours:**

Independent study/self-guided study = 114 hours

Face-to-face learning = 160 hours

Total = 274

**Reading list:** The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzyy5y-30-m.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzyy5y-30-m.html>

## **Part 4: Assessment**

**Assessment strategy:** Component A: OSCE (objective structured clinical examination); will be comprised of a number of stations over a maximum time of 100 minutes.

OSCEs are used in line with the national examination to assess a broad range of clinical and consultation skills (i.e. physical examination skills, consultation skills, communication skills, procedural skills, data interpretation, and drug initiation skills).

Practical skills sessions and formative OSCE's will provide an opportunity for formative feedback through the module.

**Assessment components:**

**Practical Skills Assessment - Component A (First Sit)**

Description: OSCE (90 mins)

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

**Practical Skills Assessment - Component A (Resit)**

Description: OSCE (90 mins)

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

**Part 5: Contributes towards**

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Physician Associate Studies [Sep][FT][Glenside][2yrs] MSc 2022-23