



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: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 30

ECTS credit rating: 15

College: College of Health, Science & Society

School: CHSS School of Health and Social Wellbeing

Partner institutions: None

Field: Allied Health Professions

Module type: Module

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: Summative Assessment: 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 tasks:

Practical Skills Assessment (First Sit)

Description: OSCE (100 mins)

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Practical Skills Assessment (Resit)

Description: OSCE (100 mins)

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

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