



## **Module Specification**

### **Improving Quality and Safety of Care**

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## Part 1: Information

**Module title:** Improving Quality and Safety of Care

**Module code:** UZWYL7-15-1

**Level:** Level 4

**For implementation from:** 2023-24

**UWE credit rating:** 15

**ECTS credit rating:** 7.5

**College:** College of Health, Science & Society

**School:** CHSS School of Health and Social Wellbeing

**Partner institutions:** None

**Field:** Acute and Critical Care Adult Nursing

**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:** Not applicable

**Features:** Not applicable

**Educational aims:** On completion of the module, the nursing associate will understand the principles of legislative and operational policies regarding risk, safety and quality. The student will be able to apply this understanding using evidence based literature to explore policies and practices to ensure the provision of safe

effective care. The nursing associate will be aware of the principles of research, audit and quality improvement to enable them to contribute to quality assurance processes within the workplace.

**Outline syllabus:** The indicative content of the module will focus on the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) standards (2018). Within each module in the programme, teaching and learning progressively explores the nature of care and practice, focusing on the NMC Standards of proficiency for nursing associate's platforms and annexes.

Being an accountable professional

Promoting health and preventing ill Health

Provide and monitor care

Working in teams

Improving safety and quality of care

Contributing to integrated care

And two annexes:

Communication and relationship management skills

Procedures to be undertaken by the nursing associate

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

**Teaching and learning methods:** The module will use a variety of teaching and learning methods: Lectures, seminars, case scenarios, reflective approaches, presentations, directed and independent learning, elearning.

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

**MO1** Discuss health and safety legislation and how this relates to their work environment and practice.

**MO2** Recognise the effect on their own resilience when dealing with uncertain and stressful situations.

**MO3** Understand quality assurance processes, such as risk assessment, incident reporting, and how these are structured within their organisation & workplace, and the nursing associate roles in these.

**MO4** Understand the principles and processes of research, audit and quality improvement; and how this contributes to patient care, safety and satisfaction.

**Hours to be allocated:** 150

**Contact hours:**

Independent study/self-guided study = 114 hours

Face-to-face learning = 36 hours

Total = 150

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

## **Part 4: Assessment**

**Assessment strategy:** Understanding the role of a nursing associate in contributing to risk monitoring and quality of care is an essential part of the role, and ensures ongoing improvement.

Formative assessment: opportunities for formative assessment will occur throughout the module, for example peer and self-evaluation tasks will be used to facilitate students to reflect on their level of knowledge and understanding of the module content. The nature of the formative assessment will be designed to feed forward and provide students with a clear understanding of the requirements for the summative assessment

Summative assessment: A 2000 word assignment to explore a clinical issue from their own practice in the context of safety and quality of care. A written assignment

will allow students to demonstrate that they have met the learning outcomes of the module whilst additionally providing an opportunity to employ study skills and produce an academic piece of writing.

**Assessment tasks:**

**Written Assignment (First Sit)**

Description: A 2000 word assignment.

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

**Written Assignment (Resit)**

Description: A 2000 word assignment.

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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