



Module Specification

Dissertation (Post Qualifying)

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Dissertation (Post Qualifying)

Module code: UZWRG9-40-3

Level: Level 6

For implementation from: 2026-27

UWE credit rating: 40

ECTS credit rating: 20

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: Dissertation (post Qualifying) 2026-27

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: Yes

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: The Dissertation requires students to undertake a literature review using a systematic approach and will enable students to develop their skills in critical appraisal and evaluation of research evidence. The module will develop students' ability to synthesise a wide range of evidence in order to develop a service improvement plan.

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: The module aims to support students to develop knowledge and understanding of the research process. It aims to develop students' ability to critically evaluate and synthesise a wide range of evidence in order to make recommendations for practice by way of a service improvement plan.

Outline syllabus: The syllabus may include, but is not limited to:

Advanced literature search skills

The research process (methodologies & methods) including ethical considerations

Critical appraisal of research evidence

Service Improvement theory and models

Barriers to implementing change

Dissemination strategies.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: A variety of learning approaches will be used; scheduled learning may include individual one to one supervision, lectures, seminars, tutorials, group work, and workshops. Independent study is also a key element of this module.

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

MO1 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the research process.

MO2 Locate and critically evaluate research evidence and current issues in a selected area of practice.

MO3 Synthesise findings from the literature review and identify implications for practice.

MO4 Demonstrate the ability to develop a service improvement plan based on a critical review of the literature

Hours to be allocated: 400

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 384 hours

Face-to-face learning = 16 hours

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at readinglists.uwe.ac.uk via the following link

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: This module has one assessment task.

Summative Assessment:

Dissertation (8000-word maximum):

Assessment will be in the form of an 8000 word (maximum) literature review using a systematic approach. The literature review will be on a topic relevant to the students' professional practice and include an critical discussion as to how the review findings may contribute to service improvement.

Rationale: this assignment gives students the opportunity to demonstrate the module learning outcomes in relation to evaluating and synthesising a wide range of evidence in order to make recommendations for practice and service improvement.

Formative assessment will be offered during the module and may include individual tutorials, group discussion, and review of draft work.

Assessment tasks:

Dissertation (First Sit)

Description: 8000 word maximum assignment

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Dissertation (Resit)

Description: 8000 word maximum 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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