



## **Module Specification**

### Dissertation

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## Part 1: Information

**Module title:** Dissertation

**Module code:** UZWS4V-40-M

**Level:** Level 7

**For implementation from:** 2025-26

**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:** Health and Social Care Research: Methods and Methodology 2025-26

**Excluded combinations:** None

**Co-requisites:** None

**Continuing professional development:** Yes

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

## Part 2: Description

**Overview:** This module provides students with the opportunity to undertake an extensive piece of research/project relevant to their subject area/discipline.

**Pre-requisites:** Students must have passed UZWRGQ-20-M - Health and social care research: methods and methodology, or equivalent.

**Features:** Not applicable

**Educational aims:** The module aims to support students in designing and executing a self-directed research study that will contribute to knowledge and debate in their discipline or profession.

**Outline syllabus:** Workshops are available for:

supporting students in preparing ethics applications for their projects

supporting students in understanding the nature of individual investigation

the value of using supervision appropriately

academic writing for journals.

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

**Teaching and learning methods:** Independent learning underpins the teaching and learning strategy on the dissertation module. The student has an identified dissertation supervisor and supervision includes contact hours with the supervisor and formative feedback on draft work.

Students are allocated a supervisor who has the main responsibility for co-ordinating formal support, monitoring progress and project supervision. It is the student's responsibility to initiate and maintain contact with the supervisor. Students undertaking projects requiring NRES (National research ethics service) applications may require extra support which will be negotiated with the module leader and the supervisor.

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

**MO1** Produce a comprehensive and critical review of the literature

**MO2** Demonstrate breadth and depth of understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of an investigation with specific reference to critically evaluating and exploring methodological aspects and ethical issues and constraints

**MO3** Evaluate and contribute to theoretical and methodological debate in their discipline area

**MO4** Design and execute a well planned research study based on relevant research methodology, within a framework of research governance

**Hours to be allocated:** 400

**Contact hours:**

Independent study/self-guided study = 380 hours

Face-to-face learning = 20 hours

**Reading list:** The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzws4v-40-m.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzws4v-40-m.html>

## **Part 4: Assessment**

**Assessment strategy:** The assessment strategy for this module is in the form of a portfolio of course work.

The summative assessment is work that allows the student to present the design and execution of a primary or secondary research and study or service evaluation that they have undertaken. The dissertation portfolio should not exceed a maximum of 10,000 words (excluding reference lists) and consists of:

A journal article prepared for submission to a journal of their choice

An explanation and justification of the academic journal the paper is (hypothetically) written for.

A reflection on their research. This will provide students space to justify their decisions in carrying out the research and in evaluation that might not fit well in the journal article.

Formative assessment occurs throughout the module as the student works with the allocated dissertation supervisor.

**Assessment tasks:**

**Portfolio (First Sit)**

Description: Dissertation Portfolio

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

**Portfolio (Resit)**

Description: Dissertation Portfolio

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:

Nursing (International)[BIBM] MSc 2025-26

Nursing (International)[Glenside] MSc 2025-26

Nursing (International)[Villa] MSc 2025-26

Advanced Practice [Glenside] MSc 2023-24

Specialist Practice (District Nursing) [Glenside] WITHDRAWN MSc 2024-25

Specialist Practice (District Nursing) [Glenside] MSc 2024-25

Specialist Practice (District Nursing) [Glenside] MSc 2024-25