



Module Specification

Dissertation

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Dissertation

Module code: UZWS4W-60-M

Level: Level 7

For implementation from: 2025-26

UWE credit rating: 60

ECTS credit rating: 30

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: 600

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 570 hours

Face-to-face learning = 30 hours

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

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: There are two assessment tasks for this module; a dissertation portfolio of course work and a presentation.

Assessment task 1:

The dissertation portfolio 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.

Assessment Task 2:

Presentation; students will be required to deliver a poster presentation of their research.

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

Assessment tasks:**Presentation (First Sit)**

Description: Presentation up to 10 mins for presentation + 5 minutes for questions

Weighting: 15 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO2

Portfolio (First Sit)

Description: Dissertation portfolio

Weighting: 85 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Presentation (Resit)

Description: Presentation up to 10 mins for presentation + 5 minutes for questions

Weighting: 15 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO2

Portfolio (Resit)

Description: Dissertation Portfolio

Weighting: 85 %

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:

Advanced Practice [Glenside] MSc 2023-24

Medical Ultrasound [Glenside] MSc 2023-24