



Module Specification

Dissertation

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Dissertation

Module code: UZWS4V-40-M

Level: Level 7

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 40

ECTS credit rating: 20

Faculty: Faculty of Health & Applied Sciences

Department: HAS 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 2023-24

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: Yes

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: Pre-requisites: Students must have 60 level 3 credits or equivalent. Students must have completed and passed UZWRGQ-20-M - Health and social care research: methods and methodology, or equivalent.

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: See learning outcomes.

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.

8 hours of workshops and 12 hours of supervision totalling 20 contact hours

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

MO3 Critically evaluate and explore aspects of the research process including issues of reliability, validity, ethical issues and constraints

MO4 Evaluate and contribute to theoretical and methodological debate in their discipline area

MO5 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

Total = 400

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.

Across the 3 elements of the portfolio all learning outcomes must be demonstrated.

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, MO5

Portfolio (Resit)

Description: Dissertation Portfolio

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Nursing (International)[BIBM] MSc 2023-24

Nursing (International)[Villa] MSc 2023-24

Nursing (International)[Glenside] MSc 2023-24

Specialist Practice (District Nursing) [Glenside] MSc 2023-24

Specialist Practice (District Nursing) [Glenside] MSc 2022-23

Advanced Practice [Sep][PT][Glenside][3yrs] MSc 2021-22