



Module Specification

Advanced Theory and Practice in Counselling Psychology

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Advanced Theory and Practice in Counselling Psychology

Module code: USPK6M-30-M

Level: Level 7

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 30

ECTS credit rating: 15

Faculty: Faculty of Health & Applied Sciences

Department: HAS Dept of Social Sciences

Partner institutions: None

Field: Psychology

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: See Learning Outcomes.

Outline syllabus: This module will cover advanced practice topics including supervision, psychometrics, neuropsychological assessment and clinical leadership.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: Students will receive 54 hours of contact which will be in the form of seminars, lectures and workshops.

Seminars, lectures and workshops will allow students to explore the theoretical topics, and relate this to their clinical work. There will be some didactic teaching sessions, covering the various theoretical topics. Students will be invited to carry out various experiential exercises to facilitate their reflections. There will also be opportunities to learn how to administer psychometric and neuropsychological assessments, and write the results up in reports. Students will be invited to carry out a series of reflective exercises as part of a problem based learning format around clinical leadership.

The module will use technology enhanced learning in that video clips showing how to use key tests will be posted online. The portfolio will be submitted online via Blackboard.

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

MO1 Describe and evaluate several key approaches to supervision relevant to counselling psychology

MO2 Critically reflect on their own experiences of supervision

MO3 Critically evaluate the use of psychometric and neuropsychological tests within counselling psychology

MO4 Competently carry out a range of psychometric and neuropsychological tests

MO5 Competently report psychometric and neuropsychological test findings, being aware of the information needs of different audiences

MO6 Demonstrate a critical awareness of approaches to leadership in clinical settings

MO7 Critically reflect on personal experiences of leadership and personal development needs in this area

Hours to be allocated: 300

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 246 hours

Face-to-face learning = 54 hours

Total = 300

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/usp6m-30-m.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/usp6m-30-m.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: The practical skills around the use of psychometric and neuropsychological tests will be assessed via a portfolio. Students will be required to submit a video of themselves carrying out a neuropsychological test, together with a critical reflection. They will also write up a brief report based on some test results that will be provided. This combination will allow the assessment to evaluate practical testing skills, as well as critical evaluation of this area.

The supervision topic will be assessed through a written essay, in order to assess knowledge and comprehension, plus evaluation and critique of the theories around supervision.

The leadership area will be assessed via a critical reflection based on the problem based leadership task. This will allow students to on the one hand demonstrate a critical awareness of the concepts around clinical leadership, whilst also demonstrating some personal awareness and reflection of their skills in this area.

Assessment tasks:

Portfolio (First Sit)

Description: A portfolio comprising a video and reflection on administering a neuropsychological test battery, plus a brief report based on a case outline and provided test data.

Pass/Fail

Weighting:

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO3, MO4, MO5

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: Essay on an aspect of supervision

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2

Reflective Piece (First Sit)

Description: Critical reflection on a leadership task

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO6, MO7

Portfolio (Resit)

Description: A portfolio comprising a video and reflection on administering a neuropsychological test battery, plus a brief report based on a case outline and provided test data.

Pass/Fail

Weighting:

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO3, MO4, MO5

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: Essay on an aspect of supervision

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2

Reflective Piece (Resit)

Description: Critical reflection on a leadership task

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO6, MO7

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study: