

ACADEMIC SERVICES

MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Basic Data						
Module Title	Physical Assessment and Clinical Reasoning					
Module Code	UZWRWU	-20-M	Level	M	Version	1.1
Owning Faculty			nd Critical Care			
Department	Nursing ar	nd Midwife	ery			
Contributes towards	MSc Advanced Practice MSc Specialist Practice MSc Professional Development Postgraduate Diploma Professional Development					
UWE Credit Rating	20	ECTS Credit Rating	10	Module Type	Standard	k
Pre-requisites	None		Co- requisites	None		
Excluded Combinations	UZWS5F-20-3 Physical Assessment and Clinical Reasoning UZWRH7-20-M Clinical Examination Skills for advanced practice UZWSRR-15-M Physical Assessment and Clinical Reasoning		Module Entry requirements	Registered practitioner		ioner

	UZWSRQ-15-3 Physical Assessment and Clinical Reasoning		
Valid From	September 2015	Valid to	September 2021

CAP	31 st May
Approval Date	2016

Part 2: Learning and Teaching			
Learning Outcomes	 On successful completion of this module students will be able to: Demonstrate in depth knowledge and understanding of anatomy and physiology that underpins clinical examination within the practitioner's specialist field. (Component A and B) Detect and recognise deviations from normal and understand clinical significance. (Component B) Critically analyse and interpret findings of the advanced clinical examination. (Component B) Independently conduct an advanced clinical examination within the practitioners chosen field, according to universally accepted standards and demonstrate accurate documentation. (Component A and B) Develop the knowledge, skills and attitude underpinning advanced clinical examination utilising research based practice. (Component A and Component B) Exercise clinical judgement; formulate an action plan based on the findings of the examination. (Component B) Critically evaluate their practice with contemporaneous research and demonstrate the ability to change their practice and that of others accordingly (Component B) 		
Syllabus Outline	Skills Systematic history taking Use of assessment tools for recognising normal and abnormal findings Introduction to use of frameworks for clinical reasoning Risk Assessment Scientific Knowledge Foundations of relevant anatomy and pathophysiology Introduction to clinical findings related to head to toe physical assessment with application to related disease processes.		
	Cardiovascular examination		

	 Head, Neck, Skin, Eyes, Ears, Nose and Throat examination Respiratory examination Abdominal examination Neurological examination Musculoskeletal examination Rationale for diagnostic investigations and relevance to practice
	Context of physical assessment and clinical reasoning
	Health promotion
	Legal/ethical principles Clinical governance Evidence based practice National and local initiatives for changing roles in practice.
Contact Hours	48 contact hours. These will take the form of lectures, group activities, case study presentations and practical practice sessions.
Teaching and Learning	A variety of approaches will be used which may include E-Learning, Lectures, Practical sessions, Seminars, Experts from practice, Analysis of Case Studies.
Methods	Formative OSCEs undertaken throughout the module will contribute to use as part of the student learning strategy for physical assessment.
	Independent learning – students will engaged with essential reading, case study preparation and preparation for online examination.
Reading	Core readings
Strategy	Module guides will reflect the range of reading to be carried out.
	Further readings
	Students are expected to identify all other reading relevant to their
	chosen research topic for themselves. They will be encouraged to
	read widely using the library search, a variety of bibliographic and
	full text databases, and Internet resources. Many resources can be
	accessed remotely.
	Access and skills
	All students are encouraged to make use of the extensive resources provided through the Library. Additional support is available through the Library web pages. This includes interactive tutorials on search skills and on the use of specific electronic library resources. Sign up workshops are also offered by the Library.
Indicative	Indicative reading list
Reading List	The following list is offered to provide validation panels/accrediting

bodies with an indication of the type and level of information students may be expected to consult. As such, its currency may wane during the life span of the module specification. However, as indicated above, current advice on readings will be available via the module guide.

Students need to purchase or have regular access to a physical assessment textbook. Options include:

Bickley, L. and Szilagyi, P. (2013) *Bates' Guide to Physical Examination and History Taking (11th Edition)* International addition. Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams and Wilkins.

Douglas, G., Nicol, F. and Robertson, C. (2009) *Macleod's Clinical Examination (12th Edition)* Edinburgh: Churchill Livingstone, Elsevier.

Seidel. H.M., Ball, J.W., Dains, J.E. and Bednedict, G.W. (2006) *Mosby's Guide to Physical Examination (6th ed.)* St Louis: Mosby.

Tortora, G. and Derrickson, B. (2012) Essentials of anatomy and Physiology, Oxford: Wiley.

Journals

Emergency Nurse

British Journal of cardiac nursing

Advanced Practice

Musculoskeletal journal

Part 3: Assessment			
Assessment Strategy	Component A The student is required to independently conduct an advanced clinical examination under exam conditions in the form of an Observed Structured Clinical Examination Component B The student will provide is a 2000 word critical analysis and evaluation of an eclectic log of clinical examinations (18 examinations) undertaken by the student in practice. This is an opportunity for students to critically evaluate their practice and clinical examination techniques with supporting research.		

Identify final assessment component and element		
	A:	B:

modules only)	50%	50%	
Student is required to pass both components of the module)		
First Sit			
Component A (controlled conditions)	Element		
Description of each element	weighting (as % of component)		
1. OSCE	50)%	
Component B	Elen	nent	
Description of each element	weig	hting	
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	comp	onent)	
2. 2000 word critical analyses of clinical logs	100	0%	

Resit (further attendance at taught classes is not required)		
Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)	
1. OSCE	50%	
Component B Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)	
2. 2000 word critical analyses of clinical logs	100%	

If a student is permitted an **EXCEPTIONAL RETAKE** of the module the assessment will be that indicated by the Module Description at the time that retake commences.