



Module Specification

Enhancing Practice in Palliative Care for Children, Young People and Families

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Enhancing Practice in Palliative Care for Children, Young People and Families

Module code: UZUY3M-20-M

Level: Level 7

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 20

ECTS credit rating: 10

Faculty: Faculty of Health & Applied Sciences

Department: HAS School of Health and Social Wellbeing

Partner institutions: None

Field: Maternal and Child Health

Module type: Module

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: Yes

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: Not applicable

Features: Module Entry Requirements: Registered Nurse or Midwife

Educational aims: See Learning Outcomes.

Outline syllabus: Psychosocial support throughout the palliative care journey:

Accompanying families through grief, loss and bereavement from diagnosis to death and beyond

Understanding spiritual and cultural aspects of children's palliative care.

Support and advice on practical, social and emotional issues faced by families and staff at each stage.

Ethical and legal frameworks in children's palliative care including, but not limited to, best interest decisions such as safeguarding, the withholding or withdrawal of treatment.

Communication:

Handling sensitive and complex information with the child, siblings and other family members.

Communication when senses and abilities are impaired

Recognising and responding to emotional distress with empathy.

Facilitating significant discussions including diagnosis, parallel planning, advance care planning, organ and tissue donation, withholding or withdrawal of treatment and transition.

Multidisciplinary holistic care:

Referral pathways, criteria and access to services.

Providing collaborative and coordinated partnership working across a range of health, education, and social care settings, including NHS, social enterprise, private and voluntary sector organisations

The roles of members of the multidisciplinary team involved in assessing, planning,

delivering and reviewing care across the life course and after death, including parallel planning, Team Around the Child meetings and the Child Death Overview Process.

Practice guidelines, policies and their role in informing palliative care delivery.

Collaborative working to promote quality of life:

Working with children, families, and the multi-disciplinary team to monitor and manage symptoms.

Approaches to assessing, promoting and enriching quality of life, including complementary and music therapies, sensory activities, play and education.

The nature of the therapeutic role of practitioners in a palliative context, promoting self-care and maintaining boundaries.

Working together to support transition to adult services.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: A variety of teaching methods will be used to facilitate learning in this Module including:

Seminars

Workshops

Presentations

Directed and independent learning

Case study discussion through action learning sets

The approach for this module is based upon the model of adult education. Teaching strategies that value student's previous learning and placement experiences are applied throughout the module.

The module will be structured around facilitated seminars which will provide opportunities to share experience and consolidate learning.

Contact Hours: A total of 48 hours in the form of face to face seminars over five days and online activities over three days.

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

MO1 Demonstrate in-depth knowledge and understanding of the principles and evidence that underpin children and young people's palliative care, and recognise the impact that a life-limiting condition has on the child/young person and their family

MO2 Examine how children and young people's individual needs can be assessed, and their palliative care planned and delivered holistically and collaboratively across a range of settings

MO3 Critically reflect on your understanding of effective, professional communication to the handling of sensitive and complex information with children, young people, their families and the multi-disciplinary team

MO4 Critically analyse the role and the boundaries of practitioners in managing and alleviating symptoms, and meeting psychological, social, cultural and spiritual needs, to enhance and enrich the quality of life of a child with a life-limiting condition and their family

MO5 Critically appraise the theoretical, legal and ethical frameworks within which care is provided and which underpin the experience of grief, loss and bereavement in relation to children, young people, families and practitioners involved

Hours to be allocated: 200

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 152 hours

Face-to-face learning = 48 hours

Total = 200

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzuy3m-20-m.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzuy3m-20-m.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: The assessment strategy will test the student's ability to critically analyse their practice in palliative care and develop critical thinking and application of these principles in working with children, young people and families in a range of settings.

Formative assessment:

Group work that demonstrates understanding of children's palliative care, including reflective practice, self-assessment and giving feedback.

Summative assessment:

Presentation of a poster (15 mins) which applies core concepts of children's palliative care to a real (anonymised) or fictitious case of a child or young person with a life-limiting condition, supported by reference to the evidence base.

Oral defence of the poster following the presentation (15 mins).

Assessment tasks:

Presentation (First Sit)

Description: Poster presentation and oral defence (maximum 30 minutes)

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

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

Presentation (Resit)

Description: Poster presentation and oral defence (maximum 30 minutes)

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: