



Module Specification

Mental Health Policy, Law and Ethics

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Mental Health Policy, Law and Ethics

Module code: UZVSSN-15-M

Level: Level 7

For implementation from: 2021-22

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

Faculty: Faculty of Health & Applied Sciences

Department: HAS Dept of Social Sciences

Partner institutions: None

Delivery locations: Glenside Campus

Field: Health, Community and Policy Studies

Module type: Standard

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: This module will focus upon local and national policy, legislation, ethics and codes of practice and apply this to Approved Mental Health Professional practice. This will include ensuring that the student has a clear understanding of their authority, legal position and accountability as AMHPs, their employers and the authority the AMHP is acting for in relation to the Mental Health Act 1983.

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: See Learning Outcomes.

Outline syllabus: This module will highlight and critically debate local and national policy which informs AMHP practice. Students will be introduced to tensions within AMHP practice relating to autonomy, discretion within the law, evidence informed mental health practice and accountability.

In this module students will learn how to recognise, assess and manage effectively the risks related to the AMHP role. This will include exploring ways to manage anxiety, risk and conflict and understand its impact on AMHP practice. Students will explore ways to ensure good communication is achieved effectively with service users, relatives and carers when undertaking the AMHP role, whilst balancing and managing the competing requirements of confidentiality and effective information sharing to the benefit of the service user and other persons concerned with the service user's care. Students will learn how to present evidence at a legal hearing, and demonstrate an understanding of the role and principles in undertaking this.

This module will explore other relevant legislation and policy which impact upon AMHP work, and the need to demonstrate sensitivity to factors such as race, gender, age, sexuality, disability, culture, religion and belief in AMHP practice. In addition, to identify, challenge and redress discrimination and inequality in AMHP practice.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: Scheduled Learning: This will be through use of placement days, lectures, seminars, technology enabled learning and use of PebblePad.

Directed Independent Learning: This will be through self-directed inquiry and directed reading.

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

MO1 Critically appraise and apply knowledge of the Mental Health Act 1983 (2007), Mental Capacity Act 2005, codes of practice, local/national policies for AMHP practice.

MO2 Demonstrate a sophisticated understanding of the AMHP role including the ability to balance competing demands of autonomy, power, legal duties and rights based practice.

MO3 Synthesise and critically apply knowledge of a broad range of legislation and policy considering its relevance to AMHP practice.

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 114 hours

Face-to-face learning = 36 hours

Total = 150

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzvssn-15-m.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzvssn-15-m.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: Students will be required to demonstrate that they have met the competence requirements as set out by the Health and Care Professions Council (2013). Criteria for education providers and registrants. London: Health Care Professionals Council.

The assessment for this module will consist of an online exam (with a 24 hour window for completion) focusing on law, policy and ethics. This will be an open book examination to assess the baseline knowledge that the student has for AMHP practice. AMHPs are required to understand and apply mental health law, and to know where to gain clarity when required.

There will be opportunities within the module for formative feedback and assessment to test student knowledge prior to the examination.

Assessment components:

Examination (Online) - Component A (First Sit)

Description: Online exam (24 hrs)

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Examination (Online) - Component A (Resit)

Description: Online exam (24 hours)

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested:

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Approved Mental Health Practice [Sep][FT][Glenside][1yr] PGCert 2021-22