



MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information			
Module Title	Advancing practice in clinical examination and diagnostic reasoning for urgent, emergency and primary care practitioners.		
Module Code	UZWK9M-40-M	Level	M
For implementation from	September 2019		
UWE Credit Rating	40	ECTS Rating	Credit 20
Faculty	HAS	Field	ACCN
Department	Nursing and Midwifery		
Contributes towards	Professional Development Awards MSc Advanced Practice MSc Advanced Clinical Practice MSc Specialist Practice		
Module type:	Professional Practice		
Pre-requisites	None		
Excluded Combinations	UZWK9N-40-3 UZWRVH-20-3 UZWR1G-20-M UZWRVF-40-3 UZWRVE-40-M		
Co- requisites	None		
Module Entry requirements	<p>Practitioners with current professional registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council or General Pharmaceutical Health Council or Health and Care Professions Council.</p> <p>An identified clinical work environment, through either a permanent or honorary contract, with a clinical mentor for the duration of the module. Working with patients on first presentation in a pre-hospital; community; primary care; acute; emergency or urgent care environment.</p>		

Part 2: Description

This module has been developed to prepare practitioners with a professional registration in healthcare for a clinical role as an advancing autonomous practitioner working within a range of settings such as pre-hospital; community; primary; urgent; or emergency care. This module will prepare you to take a focused history; examine patients using a systems based approach; request appropriate diagnostic tests; interpret these; make a differential diagnosis and construct an evidenced based management plan for a range of patients and service users presenting with an undifferentiated range of symptoms. This will require demonstration of a higher degree of complex decision-making skills, expertise and knowledge in managing risk and diagnostics effectively and safely in the clinical context and environment within which you work.

Indicative content:

Skills

Appraising evidence for healthcare practice

Drivers for healthcare delivery

Introduction to use of frameworks for clinical reasoning

Systematic history taking and consultation skills

Use of advanced physical assessment techniques

Risk assessment frameworks for clinical reasoning, documentation and management

Clinical findings related to head to toe physical assessment with application to related disease processes

Advanced interpersonal skills

Clinical examination and review of systems:

- Cardiovascular examination
- Head, neck, ears, eyes, nose and throat examination
- Respiratory examination
- Abdominal examination
- Neurological examination
- Musculoskeletal examination
- Genitourinary examination
- Mental state examination

Note taking and documentation skills, recording contemporaneous accurate notes of examination, diagnosis, treatment and evidenced based management plans

Clinical examination skills using a systems based approach with an additional focus on musculoskeletal trauma diagnosis and management.

Injury and physical and mental illness management in same day care settings

X-ray interpretation

Context of physical assessment and clinical reasoning

Complex decision-making and risk management including decision making theory and clinical reasoning approaches including the appropriate use of clinical decision making protocols

Legal and ethical issues concerning autonomous practice in 24 hour settings and in relation to scope of practice within current professional frameworks

Making safe and appropriate referrals

Assessment and management of patients with undifferentiated presentations across the life span
Evidence based practice and clinical guidelines

Teaching and Learning Methods

A variety of approaches will be used which may include E-learning, lectures, practical sessions, seminars, experts from practice, analysis of case studies, problem based learning, on-line patient scenarios and self-directed study.

Supervised physical assessment practice sessions undertaken throughout the module.

Part 3: Assessment

Component A:

Practice Competency Document: successful completion of identified competencies. Learners will include clinical logs demonstrating evidence based critical reflection of different episodes of care to inform their achievement of competencies to their mentor. The practice competency document will be assessed in practice by the identified mentor. The assessment will allow the student to demonstrate developing practice and autonomous clinical decision making.

Component B:

45 minute OSCE plus a 15 minute structured oral critical discussion to allow the student to demonstrate autonomous clinical decision making. The student will be expected to take a clinical history from a standardised patient and perform the relevant clinical examination of two systems. The student will be expected to suggest a provisional diagnosis and a safe management plan relative to autonomous practice.

Formative Assessment:

- Feedback will be provided by formative OSCE within the practical sessions.
- Formative assessment will take place through clinical mentorship and feedback.

Identify final timetabled piece of assessment
(component and element)

Component B

% weighting between components A and B (Standard modules only)

A:

B:

First Sit

Component A (controlled conditions)
Description of each element

Element weighting
(as % of component)

1. Practice Competency Document

Pass/Fail


Component B
Description of each element

Element weighting
(as % of component)

1. OSCE

100

Resit (further attendance at taught classes is not required)	
Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)
1. Practice Competency Document	Pass/Fail
Component B Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)
1. OSCE	100
Part 4: Learning Outcomes & KIS Data	
Learning Outcomes	<p>On successful completion of this module students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safely assess and evaluate a range of patients using appropriate clinical examination and history taking skills through a wide range of practice-based competencies, underpinned by a critical analysis of the evidence. (Components A and B) 2. Make a differential diagnosis based on a high level of knowledge of anatomy and pathophysiology related to an undifferentiated presentation. (Component B) 3. Make a differential diagnosis, exercise critical clinical judgement and formulate a safe and evidenced based treatment and management plan based on the available evidence of the physical examination. (Component B) 4. Critically appraise the main decision making theories that contribute to safe clinical judgement and allows the practitioner to support their practice. (Component B) 5. Critically analyse and synthesise the issues that underpin managing risk and uncertainty, safely within this role. (Component B) 6. Document and maintain contemporaneous records of clinical findings in line with governance frameworks. (Component A) 7. Employ person centred communication skills, sensitively and effectively with patients across all age ranges, and their families, paying attention to diversity. (Component A)

Key Information Sets Information (KIS)	Key Information Set - Module data													
	Number of credits for this module				40									
Contact Hours	Hours to be allocated	Scheduled learning and teaching study hours	Independent study hours	Placement study hours	Allocated Hours									
	400	96	229	75	400									
Total Assessment	The table below indicates as a percentage the total assessment of the module which constitutes a;													
	<p>Written Exam: Unseen or open book written exam Coursework: Written assignment or essay, report, dissertation, portfolio, project or in class test Practical Exam: Oral Assessment and/or presentation, practical skills assessment, practical exam (i.e. an exam determining mastery of a technique)</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Total assessment of the module:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Written exam assessment percentage</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Coursework assessment percentage</td> <td style="text-align: center;">25%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Practical exam assessment percentage</td> <td style="text-align: center;">75%</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">100%</td> </tr> </table>					Total assessment of the module:		Written exam assessment percentage	0%	Coursework assessment percentage	25%	Practical exam assessment percentage	75%	
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Reading List	 <p style="color: teal; text-align: center;"> Clinical reasoning for urgent & emergency practitioners Emergency Practitioner Course </p>													

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