Module Descriptor

Title	Foundations in Evidence Based Practice		
Session	2026/27	**Status**	Published
Code	HLTH07003	**SCQF Level**	7
Credit Points	20	**ECTS (European Credit Transfer Scheme)**	10
School	**Health and Life Sciences**		
Module Co-ordinator	Bryan Mitchell		

Summary of Module

Evidence based practice is key to the provision of high-quality, person centred health and social care services that meet the needs of people who use such services (Scottish Government, 2017).

This module introduces students to the concept of evidence based practice before going onto explore different types of evidence and its role in underpinning health and social care practice. The module will also introduce students to the research process and the importance of being able to read research articles using a simple quality and usefulness framework.

The module is suitable for those currently working in or planning to work in health and social care and aims to promote global citizenship and graduateness for all students regardless of geography.

This module aims to contribute to the following I am UWS graduate attributes:

Universal: inquiring and critical thinking,

Work ready: digitally literate, problem solving,

Successful: creative and imaginative.

Module Delivery Method	**On-Campus**[1]	**Hybrid**[2]	**Online**[3]	**Work -Based Learning**[4]
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[1] Where contact hours are synchronous/ live and take place fully on campus. Campus-based learning is focused on providing an interactive learning experience supported by a range of digitally-enabled asynchronous learning opportunities including learning materials, resources, and opportunities provided via the virtual learning environment. On-campus contact hours will be clearly articulated to students.

[2] The module includes a combination of synchronous/ live on-campus and online learning events. These will be supported by a range of digitally-enabled asynchronous learning opportunities including learning materials, resources, and opportunities provided via the virtual learning environment. On-campus and online contact hours will be clearly articulated to students.

[3] Where all learning is solely delivered by web-based or internet-based technologies and the participants can engage in all learning activities through these means. All required contact hours will be clearly articulated to students.

[4] Learning activities where the main location for the learning experience is in the workplace. All required contact hours, whether online or on campus, will be clearly articulated to students

Campuses for Module Delivery	☐ Ayr ☐ Dumfries		☐ Lanarkshire ☒ London ☒ Paisley		☐ Online / Distance Learning ☐ Other (specify)	
Terms for Module Delivery	Term 1	☒	Term 2	☐	Term 3	☐
Long-thin Delivery over more than one Term	Term 1 – Term 2	☐	Term 2 – Term 3	☐	Term 3 – Term 1	☐

Learning Outcomes	
L1	Review the term evidence-based practice and outline its importance for health and social care delivery.
L2	Outline different types of evidence and research approaches and summarise their in evidence-based practice.
L3	Present accurate information on the quality and usefulness of research.
L4	
L5	

Employability Skills and Personal Development Planning (PDP) Skills	
SCQF Headings	**During completion of this module, there will be an opportunity to achieve core skills in:**
Knowledge and Understanding (K and U)	**SCQF 7** Recognising the key elements of evidence-based practice; Knowledge of the types of evidence and research that can be used to underpin health and social care delivery.
Practice: Applied Knowledge and Understanding	**SCQF 7** Applying knowledge of types of evidence and research to health and social care; Applying an understanding of the importance of good quality evidence when developing evidence-base practice.
Generic Cognitive skills	**SCQF 7** Developing skills to understand individual pieces of research evidence; Identifying how to evaluate research for quality and usefulness.
Communication, ICT and Numeracy Skills	**SCQF 7** Understanding of how to find evidence from relevant sources; Identifying and presenting the findings of a research study.
Autonomy, Accountability and Working with Others	**SCQF 7** Working with others in a way that recognises the contribution of evidence-based practice in health and social care; Being accountable for the quality of one's own written work and how this is applied to ones's own role in health and social care.

Prerequisites	Module Code	Module Title
	Other	
Co-requisites	Module Code	Module Title

Learning and Teaching	
In line with current learning and teaching principles, a 20-credit module includes 200 learning hours, normally including a minimum of 36 contact hours and maximum of 48 contact hours. Hybrid Delivery will be used for this module. In a hybrid delivery model students will be exposed to a range of synchronous and asynchronous group and personal activities online or in the classroom. This will be supplemented with a series of online learning units that present students with the core learning content for the module.	
Learning Activities During completion of this module, the learning activities undertaken to achieve the module learning outcomes are stated below:	**Student Learning Hours** (Note: Learning hours include both contact hours and hours spent on other learning activities)
Lecture / Core Content Delivery	20
Tutorial / Synchronous Support Activity	10
Personal Development Plan	6
Asynchronous Class Activity	6
Independent Study	158
n/a	
TOTAL	200

Indicative Resources
The following materials form essential underpinning for the module content and ultimately for the learning outcomes: Aveyard, H. and Sharp, P. (2017) A Beginner's Guide to Evidence Based Practice [Electronic book]. Maidenhead: Open University Press. Jolley, J. (2020) Introducing Research and Evidence-based Practice for Nursing and Healthcare Professionals (3rd Ed) [Electronic book]. Abingdon: Routledge. In addition to these texts students will be directed to a range of contemporary international, national and local information to support the module content and learning outcomes.
(N.B. Although reading lists should include current publications, students are advised (particularly for material marked with an asterisk*) to wait until the start of session for confirmation of the most up-to-date material)

Attendance and Engagement Requirements
In line with the Student Attendance and Engagement Procedure, Students are academically engaged if they are attending and participating in all timetabled programme activities including on-campus and online teaching sessions, asynchronous

online learning activities, placement, work-based elements, course-related learning resources, and complete assessments and submit these on time.

For the purposes of this module, academic engagement equates to the following:

In this module, there is a high degree of student-led flexibility. You are academically engaged if you are regularly engaged with scheduled live sessions on-campus and online, including engaging with online learning activities in your own time, course-related learning resources, and with timely completion and submission of assessments.

Whilst we understand that there may be times when conflicting priorities make participation challenging, for you to gain the most from this module it is recommended that you participate in all scheduled live classes and complete your self-directed learning activities in a timely manner.

It may be difficult to pass the assessment associated with this module if you are not regularly engaging with the module work and live classes.

We may reach out to check how things are going and offer support if we observe that your attendance and engagement is lower than expected that is in line with the school policy.

Equality and Diversity
The University's Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Procedure can be accessed at the following link: UWS Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Code. In line with current legislation (Equality Act, 2010) and the UWS Equality, Diversity, and Human Rights Code, our modules are accessible and inclusive, with reasonable adjustment for different needs where appropriate. Module materials comply with University guidance on inclusive learning and teaching, and specialist assistive equipment, support provision and adjustment to assessment practice will be made in accordance with UWS policy and regulations. Where modules require practical and/or laboratory based learning or assessment required to meet accrediting body requirements the University will make reasonable adjustment such as adjustable height benches or assistance of a 'buddy' or helper.
(N.B. Every effort will be made by the University to accommodate any equality and diversity issues brought to the attention of the School)

Supplemental Information

Divisional Programme Board	**Biological Sciences Health**
Overall Assessment Results	☒ **Pass / Fail** ☐ **Graded**
Module Eligible for Compensation	☐ **Yes** ☒ **No** **If this module is eligible for compensation, there may be cases where compensation is not permitted due to programme accreditation requirements. Please check the associated programme specification for details.**
School Assessment Board	Health
Moderator	Umma Suleiman
External Examiner	R Sanni-Adeniyi
Accreditation Details	
Module Appears in CPD catalogue	☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**
Changes / Version Number	1

Assessment (also refer to Assessment Outcomes Grids below)
Assessment 1
Research Skils Learning Log (100% weighting)
Assessment 2
Assessment 3
(N.B. (i) Assessment Outcomes Grids for the module (one for each component) can be found below which clearly demonstrate how the learning outcomes of the module will be assessed. (ii) An indicative schedule listing approximate times within the academic calendar when assessment is likely to feature will be provided within the Student Module Handbook.)

Component 1							
Assessment Type	**LO1**	**LO2**	**LO3**	**LO4**	**LO5**	**Weighting of Assessment Element (%)**	**Timetabled Contact Hours**
Workbook/ Laboratory notebook/ Diary/ Training log/ Learning log	☒	☒	☒	☐	☐	100	0

Component 2							
Assessment Type	**LO1**	**LO2**	**LO3**	**LO4**	**LO5**	**Weighting of Assessment Element (%)**	**Timetabled Contact Hours**
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐		

Component 3							
Assessment Type	**LO1**	**LO2**	**LO3**	**LO4**	**LO5**	**Weighting of Assessment Element (%)**	**Timetabled Contact Hours**
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐		
Combined total for all components						100%	0 hours

Change Control

What	**When**	**Who**