



Module Descriptor

Title	Living Well with Dementia		
Session	2025/26	Status	Published
Code	HLTH09008	SCQF Level	9
Credit Points	20	ECTS (European Credit Transfer Scheme)	10
School	Health and Life Sciences		
Module Co-ordinator	Stephen Holmes		

Summary of Module

This module aims to equip health and social care professionals with the essential knowledge and understanding required to provide optimal evidence-based care and support to people with dementia and their families and friends (significant others).

The module begins by exploring our current understanding of dementia, an umbrella term for a cluster of progressive conditions that affect the brain. The module reviews current evidence in the care and support of people with dementia from diagnosis to death and the care and support required by their significant others. Interactive elements of learning will enable students to apply theoretical content to their own practice and that of others to allow them to evaluate the challenges that may prevent the provision of evidence based care to people with dementia and their significant others. Engaging in interactive learning will enable students to be work ready and successful in their career as well as becoming critically thinking graduate.

The module will support health and social care professionals from anywhere in the world and within any care settings in understanding the complexity of dementia through interactive learning activities allowing learners to apply current best practice ideologies to their own role in the workplace. This promotes global citizenship.

This module is fully theoretical and does not have any placements

Module Delivery Method	On-Campus ¹	Hybrid ²	Online ³	Work -Based Learning ⁴
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Ayr <input type="checkbox"/> Dumfries		<input type="checkbox"/> Lanarkshire <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> London <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paisley		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online / Distance Learning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) New College Lanarkshire	
	Term 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Term 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Term 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Long-thin Delivery over more than one Term	Term 1 – Term 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Term 2 – Term 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Term 3 – Term 1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Learning Outcomes	
L1	Discuss in depth our current understanding of dementia and how this illness challenges society, individuals and service providers.
L2	Critically analyse and evaluate best practice in the diagnosis, care and support of people with dementia and their significant others
L3	Apply theoretical learning to professional practice to deliberate how evidence based care and support can improve the care provided to people with dementia and their significant others.
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 9 Knowledge of current dementia strategies and policies. Understanding of the different types of dementia and how these are diagnosed. Knowledge and understanding of the impact that a variety of evidence based approaches can have to the provision of care and support to those with dementia and their significant others
Practice: Applied Knowledge and Understanding	SCQF 9 Explaining how the use of strategies and policies can improve the care and support to people with dementia and their significant others. Debating the challenges that are inherent in providing evidence based dementia care in health and social care practice. Applying theoretic content to own practice and that of others to promote evidence based practice in dementia care
Generic Cognitive skills	SCQF 9 Identifying societal and healthcare challenges impact on the care and support provided to people with dementia and their significant others. Critically reviewing the care and support received by the person with a dementia and their significant others and discussing how the care and support could be enhanced using evidence based approaches.

Communication, ICT and Numeracy Skills	SCQF 9 Improving communication within the care team to ensure evidence based dementia care is understood by all. Developing further library, e-library and on-line searching and retrieval skills. Improving word processing and spreadsheet usage skills.
Autonomy, Accountability and Working with Others	SCQF 9 Promoting the use of current best practice in dementia care. Working effectively with others to provide evidence based care for people with dementia and their significant others. Identifying and addressing own learning needs and the needs of others in their workplace.

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

Learning and Teaching	
<p>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.</p> <p>This module will be delivered by hybrid learning, which optimises both online transmission and on campus tutorials. The module is also delivered online by e-learning.</p> <p>Students will participate in a wide range of classroom activities which will include lectures, tutorials, discussion, group activities and problem-based learning activities which cover the core quality assured resources received by on-line students. These will be hosted on the module virtual learning environment (VLE). They have access to direct individual and tutorial support from their tutors, will participate in asynchronous discussions, and will be directed to wider reading including access to electronic library and books.</p> <p>Students supported on-line via the VLE will receive: Core quality assured module resources; individual and group tutorial support by email; synchronous and a-synchronous discussion; directed wider reading including access to electronic library and e-books.</p> <p>Blended learning students will attend classes but less frequently than in the face to face delivery. Learning will be supported by: the VLE core quality assured module resources; individual and group tutorial support by email; synchronous and a-synchronous discussion; directed wider reading including access to electronic library and e-books.</p>	
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
Independent Study	158
Asynchronous Class Activity	6

Personal Development Plan	6
n/a	
TOTAL	200

Indicative Resources

The following materials form essential underpinning for the module content and ultimately for the learning outcomes:

Ames, D., O'Brien, J. T., & Burns, A. (2020). Dementia (5th ed.). Boca Raton FL: CRC Press.

Andrews, J. (2015) Dementia: The one-stop guide: Practical advice for families, professionals and people living with dementia and Alzheimer's disease. London: Profile Books.

Christopher, G. (2023). Dementia: current perspectives in research and treatment. Abingdon, Oxon ; New York, NY: Routledge.

Scottish Social Services Council/NHS Education Scotland, (2016). Dementia Skilled Improving Practice: <https://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/media/lp1hh5kt/dementia-skilled-resource-2016-final-web.pdf>

Jackson, G.. and Tolson, D. Eds. (2019) Textbook of dementia care: an Integrated Approach. London: Routledge.

Jenkins, C., Keenan, B. and Ginesi, L. (2016) Dementia care at a glance. Chichester: John Wiley.

Rahman, S. and Howard, R. (2018) Essential of Dementia: Everything you really need to know for working in dementia care. London: Jessica Kingsley.

(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 regularly attending and participating in timetabled on-campus and online teaching sessions, asynchronous online learning activities, 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass / Fail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Graded
Module Eligible for Compensation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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	Anna Jack-Waugh
External Examiner	G Bachi
Accreditation Details	
Module Appears in CPD catalogue	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Changes / Version Number	1.02

Assessment (also refer to Assessment Outcomes Grids below)

Assessment 1

Students will use case studies of individuals of different ages with dementia and produce a written piece of work which will focus on diagnosis, care and support of the person, their families and wider support network using evidenced-based care.

Assessment 2

Students will produce an electronic poster demonstrating their current understanding of dementia and how this illness challenges society, individuals and service providers.

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
Case study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	80	0

Component 2							
Assessment Type	LO1	LO2	LO3	LO4	LO5	Weighting of Assessment Element (%)	Timetabled Contact Hours
Demonstrations/ Poster presentations/ Exhibitions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	20	0

Component 3							
Assessment Type	LO1	LO2	LO3	LO4	LO5	Weighting of Assessment Element (%)	Timetabled Contact Hours
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Combined total for all components						100%	0 hours

Change Control

What	When	Who