

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: DISSERTATION: PRACTICE EVALUATION PROJECT
Status: Definitive
Code: **6501SWCBAP** (108589)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2014

Owning School/Faculty: Nursing and Allied Health
Teaching School/Faculty: City of Liverpool College

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Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 24.00
Total Delivered Hours: 40.00
Total Learning Hours: 240
Private Study: 200

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

| Component | Contact Hours |
|-----------|---------------|
| Lecture | 18.000 |
| Seminar | 18.000 |
| Tutorial | 4.000 |

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

| Category | Short Description | Description | Weighting (%) | Exam Duration |
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| Dissertation | AS1 | Coursework: Proposal, 1,000 words | 20.0 | |
| Dissertation | AS2 | Coursework: Essay 6,000 words | 80.0 | |

Aims

- 1. To introduce to students a range of research and evaluation methods relevant to social work*
- 2. To ensure students can critically use and assess relevant research evidence in social work*
- 3. To prepare students for writing an extended essay which will use research*

evidence drawn from various sources.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically review the strengths and weaknesses of a range of research methods in relation to social work
- 2 Critically evaluate and integrate research evidence from a range of sources related to a specific area of social work practice
- 3 Send a document as an attachment to an email and reply to an email (ECDL module 7).

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

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| Proposal | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Dissertation | 1 | 2 | |

Outline Syllabus

1. *Overview of research in the social sciences*
2. *Review of the use of various research methods in social work, and the relationship between evaluation and research*
3. *Review of some case studies of research related to social work, including practitioner research*
4. *Ethical issues and social work values in research*
5. *Using IT packages in relation to evidence*
6. *The problems and dilemmas of data collection and evaluation*
7. *Constructing an extended essay*

Learning Activities

Lecturers will offer students a working knowledge of a range of research and evaluation methods with critical skills being developed in seminars. Students will be briefed on and directed to computer packages on research, in addition to lectures.

The evaluation proposal is designed to assist the student to develop a plan for evaluating social work practice, which will prepare them for their extended essay. It will require them to critically review various research methods relevant to the evaluation of practice, and will involve group and individual discussion of student proposals.

The essay is intended to provide the opportunity for students to write at greater length, exploring and critically using research evidence to reflect upon and evaluate practice. This must also meet the ECDL learning outcomes.

References

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| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Cheetham, J. and Kazi, M.A.F.(eds) |
| Publishing Year | 1998 |
| Title | 'The Working of Social Work' |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | |
| Publisher | Jessica Kingsley |
| ISBN | |

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Gilbert, N. |
| Publishing Year | 1993 |
| Title | 'Researching Social Life' |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | |
| Publisher | Sage |
| ISBN | |

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Course Material | Book |
| Author | May, T. (2001) |
| Publishing Year | 0 |
| Title | 'Social Research' |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | 3rd ed |
| Publisher | Open University Press |
| ISBN | |

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|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Shaw, I and Lishman, J. (eds) |
| Publishing Year | 1999 |
| Title | 'Evaluation and Social Work Practice' |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | |
| Publisher | Sage |
| ISBN | |

Notes

This module is intended to provide students with an opportunity to reflect upon and evaluate in some detail topics relevant to an area of social work practice, critically examining related research evidence. This module aims to develop and assess transferable skills in investigation, research, reflection and evaluation of issues related to ethical and effective social work practice and policy. The module will

provide formative feedback for students in relation to the development of the evaluation proposal, thus preparing them for the extended essay which will constitute the main summative assessment