

Summary Information

Module Code	7032COCPY
Formal Module Title	Independent Research and Dissertation
Owning School	Psychology
Career	Postgraduate Taught
Credits	60
Academic level	FHEQ Level 7
Grading Schema	50

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Psychology

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Tutorial	18
Workshop	32

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
SEP-CTY	CTY	September	44 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	<p>1. To prepare the candidate to conduct an ethical, reliable, valid, independent research enquiry, that is consistent with their professional experience, and their area of interest within counselling and psychotherapy.</p> <p>2. To integrate prior theoretical and conceptual learning, and consolidate research knowledge, professional practice issues and experience in conducting an independent research project.</p> <p>3. To contribute to the field of counselling and psychotherapy as a practitioner researcher through robust and critical research capable of informing and influencing counselling and psychotherapy practice.</p>
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Master the application of research skills to underpin and enhance their professional practice.
MLO2	2	Identify gaps in practice based evidence and make recommendations for future research.
MLO3	3	Synthesize their knowledge and competency as a practitioner researcher to critically argue the applicability of qualitative research to the field of counselling and psychotherapy
MLO4	4	Contribute to the professional knowledge base of the wider therapeutic community
MLO5	5	Critically debate the theoretical and philosophical advantages and disadvantages of their chosen research methodologies.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	<p>Independent review of literature and literature search</p> <p>Research paradigms, protocol and design</p> <p>Rationale for the research topic, nature of enquiry and methodological approach</p> <p>Ethical research and ethical approval for the research study</p> <p>Recruitment phase for participation in the research study</p> <p>Implementing the research protocol</p> <p>Data collection and analysis</p> <p>Interpretation of research outcomes</p> <p>Writing up of dissertation</p>
Module Overview	<p>This module aims to prepare you to conduct an ethical, reliable, valid, independent research enquiry that is consistent with your professional experience and area of interest within counselling and psychotherapy. It:</p> <p>helps you to synthesise prior theoretical and conceptual learning and consolidate research knowledge, professional practice issues and experience in conducting an independent research project</p> <p>enables you to contribute to the field of counselling and psychotherapy as a practitioner researcher through a robust and critical research enquiry that informs and influences psychotherapy practice</p>
Additional Information	<p>Candidates must pass 7031COCPY before progressing to the independent research module. Candidates will conduct their independent research enquiry into an aspect of counselling and psychotherapy practice, as defined through a Learning Agreement between tutor and candidate. Upon completion of the research activity, in the form of a dissertation, candidates will produce a robust written account of the research process, presenting a rationale and ethical argument for their choice of methodology and adopted protocol, their investigation and ensuing analysis, discussion and interpretation of results. Students who have not gained ethical approval for their research by the required timescales will be directed to complete a systematic literature review.</p>

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Dissertation	Research Study Dissertation	100	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3, MLO4, MLO5

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Peter Blundell	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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