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Title: Introduction to Research Methods
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Owning School/Faculty: Nursing and Allied Health
Teaching School/Faculty: Nursing and Allied Health

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Academic Level: FHEQ7 **Credit Value:** 10 **Total Delivered Hours:** 25
Total Learning Hours: 100 **Private Study:** 75

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

| Component | Contact Hours |
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| Lecture | 20 |
| Seminar | 5 |

Grading Basis: 50 %

Assessment Details

| Category | Short Description | Description | Weighting (%) | Exam Duration |
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| Report | proposal | research proposal 2500 words | 100 | 1 |

Aims

To provide a critical knowledge base of the philosophy and underpinning assumptions of research for social work and prepare the student to carry out research

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically discuss the key paradigms in social work research.
- 2 Critically review available sources of literature to develop appropriate research questions and research proposal
- 3 Critically apply research methodologies and methods to carry out research consistent with values of social justice and anti-oppressive practice
- 4 Critically analyse the ethical dimensions of research.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

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| research proposal 2500 words | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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Outline Syllabus

1. *Overview of research and debate in social work in relation to the nature and role of evaluation and research methods.*
2. *Review of a range of methodologies and research methods and case studies of research related to social work, including practitioner research.*
3. *The problems and dilemmas of data collection and data analysis.*
4. *Ethical issues and social work values in research: moral and social theory;*
5. *Designing a research proposal for a Master's level dissertation module: empirical and theoretical issues.*

Learning Activities

The module will be delivered via a series of lectures which will help students develop and enhance their understanding of research methodologies and methods. These methods will be studied within the context of professional social work values and approaches. The lectures will be supported by directed study, small group seminars and individual supervision from dissertation supervisors. These activities aim to help students develop their understanding and apply their knowledge to the development of the research proposal for their study within the dissertation module.

Notes

This module aims to develop and assess the knowledge of methodologies and research methods, and understanding and transferable skills in the independent investigation, research, communication and evaluation of issues related to effective and ethical professional practice and policy. The module will provide feedback for students in relation to the development of the research proposal, this preparing them for the dissertation module.

This module is mapped to the Knowledge and Skills Statements (child and family

social work and social workers in adult services)

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