

Dissertation

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	7208SWMAP
Formal Module Title	Dissertation
Owning School	Nursing and Allied Health
Career	Postgraduate Taught
Credits	60
Academic level	FHEQ Level 7
Grading Schema	50

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Nursing and Allied Health

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	10
Seminar	10
Tutorial	12

Module Offering(s)

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

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	To explore, in-depth, a topic of interest and relevance to contemporary social work policy and practice utilising an empirical or literature based approach.
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Demonstrate critical knowledge and understanding of current research on a relevant chosen area of social work practice.
MLO2	2	Critically apply research methodologies and methods to carry out research informed by the values of social justice and anti-oppressive practice.
MLO3	3	Critically evaluate the implications of research findings with a focus on benefitting and informing best practice in the selected area of research.
MLO4	4	Communicate and disseminate research findings using agreed standards of convention.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	The syllabus will consist of a combination of lectures, small group seminars, workshops and individual supervision to support students' learning and assist them in the application of the knowledge and skills gained from the research methods module. The smaller group seminars will deal with emerging issues related to methodology, data analysis and the relationship to professional practice. Students will have the opportunity to attend a number of 'master classes' delivered by practising researchers to highlight some of the opportunities and challenges within research projects and to illustrate the links between theory and practice. The syllabus will be supported by Faculty wide Post Graduate research teaching and learning opportunities including the Research Café seminar series, monthly research seminars and workshops focussing on using computer packages to help organise research data.
Module Overview	
Additional Information	<p>This module aims to develop and assess knowledge, understanding of research methods and skills in the investigation, research and evaluation of issues related to effective and ethical social work practice and policy. Students are encouraged to draw on research and research methodologies to locate, review and evaluate research finding relevant to Social Work, and to contribute to the understanding of a specific issue through their individual study. This module is linked to the Introduction to Research Methods module which is delivered in the second semester of the first year. The research paper and portfolio permit students to engage in a major project of their choice. The module Learning Outcomes (LO) aim to meet Social Work England's (SWE) Professional Standards as follows:</p> <p>LO1 Demonstrate critical knowledge and understanding of current research on a relevant chosen area of social work practice</p> <p>3.5 Hold different explanations in mind and use evidence to inform my decisions.</p> <p>4.2 Use supervision and feedback to critically reflect on, and identify my learning needs, including how I use research and evidence to inform my practice.</p> <p>4.3 Keep my practice up to date and record how I use research, theories and frameworks to inform my practice and my professional judgement.</p> <p>4.4 Demonstrate good subject knowledge on key aspects of social work practice and develop knowledge of current issues in society and social policies impacting on social work.</p> <p>LO2 Critically apply research methodologies and methods to carry out research informed by the values of social justice and anti-oppressive practice</p> <p>1.5 Recognise differences across diverse communities and challenge the impact of disadvantage and discrimination on people and their families and communities.</p> <p>1.6 Promote social justice, helping to confront and resolve issues of inequality and inclusion</p> <p>1.7 Recognise and use responsibly, the power and authority I have when working with people, ensuring that my interventions are always necessary, the least intrusive, proportionate, and in people's best interests</p> <p>2.2 Respect and maintain people's dignity and privacy</p> <p>2.5 Actively listen to understand people, using a range of appropriate communication methods to build relationships.</p> <p>2.6 Treat information about people with sensitivity and handle confidential information in line with the law</p> <p>3.1 Work within legal and ethical frameworks, using my professional authority and judgement appropriately.</p> <p>3.12 Use my assessment skills to respond quickly to dangerous situations and take any necessary protective action.</p> <p>3.13 Provide, or support people to access advice and services tailored to meet their needs, based on evidence, negotiating and challenging other professionals and organisations, as required</p> <p>LO3 Critically evaluate the implications of research findings with a focus on benefitting and informing best practice in the selected area of research</p> <p>2.1 Be open, honest, reliable and fair.</p> <p>6.1 Report allegations of harm and challenge and report exploitation and any dangerous, abusive or discriminatory behaviour or practice.</p> <p>6.3 Inform people of the right to complain and provide them with the support to do it, and record and act on concerns raised to me.</p> <p>6.5 Raise concerns about organisational wrongdoing and cultures of inappropriate and unsafe practice</p> <p>LO4 Communicate and disseminate research findings using agreed standards of convention</p> <p>2.6 Treat information about people with sensitivity and handle confidential information in line with the law</p> <p>4.5 Contribute to an open and creative learning culture in the workplace to discuss, reflect on and share best practice.</p> <p>5.6 Use technology, social media or other forms of electronic communication unlawfully, unethically, or in a way that brings the profession into disrepute.</p>

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Portfolio	Research Portfolio	30	0	MLO1, MLO2
Dissertation	Research Paper	70	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3, MLO4

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Andrea Newman	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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