Public Health Assessment
Module Code NURM135

Credits / Level of Study  15 credits / Level 7

Module Aims
The aims of the module are to:
• Explore and critically evaluate approaches to assessing public health and critique the underpinning information systems and data bases.
• Gain and exercise higher levels of judgement, decision making and discretion in public health practice, programme management and service development.

Module Content
• The structure and nature of public health within the social and political context
• Processes of health surveillance and assessment of a population’s health and well-being.
• Resources needed to implement public health initiatives and support public health practice at local, national and international levels
• Validity and reliability of tools for assessment in public health practice
• Causation and critical evaluation of selected therapeutic and preventative interventions
• Theories and concepts underpinning public health practice
• Collaborative working with individuals, groups and communities to enhance health and well being
• Exploration of the wider determinants of health and the use of advocacy to promote client perspective in the assessment process
• Appraising the quality of communication with individuals, groups and communities in assessment processes
• Identifying, collating, analysing and critically interpreting data relating to health and well-being of an identified population and using this to make recommendations for service development
• The bio-psychosocial aspects of group and community assessment
• Legal and ethical issues relating to public health
• Contemporary issues in public health or social care

Pre-requisites of Study
None

Delivery of Module
Different approaches relevant to the module content will be used, which may include: Lectures, discussion groups, seminars, case studies, pre & post session study, virtual learning approaches.

Assessment
Drawing on and critically appraising varying levels and sources of data, perform a health needs assessment of a defined population. Select a health need and identify a strategy to address this need. Using the data you have collated, provide a rationale for your strategy that could be used to influence potential funders. 3000 words (100%)

Key Information

Study Dates
October 2017:  11, 12, 18, 19, 23, 31
November 2017:  1

*Please check our website to ensure that there have been no revisions to the course dates listed

Location
Duke of Kent Building, University of Surrey

Cost  £950.00

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