Research for Professional Practice
Module Code NUR3225

Credits / Level of Study 30 credits / Level 6

Module Aims
To enable students to critically appraise evidence related to clinical practice. Students will further develop understanding of key methods used in research, evaluation and improvement science, therefore enabling them to become competent at employing evidence based practice.

Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this module, students will be able to:
- Utilise an appropriate search strategy to retrieve, review and critically appraise information and published literature within your field of practice.
- Appraise where different types of research sit within the hierarchy of evidence and the application of evidence to practice guidelines and policy.
- Critically appraise strengths and limitations of qualitative and quantitative research design, methods, and analysis.
- Demonstrate understanding of the key processes and stages in research, evaluation or improvement methods.
- Demonstrate a critical awareness of the key ethical issues in research, the role of ethics committees and research governance.
- Explain the benefits and importance of patient and public involvement in research.
- Demonstrate the ability to work independently and take responsibility for seeking guidance in relation to completion of a literature review and project proposal.

Pre-requisites of Study
Must be registered on a BSc programme of study with the School of Health Sciences at the University of Surrey. You also should have completed the RPL/RPC process to gain your Level 4 and 5 credits. Please contact your Programme Administrator if you have any queries.

Delivery of Module
The learning and teaching methods include:
- Lectures,
- Seminars
- Group and individual student supervision

Assessment
Dissertation (100%)
Students will complete a dissertation comprising of either:
- a comprehensive literature review and a research proposal related to an area of interest within the student’s scope of practice.
- a review of current evidence and guidelines on an area of interest within the students scope of practice, with a plan for an improvement project consisting of an audit or evaluation of the selected practice

Students will not be expected to undertake the research proposed. The word count of the dissertation = 8000 words

Supervision of the project will be through a named Supervisor with 8 hours of supervision per student. Supervision will be organised using a combination of small supervision group work, and one to one tutorials, and will include opportunities for formative feedback. Students will be given further guidance on the expectations of the dissertation during the module.

Key Information

Study Dates
November 2019: 5, 12
December 2019: 3, 10
January 2020: 7, 14
February 2020: 4, 18
March 2020: 10

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

Location
University of Surrey

Cost £1400.00

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