Module Aims
This module aims to enable students to critically appraise research. Students will further develop the skills to appraise evidence for health, care and well-being, therefore enabling them to become competent at employing research and evidence based practice.

Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this module, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate a critical awareness of the key ethical issues in research and the role of ethics committees, as well as the principles of ‘good clinical practice’ within clinical research.
- Appraise where different types of research sit within the hierarchy of evidence and the application of evidence to practice guidelines and policy.
- Critically appraise qualitative research design, methods, and analysis.
- Critically appraise quantitative research design, methods, and analysis including basic statistics.
- Demonstrate understanding of research policy and funding, and the ‘research architecture’ of the NHS.
- Explain the benefits and importance of patient and public involvement in research.
- Utilise an appropriate search strategy to retrieve, review and critically appraise information and published literature within your field of practice and develop a research proposal.
- Demonstrate the ability to work independently and take responsibility for seeking guidance in relation to completion of a literature review and research 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 APEL 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 a comprehensive literature review and a research proposal related to an area of interest within the student’s scope of 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 2016: 8, 15
December 2016: 6, 13
January 2017: 17, 24
February 2017: 7, 21
March 2017: 14

*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 £1950.00

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