Understanding the Complexities of Caring for Older People

Module Code HCRM01

Credits / Level of Study 15 credits / Level 7

Module Aims
This module aims to invite students to critically review their knowledge, skills and understanding of the complexities of care for older people and reflect on how care is provided. This will be achieved through analysing key concepts and models of care and by challenging existing practices. Students will explore ways to deliver improvements in supporting this client group.

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

- Demonstrate a holistic approach to health and social care assessment of complex needs, incorporating individual beliefs and values ensuring effective communication, health promotion from initial problem identification to end of life.
- Demonstrate a critical understanding and evaluation of roles and responsibilities taking into consideration the complexities of a whole systems approach in relation to the management of older people.
- Demonstrate an understanding and evaluate the impact of cognitive and behavioural factors of older people and develop critical approaches to models of empowerment and advocacy.
- Critically evaluate the legal and ethical aspects of supporting older people.

Module Content
Indicative content includes:

- Ageing process – theories of ageing
- Holistic health and social care assessment of complex needs
- Assessment and management of chronic disease co-morbidities
- Polypharmacy and compliance
- Strategies to promote well-being
- Ageing and mental health issues (depression, dementia, delirium)
- Identification of risk and risk management
- Societies perception of older people and potential impact on care
- Strategies to support older people and their family
- Promoting the voice of older people
- Policy and organisational analysis

Pre-requisites/co-requisites of study
None

Delivery of Module
The learning and teaching methods include:

- Use of e-learning platform
- Group discussions and presentation
- Case studies/narratives
- Digital media
- Facilitation
- Utilisation of online resources to develop knowledge for group activity.

Assessment
Students will present a study of an older person/people and critically analyse and evaluate the way in which services to support their health and social care needs are organised, delivered and managed. The study will conclude with recommendations for practice. (100% of mark)

Key Information

Study Dates:
May 2018: 1, 2, 16, 17
June 2018: 5

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

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