

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Evidence Based Practice (Public Health)
2	Module Credits	15
3	Module Level	6
4	Module Code	PHE6054

5	Module Overview
<p>Aims of the Module:</p> <p>A recognised and well-defined professional end-point across all health care professions is the ability to reliably inform one's practice, and enhance the quality of professional judgement. Developing professional judgement and decision-making skills are now well-embedded objectives across most professional programmes. In this context, this module aims to develop decision-making skills based on available evidence. This contemporary approach to decision-making and developing such skills are core objectives to most professional groups. Hence, the application and assessment of this module can be tailored to all health and social care programmes.</p> <p>The utility and application of this module is aimed at developing students understanding in the utility of evidence to better inform decision-making in a professional context. In some cases the content and issues raised at level 5 study will be built-upon; an example of this would be advancing skills in searching electronic databases or decision-making skills in the context of known best evidence. The content of the module should focus on developing skills, knowledge and insight in the following areas: recognising and constructing searchable clinical questions; developing search skills utilising recognised frameworks; interpreting and identifying the evidence base relevant to information need; demonstrating competent skills in the appraisal of evidence; describing and evaluating the measurement of quantitative and qualitative outcomes and identifying issues related to practice change.</p> <p>In sum this module should enable the student to develop skills, insight and knowledge to become a more competent life - long learner and independent health care professional.</p>	

6	Indicative Content
<p>Evidence Based Practice (Core Module) Leadership and Innovation in Public Health (Core Module) Community and Policy Studies (Core Module) Assessment for First Contact Care in the Community Management of Long Term Conditions in the Community Prescribing for Community Health Nurses The Professional Practice of Community District Nursing</p>	

7	Module Learning Outcomes
<p>On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:</p>	
1	Demonstrate competence and a level of efficiency in developing searchable questions (using recognised frameworks) and, utilise a range of electronic databases and search filters to access relevant evidence.

	2	Recognise and critically appraise key methodological issues in the appraisal of journalistic, primary and secondary research.
	3	Establish the relevance and significance of various statistical and clinical measures of effect to the benefit or otherwise of your patient group.
	4	Within your professional context discuss and critique issues related to practice change and decision - making in clinical practice.

8	Module Assessment		
Learning Outcome			
	Coursework	Exam	In-Person
1, 2, 3, 4		X	

9	Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities	
Learning Activities	Hours	
Scheduled Learning (SL) includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable	36	
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	24	
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams	90	
Total Study Hours:	150	