Investigating Health and Social Care  K323

Presentation pattern: October to June

Module description

In an age in which various kinds of knowledge and research can be instantly available via the internet it is essential for health and social care students to learn discernment, and critical appreciation of the best knowledge and research available. This module concentrates on teaching you the skills necessary to conduct an investigation into a subject area of your own choice in a systematic way through a literature review.

Person specification

The person specification for this module should be read in conjunction with the generic person specification for an associate lecturer at The Open University.

As well as meeting all the requirements set out in the generic person specification, you should have:
- a first degree in the social sciences or a relevant discipline
- must have experience of writing literature reviews in social sciences and/or health and social care
- familiarity with the provision of health and social care services
- the ability and commitment to teach in the online environment (e.g. online rooms)
- willingness to develop a thorough familiarity with OU library resources to support K323 students
- willingness to pursue a claim for Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy
- willingness to use analytics to provide targeted student support

It would be an advantage to have:

Investigating knowledge and understanding in the areas of the implications of an ageing society and/or public health
- experience of working in an HE environment
- a postgraduate qualification in e.g. Masters the social sciences or a relevant discipline
- experience of having undertaken research or practitioner research

Additional information

- Students studying K323 will either be registered on a number of undergraduate degrees offered by the Faculty of Wellbeing, Education and Language Studies and the Open Degree, as well as some students who may study this module on a ‘stand-alone’ basis.
- From October 2020 students will choose a study route when they engage with their teaching block 2 studies which will feature a focus on an area of special interest; public health or ageing. In October 2019 they will not be able to choose a public health route.
- The default tuition method for K323 will be online, and in accordance with The Open University’s Group Tuition Policy. Tuition will include written feedback on assessed work, and group tutorial sessions in Online Rooms.
• During teaching block 3 tutors will be required to offer provision of personalised verbal feedback in relation to their students’ developing literature review.

Module related details - a full explanation can be found on the website

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The teaching and assessment strategy for this module has not yet been approved and therefore the information is subject to change.