An introduction to health and social care  K101

Presentation pattern  
February to October 
October to June

Module description

This module offers a broad practical introduction to health and social care for anyone involved in caring work, for example as a nurse, care assistant, or social worker. Equally, for students who care for a family member, use care services themselves, or simply have a general interest in caring, the module will help them to explore the many facets of care in a diverse and changing society. It brings issues to life through case studies using video and audio DVD sequences, as well as books and online resources. The module also helps them in developing practical caring skills, as well as the learning skills required for successful study.

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:

- the ability to carry out your role in Welsh and English
- an appropriate degree (e.g. social policy, sociology, anthropology, psychology, social work, nursing, education, or other allied disciplines)
- experience of teaching or training in social work, social care or health
- home internet access and sound basic IT skills, including the ability to access the internet and communicate effectively using email and online forums
- enthusiasm for engaging with the potential of online dialogue as a medium for teaching and student support.

It would be an advantage to have:

- familiarity with online learning environments and experience of teaching online. This includes the need to be comfortable with delivering synchronous online tuition and support
- Familiarity with using spreadsheet or web-based based representations of student data
- experience of supporting students whose preferred language is Welsh
- experience of supporting students who are new to studying at degree level
- management experience in health and social care.

Additional information

- While module materials are provided in English, you will be expected to encourage and enable Welsh speaking students to use their preferred language (Welsh or English) in their studies (for example in their written assignments, workshop activities and in communication with you).
- You will be expected to be familiar with current issues in health and social care in the nation in which you are teaching
- You will be required to access the K101 cluster online forum(s) in accordance with agreed clustering schedules to provide additional student support, and encourage the development of students’ skills as appropriate check for new messages and respond as appropriate.
- You will be expected to engage in the K101 tutors’ online forum which has been set up to promote the sharing of information, ideas and good practice.
- One of the features of this module will be the opportunity to work in close collaboration with other teaching colleagues. This will involve a shared approach to ongoing student and peer support through team teaching in the context of combined tutor groups.

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

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