Perspectives in health and social care  K118

Presentation pattern  October to June

Module description
Health and social care is an important and complex topic that is seldom out of the news. This module will help students get to grips with three important areas which affect us all - health and wellbeing, mental health and ageing and later life. Students will be introduced to some of the key concepts, theories and debates and explore a rich mixture of real-life case studies, audio-visual material and academic texts, all developed by experts drawing on cutting-edge research. An equally important focus of K118 is developing study and employment-related skills.

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:
- 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, health, public health, applied gerontology or mental 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
- experience of supporting students who are relatively new to studying at degree level
- academic, practitioner or service-used based expertise in one of the three topic areas health and wellbeing, mental health and ageing, and later life.

Additional information
- You will be required to access the K118 online forum(s) at least twice a week to check for new messages and respond as appropriate.
- You will be expected to engage in the K118 tutors’ online forum which has been set up to promote the sharing of information, ideas and good practice.
- There may be the opportunity to work in close collaboration with other teaching colleagues. This may 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

| Credits awarded to the student for the successful completion of a module: | 60 |
| Number of assignments submitted by the student: | 4 |
| Method of submission for assignments: | 2 |
| Level of ICT requirements: | 2 |
| Number of students likely to be in a standard group: | 20 |
| Salary band: | 9 |
| Estimated number of hours per teaching week: | 7.5 |