Extending professional practice K214

Presentation pattern February to October

Course description

K214 is the second and final work-based learning course in the Foundation Degree in Health and Social Care. It enables students to develop as skilled and knowledgeable assistant practitioners in their specific field. This is a practice-based module integrating theory and practice in a way that is sensitive to their practice development needs and work context, allowing a personalised learning experience. The module is offered in collaboration with the employer and it includes practice assessments that measure their skills against specific skills performance criteria in addition to the generic competences specified by the Health Professions Council.

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 knowledge and understanding of the roles and responsibilities of different practitioners in the range of health and social care settings
- experience of working in one or more health and/or social care settings
- awareness of current initiatives and policy developments in health and social care
- a knowledge of practice assessment processes in health and social care
- an appreciation of how adults learn in a work-based context
- enthusiasm for engaging with the potential of online dialogue as a medium for teaching and student support.

It would be an advantage to have:

- experience of supporting learners in a practice-based context, or part of a work-based learning programme.

Additional information

- K214 is presented electronically. Although there will be an initial face-to-face tutorial at the start of the module as well as two three-way meetings between student, tutor and workplace supervisor, the majority of tuition is carried out using online forums. You will be required to access the K214 tutor group online forum(s) at least twice a week to check for new messages and respond as appropriate
- Experience of using electronic forms of distance teaching and support would be useful but training will be provided.

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: 3
Method of submission for assignments: 1a
Level of ICT requirements: 3
Number of students likely to be in a standard group: 10
Salary band: 6
Estimated number of hours per teaching week: 5