Critical issues in health and wellbeing K219

Presentation pattern: October to June

Module description

K219 is a broad-based module relevant to national and international students in the public, private or third sector who may wish to use the knowledge and skills inherent to the BA (Hons) Health and Social Care, or the BA (Hons) Open in their current or future practice. The module consists of four blocks of study, each comprising four learning guides in which students explore the key concepts of health and wellbeing, and reflect upon their relationship to health and social care provision. Teaching will highlight how health and wellbeing can be affected by factors at individual, relational and society level. Students will be encouraged to reflect upon how our Health and Social Care system needs to be structured if we are to support individuals in feeling positive about their health and wellbeing. K219 is a compulsory L2 module within the BA (Hons) Health and Social Care degree.

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 relevant undergraduate degree or relevant professional qualification in an appropriate subject area such as health, social care, social work.
- Experience of higher education teaching and/or practice in the field of health and social care
- Knowledge and understanding of issues facing staff, service users and carers in the health and social care sector
- An awareness of diversity and inequalities and the impact they have on the lives of adults in the UK
- Reliable home broadband access and sound basic IT skills, including the ability to communicate effectively using email, twitter and online forums, as well as a willingness to learn to use synchronised communication tools, such as Adobe Connect, to run tutorials
- Competence in or willingness to develop skills in teaching on line and using a range of technological tools to support students
- Knowledge and understanding of current policy, theory, practice and legislation in the area of health and social care
- An ability to support students from a wide range of settings who may not have worked at university level before and, in particular, help them make links between theory and practice through the use of module material
willingness to use or learn to use OU Analytics to monitor student progress and proactively contact students who might need additional support

It would be an advantage to have:

- Adobe Connect or equivalent VLE experience.
- A teaching qualification for the post-compulsory sector or equivalent.
- A postgraduate qualification in a relevant discipline.
- Experience of collaborative/team based teaching.
- Experience of working with adults as learners.

Additional information

You will be required to use social media and adobe connect forums (synchronous and asynchronous) to connect regularly with K219 students and encourage connection between students

You will be expected to engage in the K219 tutors’ online forum which has been set up to promote the sharing of information, ideas and good practice

There is an expectation that you will work in close collaboration with other teaching colleagues. This may involve a shared approach to ongoing student and peer support through team teaching of online tutorials in the context of combining individual students across tutor groups.

This module does not require an AL to hold any nation-specific knowledge associated with policy, practice or legislation and so an appointment need not be aligned to any specific geographical location.

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: | 8 |
| Estimated number of hours per teaching week: | 7 |