Diverse perspectives on mental health K225

Presentation pattern October to June

Module description

What causes mental distress and what can be done about it? What factors in the external environment affect mental health? This module examines the ways in which social, environmental, economic and political factors shape and constrain our understandings and experiences of mental health and distress. It explores the wide range of diverse and frequently competing perspectives that characterise the world of mental health and looks at the impact of these perspectives on mental health practice and service provision. The module will appeal to anyone – lay or professional – who seeks greater understanding of this fascinating and complex area of service provision.

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 academic background that enables you to adopt a critical view of mental health issues
- ability to demonstrate an up-to-date knowledge of practice or experience in this area.

Additional information

- Although you are not expected to act as a mental health counsellor for students, you should be aware that the module asks students to draw on their own experience of mental health issues and exposes them to potentially challenging material. This may affect them in various ways and you must be sensitive to this.

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

Credits awarded to the student for the successful completion of a module: 30
Number of assignments submitted by the student: 3
Method of submission for assignments: 1b
Level of ICT requirements: 1
Number of students likely to be in a standard group: 20
Salary band: 3
Estimated number of hours per teaching week: 3