Dementia care K235

Presentation pattern October to June

Module description

The rising number of people with dementia and the issue of how care is delivered makes this module of interest to anyone involved with dementia care. Students will study the impact of this increase; the importance of understanding diversity; current thinking about possible causes and cures; how care is delivered in a residential setting and what it means to improve the management of care. They will also consider ethical dilemmas raised by caring for people with dementia including end-of-life decisions. Real accounts from people affected by dementia, their family members and carers, enrich this highly interactive module.

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 first degree in the social sciences, health sciences or humanities
- experience and/or knowledge of health and social care practice
- commitment to the principles that underpin person-centred care
- good IT skills including the ability to access the internet, facilitate groups of students through online tutorials and a willingness to engage in and develop online teaching.

It would be an advantage to have:
- experience in dementia care – either professional or personal
- experience of OU tutoring.

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: 1a
Level of ICT requirements: 3
Number of students likely to be in a standard group: 20
Salary band: 3
Estimated number of hours per teaching week: 3.5