Approaches to mental health K314

Presentation pattern October to June

Module description
K314 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 5 learning guides which students will explore and reflect upon mental health practice. These learning guides provide students with the knowledge, skills and tools to help them become discerning, independent learners and explorers of knowledge in mental health.

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
- experience of higher education teaching and/or practice in the field of mental health
- an understanding/appreciation of issues facing users of mental health services
- home internet/broadband access and sound basic IT skills including the ability to communicate effectively using email, online forums and blogs/wikis
- competence in or willingness to develop skills in teaching on line and using a range of technological tools to support students
- have the capacity to gain an understanding of current policy, practice and legislation across the four jurisdictions of the UK

It would be an advantage to have:
- OU Live 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

Additional information
- You will be required to access K314 online forum(s) at least twice a week to check for new messages and respond to student queries as appropriate.
- You will be expected to engage in the K314 tutors’ online forum which has been set up to promote the sharing of information, ideas and good practice
- There may be an expectation of working 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 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

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The teaching and assessment strategy for this module has not yet been approved and therefore the information is subject to change.