Using research and evidence in practice K343

Presentation pattern November to April

Module description
The evidence-based approach to healthcare requires practitioners to collect, interpret and integrate evidence into practice. This module will give students a sound understanding of the different approaches to research and the different contributions they offer to health care practice; the knowledge to analyse ethical issues in research practice; and the value of user involvement in research. Students will also acquire the skills to critically appraise the quality of a range of evidence sources for application in practice.

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:
• be registered on the professional nursing register
• normally hold a recordable teaching qualification relevant to the needs of adult learners and professional education
• have an academic and/or professional background that enables you to adopt a critical view of nursing issues as they affect adults
• be familiar with current literature, research and practice regarding the delivery of person-centred healthcare services
• have sensitivity to the needs of adult learners, an understanding of how adults learn and the skills to facilitate the learning of busy healthcare professionals
• have good IT skills, including a willingness to learn how to facilitate online discussions with your tutor group.
• be familiar with a range of research epistemologies and their associated methodologies as K343 is strongly focussed on promoting research literacy and research mindedness.

Additional information
• K343 includes a high level of engagement with online discussions through the use of forums and other tools. Tutorial contact with students will take place primarily through the use of these media.

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: 2
Method of submission for assignments: 1a
Level of ICT requirements: 2
Number of students likely to be in a standard group: 20
Salary band: 3
Estimated number of hours per teaching week: 5

There may be opportunities for ALs to undertake associated assessment work for which there will be additional payment and about which you will be contacted separately if applicable.