Using policy in practice  K345

Presentation pattern  May to October

Module description
This module explores how nurses develop critical knowledge and understanding of the impact policy decisions have made on everyday nursing practice. It enables them to make links between policy and practice; question how policy is made and for whose benefit. By critically analysing policy decisions and their influences, they will be putting patients and the public first within a local, national and international context. The module will assist them in enhancing their strategic thinking skills in relation to policy and what drives policy change. On successful completion of this module, nurses will feel more empowered to contribute to the policy making process, its effective implementation and ongoing evaluation.

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.
- possess the necessary knowledge and understanding of health policy and its application to the health care practitioner's speciality.

Additional information
- K345 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.