**Module description**

This module enables students to critically examine and develop their healthcare practice with children, young people and families. Students will gain enhanced theoretical knowledge of the positions of children, young people and families in society. The module looks at rights, ethics and law and how these need to be considered alongside an appreciation of the perspectives of children, young people and families and the extent to which they should participate in decision making about their health care experiences. This module will enable students to critically evaluate approaches to care and propose a personal role development and an action plan which would lead to enhanced care within their service.

**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 professional/vocational health care qualification and a degree in a health related subject, one of which must be specific to children and young people. For example, you might be a registered children’s nurse with an honours degree in health and social care, or a counsellor with a postgraduate diploma in counselling and a degree in child psychology.
- current understanding of key debates around children and young people’s wellbeing and health services
- recent experience of healthcare practice with children, young people and families
- live registration with your professional regulatory body – for nurses this must be on the children’s nursing part of the register.

It would be an advantage to have:

- a formal qualification in adult learning.

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

Credits awarded to the student for the successful completion of a module: 60

Number of assignments submitted by the student: 4

Method of submission for assignments: 1a

Level of ICT requirements: 2

Number of students likely to be in a standard group: 20

Salary band: 6

Estimated number of hours per teaching week: 5.5

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.