Promoting public health: skills, perspectives and practice  

KYP311

Presentation pattern  
October to June

Module description

Promoting public health is everybody’s business. Whether students are in professional practice or not their viewpoints are a central aspect of this module. The module will inform and empower students to challenge their existing assumptions around current policies and interventions and encourage them to move their everyday actions and practice forward. A Certificate in Promoting Public Health (C64) can be awarded for successful completion and the module is mapped against the current public-health competencies where appropriate.

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:

- experience of a professional health or health-related background (e.g. public health, health promotion, nursing, other professions allied to medicine, social science or other relevant disciplines)
- an understanding of health and social policy as it relates to promoting public health in relevant UK country/countries
- familiarity with literature, policies and research in the field
- familiarity with current practice that takes account of the influence of the broader context in which public health is promoted
- ability to encourage critical reflection
- familiarity with the internet including an ability to locate, evaluate and use online information effectively and to support such ‘information literacy’ skills’ development by OU students
- willingness to learn to use online forums to provide online tutor group tutorials.

Additional information

- Experience of using electronic forms of distance teaching and support would be useful but training will be provided.
- You will be required to access the KYP311 tutor group online forums at least twice a week to check for new messages and respond if appropriate.
- You will be expected to engage in the KYP311 tutors’ online forum which has been set up to promote and enable the sharing of information, ideas and good practice.

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: | 5 |
| Method of submission for assignments: | 2 |
| Level of ICT requirements: | 2 |
| Number of students likely to be in a standard group: | 20 |
| Salary band: | 7 |
| Estimated number of hours per teaching week: | 6 |

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.