Brain, mind and mental health  SK298

Presentation pattern: October to June

Module description:

This OU level 2 module is delivered entirely online. It presents a scientific approach to understanding the brain, mind and mental health from childhood, though early adulthood, and into old age. Students will study eight topics, including brain development, autism, mood disorders and dementia. In addition to the scientific knowledge, students will develop their numeracy skills and an understanding of research methods.

The module is suitable for students with some knowledge of biology or health science. It will appeal to anyone who is interested in mental health or works in health and social care or other professions allied to medicine.

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 degree in health science, biological science, neuroscience or psychology (with a strong biological component) or an equivalent professional qualification
- Demonstrable knowledge of the biological basis of a range of mental health conditions
- Demonstrable knowledge of the research methods used in investigating mental health
- Evidence of teaching in an area of health science, biological science or biological psychology, preferably recent and at University level
- Evidence of facilitating student skills development in numeracy, communication and information technology
- Proven ability to explain difficult concepts in biological science or biological psychology, preferably in an online environment
- Experience of working online which demonstrates your potential to support student learning effectively in an online environment
- Evidence of effective team-working in teaching and supporting students

It would be an advantage to have:

- Relevant postgraduate experience in the broad field of health, biology or psychology in relation to mental health
- Experience of teaching in a multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary context in an area related to mental health, preferably at university level
- Experience of providing support for distance learners
- Evidence of competence in the use of online communication tools such as synchronous conferencing (e.g. Skype, Adobe Connect) to deliver effective tuition

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.

You will be expected to logon to the module website at least twice a week to participate in the online forums, receive messages from the module team and students, and to respond to student queries.

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.