Health Assessment in Clinical Practice
NUR-40014 (30 Level 7 credits)

Course Overview:
This 30 credit module aims to develop the student’s knowledge and skills in relation to the physical health assessment of patients specific to the student’s specialist area of clinical practice. At the end of the module the student will have advanced their practice in performing a problem-focused, age appropriate health assessment. Linking the student with an appropriate mentor will assist in the acquisition of clinical examination skills pertinent to the individual needs of the student. The module content, delivery and assessment will enhance the confidence of healthcare professionals to interpret objective and subjective clinical data, use appropriate diagnostics and initiate a clinical management plan. The module has been devised utilising current best practice and clinical guidelines to underpin the student’s ability to make informed clinical decisions.
Who is it for?
The Level 7 course is useful for those experienced practitioners who wish to commence on the journey towards advanced practice. This course is a core module within the MSc Advanced Clinical Practice, can be taken as an approved elective module for the MSc Advancing Professional Practice and is also available as a free standing elective module at Level 7.

Entry Requirements
As per course requirements:
Evidence of diploma or degree level academic achievement
Clinical experience in health care practice
Access to practice assessor in clinical environment

Please note that applications for this module will be reviewed annually in November. All applications must be submitted before the end of October and applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application shortly after. Shortlisted candidates will then be invited to interview.

Module Aims
Through multi-professional teaching and facilitation, this module aims to critically enhance/advance a range of assessment skills essential to the effective fulfilment of their clinical role, relevant to specific practice discipline.

Module Content
The course utilises blended learning methods including KLE-based activities such as physical assessment videos along with a variety of learning materials and activities. Indicative content includes;
- Theories and models of history taking and assessment
- Consultation skills
- Assessment of psychological well-being
- Health assessment in diverse groups such as the older person, clients with learning disabilities, mental illness and those for whom English is not the first language
- Clinical examination techniques including inspection, auscultation, percussion and palpation
- Practical examination of the respiratory, cardiovascular, abdominal, musculoskeletal and neurological systems
- Directed revision of the anatomy and physiology of the respiratory, cardiovascular, abdominal, musculoskeletal and neurological systems
- Clinical reasoning
- Documentation and communication of health assessment findings
- Identification and initiation of appropriate health interventions relevant to the students clinical environment
- Health outcome measures
- Professional issues pertaining to advanced nursing practice
- Introduction to diagnostic interventions including biochemical and haematological markers, ECG and chest X-ray
- Introduction to module and module assessment including practice assessment documentation, practical examination and case study
- Study skills including Turnitin UK literature searching and reflective writing

Module Assessment
Assessment 1: Essay
3000 word critical evaluation of a selected health assessment
Assessment 2: Practical Assessment
Physical examination and history taking practical examination
Assessment 3: Oral Exam
Students will be expected to answer a range of health assessment questions relating to their practical examination
Assessment 4: Competence
Assessment of clinical competence in practice using a continuous practice assessment document (PAD).

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Module Duration
30 weeks

Attendance
18 1/2 day taught sessions

Module Commencement
January

Award
30 Level 7 credits

Course Cost
30 Level 7 credits

Course Venue
Keele University, Clinical Education Centre, University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust, Royal Stoke University Hospital, Newcastle Road, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 6GQ

To apply
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