

Module Title	Reference HSM043
Research Methods	SCQF SCQF
Keywords	Level 11
The research process, primary and secondary research, critical review	SCQF Points 15
	ECTS Points 7.5
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This Version is No Longer Current

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Prerequisites for Module

Refer Regulation A2: Admission for admission requirements and/or course specific entry requirements.

Indicative Student Workload

Distance Learning
22

Directed Study

48

Corequisite Modules

None.

Private Study

80

Precluded Modules

None.

Mode of Delivery

Delivery will be based on lectures, workshops and problem solving tutorials.

Aims of Module

To increase awareness of the importance of both primary and secondary research in a relevant topic area.

To facilitate the student's development of critical analysis of a range of research methods

Assessment Plan

	Learning Outcomes Assessed
Component 1	1,2,3

of a range of research methods and the critical review of literature.

Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

1. Systematically gather, synthesise and critique relevant research literature to develop and support a well defined research question.
2. Integrate and relate discriminative understanding of research methodologies to the critical analysis of research articles in a relevant area.
3. Critically evaluate the quality of evidence in the area under review.

Indicative Module Content

The research process; primary and secondary research; quantitative and qualitative methodologies; research questions/hypothesis; research aims and objectives; research tools; research governance; ethical issues in research, data handling and statistical analysis; academic writing; critical review in relevant related literature.

Component 1 is an extended literature review.

Indicative Bibliography

1. BOWLING. A., 2014. Research Methods in Health: Investigating Health and Health Services. Fourth Edition. Maidenhead: McGraw Hill.
2. HICKS, C.M., 2009. Research Methods for Clinical Therapists: Applied Project Design and Analysis. Elsevier Health Sciences.
3. CRESWELL. J.W., 2018. Research design : qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods approaches. 5th ed. London: Sage Publications.
4. ROSS. T., 2012. A survival guide for health research methods. Maidenhead: Open University Press.
5. BAXTER. K., COURAGE. C., and CAINE. K. 2015. A Practical Guide to User Research Methods. Oxford: Morgan Kaufmann.
6. Current and historic journal articles and texts which will vary according to the personal needs of each student and their particular area of study.