

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Foundations of the Professional Paramedic

Reference	NU1402	Version	2
Created	September 2024	SCQF Level	SCQF 7
Approved	May 2020	SCQF Points	30
Amended	December 2024	ECTS Points	15

Aims of Module

To enable the student to develop key concepts, models and therapeutic approaches that form the basis of contemporary paramedic practice across the lifespan. To facilitate the student to develop their communication and clinical skills in preparation for practice.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Identify key models, frameworks, policies and drivers in relation to planning and delivery of contemporary care for health and wellbeing.
- 2 Recognise the importance of working within legal, ethical and professional frameworks.
- 3 Understand key paramedic, healthcare and medical terminology.
- 4 Discuss underpinning communication theories and knowledge required to effectively demonstrate a range of communication skills.
- 5 Demonstrate a range of clinical skills.

Indicative Module Content

Current legislative frameworks; National strategies and policies; Care and therapeutic models; Informed consent; Person and family centred care; Assessment tools; Planning, implementation and evaluation of care; Documentation; Reflective practice; Professionalism and accountability; Ethics; Evidence Based Practice; Patient Safety; Technology Assisted Care; Trauma Informed Approach; Learning Disabilities; Dementia; Communication and relationship theories and management skills and clinical skills in line with HCPC Paramedic standards; Normal childbirth; Teamworking theories; Concepts of wellness and resilience; Human factors; Risk management. This module aligns with UNSDG Goal 3 & 10.

Module Delivery

Blended learning approach including: lectures, tutorials, online learning, virtual community and simulated skills.

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Indicative Student Workload

Contact Hours

Full Time

80

Part Time

N/A

Non-Contact Hours

220

N/A

Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours

N/A

N/A

TOTAL

300

N/A

*Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body***ASSESSMENT PLAN***If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.***Component 1**

Type:

Practical Exam

Weighting:

100%

Outcomes Assessed:

1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Description:

Objective Structured Clinical Examination

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

Objective Structured Clinical Examination

Module Grade

Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:

A

C1=A

B

C1=B

C

C1=C

D

C1=D

E

C1=E

F

C1=F

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Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module

None, in addition to course entry requirements or equivalent.

Corequisites for module

None.

Precluded Modules

None.

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