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MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Dissertation and Research Studies

Reference	SS4025	Version	5
Created	July 2017	SCQF Level	SCQF 10
Approved	September 2004	SCQF Points	45
Amended	August 2017	ECTS Points	22.5

Aims of Module

To enable the student to apply knowledge and critical understanding within the context of a dissertation to a chosen area of practice or policy.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Apply a knowledge of research methods to the design a research project
- 2 Carry out a research based literature review and/or primary research to address their research question(s)
- 3 Write up a dissertation which critically evaluates their research findings and their implications for practice

Indicative Module Content

Advanced web/literature searching, time management, recording, data handling. Dissertation writing skills; presentation skills, structuring, drafting/editing. Research in Practice; informing and evaluating social work practice. Critical writing. Where the student chooses a child centred topic for their Dissertation they will draw from knowledge and research of the subject matter and meet the expectations and knowledge requirement of Key Capabilities in Child Care and Protection (Scottish Executive, 2006).

Module Delivery

Workshops. Each student will be allocated a dissertation supervisor from whom he/she will receive tutorial support and advice. The meetings will be initiated by the student and the supervisor will act as facilitator. ODL and web-based material

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	N/A	25
Non-Contact Hours	N/A	425
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	N/A	450
<i>Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body</i>		

ASSESSMENT PLAN

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

Component 1

Type:	Coursework	Weighting:	100%	Outcomes Assessed:	1, 2, 3
Description:	Dissertation				

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

This module has one component with a 100% weighting. All learning outcomes will be assessed by a dissertation.

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	A
B	B
C	C
D	D
E	E
F	F
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	Satisfactory completion of Stage 3 modules or equivalent.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

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