

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Research Project in Public Health Nutrition

Reference	PLM407	Version	1
Created	May 2022	SCQF Level	SCQF 11
Approved	August 2022	SCQF Points	60
Amended	August 2021	ECTS Points	30

Aims of Module

To enable students to demonstrate critical, integrated and applied understanding of planning, execution, analysis and reporting of independent research in public health nutrition.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Design and implement a plan of work to collect and analyse data on a relevant topic.
- 2 Critically evaluate relevant literature to justify the need for research on a relevant topic.
- 3 Communicate and critically appraise the methods and findings of the research using written communication skills.
- 4 Demonstrate professional competence using oral communication skills to summarise and defend the research.

Indicative Module Content

Each student will conduct their own individual research project supported by an academic supervisor. Students are expected to plan, manage and conduct their own research. Suggested reading and research direction will be provided by the supervisor through regular meetings.

Module Delivery

This is a practical module devoted to research in public health nutrition and may involve a wide range of techniques. The module is delivered by contact with an individual supervisor. There is provision for other staff to be involved in supervision in cases where this would provide expertise to supplement that of the supervisor.

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	15	15
Non-Contact Hours	585	585
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	600	600
<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: 60% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3
 Description: Written article

Component 2

Type: Practical Exam Weighting: 40% Outcomes Assessed: 4
 Description: Oral presentation

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

The first grade represents Component 1 (CW1) weighted as major (60%) and the second, Component 2 (PE1), weighted as minor (40%). A minimum module grade of D is required in both components for a pass.

Non-submission of either component will result in an NS grade.

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	AA, AB
B	AC, AD, BA, BB, BC, CA
C	BD, CB, CC, CD, DA, DB
D	DC, DD,
E	AE, AF, BE, BF, CE, CF, DE, DF, EA, EB, EC, ED, EE, EF, FA, FB, FC, FD
F	FE, FF
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	Successful completion of the PgDip Public Health Nutrition.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- 4 LUNE, H. and BERG, B.L., 2017. *Qualitative research methods for the social sciences*. 9th ed. Harlow, England: Pearson.