

UNIT SPECIFICATION				
Unit title		Exploring Ideas in Health and Social Care Research		
Level	Level 7	Credit value	20 (10 ECTS)	
Is this a common unit?		No	Expected contact hours for unit	30
Pre and co-requisites None				
Aims To provide background information to develop an ethical, clinically relevant and practical research question				
Intended learning outcomes (ILOs) Having completed this unit the student is expected to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. identify an area of interest requiring investigation 2. critically explore the practical challenges of health and social care research 3. articulate and apply the principles of Good Clinical Practice to developing a research idea 4. formulate a research question that is scientifically sound, clinically relevant and ethical 				
Learning and teaching methods Combination of lectures, seminars, group work and online materials				
Assessment				
Formative assessment/feedback Group discussions with academics and peers to develop research question				
Summative assessment ILOs 1-4 will be assessed through 100% coursework			Indicative assessment The unit coursework comprises of an essay [3000 word equivalent] justifying a research question and critical reflection of its development from initial idea and incorporating limitations of ethics, time, funding, etc	
Indicative unit content <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ways of identifying research needs • How to formulate a research question • Introduction to different ways to investigate research questions • Costing of research • Ethics of research involving humans 				
Indicative learning resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hammond, F. and Malec, J. 2014. <i>Handbook for clinical research : Design, statistics, and implementation</i>. New York: Demos Medical Publishing. Available from: ProQuest Ebook Central. [2 February 2018]. • Hulley, S., Cummings, S., Browner, W., Grady, D., and Newman, T. 2013. <i>Designing clinical research</i>. Philadelphia : Wolters Kluwer. • Integrated Research Application System website (https://www.myresearchproject.org.uk/ELearning/index.html) 				

- Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Authority (MHRA). 2012. *Good clinical practice guide*. London: The Stationery Office Ltd. Available from: ProQuest Ebook Central. [2 February 2018].
- Page, P., Carr, J., and Eardley, W. 2014. *An introduction to clinical research*. Oxford: OUP. Available from: ProQuest Ebook Central. [2 February 2018].

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