

REQUEST FORM

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FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

The paramount importance of a values and evidence based approach is introduced early and emphasised throughout the materials: implementation of any changes should never be attempted without proper reference to the needs of people with learning disabilities in the context of local legal guidelines and a team approach.

THE CERTIFICATE

This module can be done as part of the Post Graduate Certificate “Adults with Learning Disabilities who have Significant and Complex Needs”. Each module is rated at 15 Post Graduate points. Completion of four modules from a choice of six will lead to the award of the Postgraduate Certificate.

The modules are:

- Challenging Behaviour
- Mental Health
- Offenders with Learning Disabilities.
- Older People with Learning Disabilities
- Vulnerability, Victimisation and Abuse
- Profound and Multiple Disabilities

Please get in touch if you require any further details.

Distance Learning Module



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Older People with Learning Disabilities

A Post Graduate level module for staff working in supervisory or professional positions in services for adults with learning disabilities.

OLDER PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

An Internet based distance learning course, for people working in supervisory or professional positions in the care of adults with learning disabilities.

What is it? – A distance learning course, studied part-time for people working in supervisory or professional positions in the care of adults with learning disabilities. The Open/ Distance Learning materials are in an interactive style and contain individual activities, case studies, up to date research findings, structured text and current references. The materials are designed to encourage staff to use their own workplace experiences as a basis for new learning.

What qualifications are required for entry? – Normally a professional qualification or a degree, or substantial relevant work experience in a cognate discipline, together with at least three years practical experience in the field. Staff will normally be employed in the field of learning disabilities.

What level is the qualification?
– The Module is at post graduate level, and is accredited at 15 post graduate points (Credit and Qualifications Framework level 11). Staff can do the module as a ‘stand alone’ qualification, or as part of the Post Graduate Certificate “Adults with Learning Disabilities who have Significant and Complex Needs” (60 post graduate points)

CONTENT

What is studied in the module? – The module covers service, demographic and research issues related to older people with learning disabilities. For example:

- Chronological, biological and social ageing
- Participation, decision making and support
- Differential mortality
- Barriers to good quality health care
- Ageing and mental health in people with learning disabilities
- Dementia: Diagnosis, prevalence and causes
- Down syndrome and dementia
- Environmental design
- Pharmacological treatment of dementia
- Residential models and older people with learning disabilities
- Families, friends and family support
- Issues for staff caring for older people
- The future of ageing

Within each module there are also cross-module topics, i.e.

- Gender Issues
- Ethnic dimensions
- Genetics
- Communication
- Health Issues

How long will it take to complete the module? – The rate of progress will depend on each student’s aptitude, and the amount of time available for study. As a rough guide, we estimate that each module will need around 150 hours of study time, including completion of assignments. We would expect each module to be completed within a three month period.

Is attendance at University necessary?
– No, this is a distance learning module. Students will be supported by telephone and email and meetings with tutors if requested. (see “What materials will be supplied?” below)

What assessment methods will be used? – A variety of online assessment methods will be used.

What materials will be supplied, and what facilities will I need? – Students will be supplied with written materials and given password-regulated Internet access to university library resources, including electronic databases, full text articles and good practice guidance. The main module materials will be online.

How much will it cost? – The cost for the module will be £480, including all materials.

When does the module start? – There are two intakes each year, in March and October.

What are the other modules in this series? – Challenging Behaviour, Mental Health, Offenders with Learning Disabilities, Victimisation and Abuse, Profound and Multiple Disabilities.