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Understanding Academic Misconduct

Session 2:

False authorship and contract cheating

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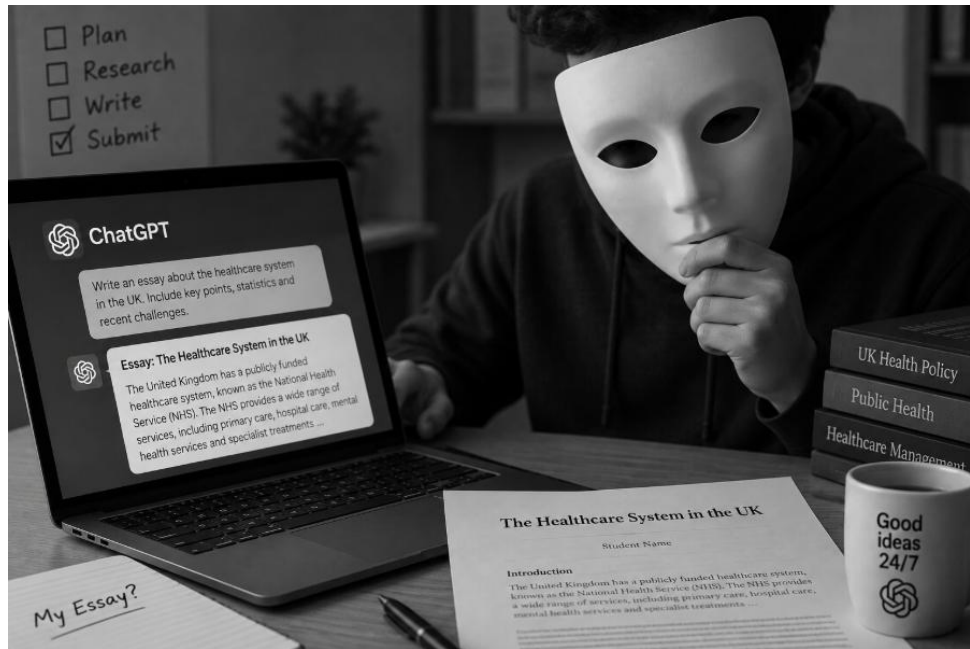
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What are we learning?

By the end of the short session:

- You will identify false authorship and contract cheating;
- Recognise less obvious forms such as excessive rewriting by friends or file-sharing;
- Explain why authorship matters particularly in health and social care;
- Identify legitimate sources of help.

False authorship and contract cheating



The submitted work must be your work. Paying someone does not make their writing yours and neither does getting it free

UWTSD Academic Misconduct Policy defines false authorship as somebody completing work that a student then submits as their own.

Examples include essay-writing services, buying work online, producing work for another student, impersonation, file-sharing services, impermissible AI generation and submitting another person's work

Activity: Help or authorship?

Work as a group to complete the sorting task.



Support

Good support develops your skill and ideas; inappropriate support changes or replaces your ideas.



UWTSD's proofreading rules make that boundary concrete.

A proofreader can be a person or an electronic tool.

A proofreader may identify errors, but must not add content, rewrite passages, reorganise an argument or translate work into English

Academic Integrity especially matters in Health and Social Care

Assessments show that you can find evidence, reason about care, communicate professionally and make defensible judgements.

Outsourcing an assessment using false authorship can hide a genuine skills gap that later matters when working with service users and their families.

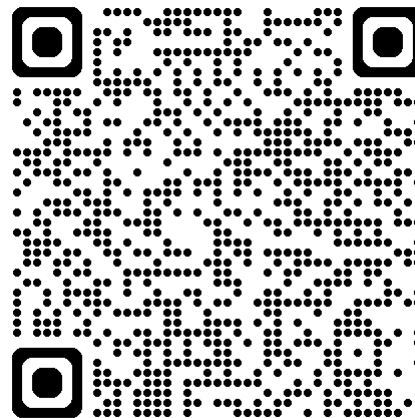


Further UWTSD support



Academic and InfoSkills

Enhance your skills



The UWTSD Digital Learning and Library service provide a range of learning materials to support your development as an academic writer.

Visit the [Academic and InfoSkills page](#) for links to a range of resources.



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Academic writing takes time,
it involves;

- research,
- reading,
- note-taking
- writing up your ideas,
- editing and improving.

Complete your work with
academic integrity.





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