

STARTING YOUR RESEARCH

An Overview

CHOICES

- Is there anyone here who hasn't yet confirmed their choice for dissertation or research project?
- If so please see me before you leave today

INTRODUCTION TO THE DISSERTATION

- Your performance in the Dissertation module has a **substantial influence** on the class of degree awarded

INTRODUCTION TO THE RESEARCH PROJECT

- 20 credit module
- If you select this you will also complete one additional 20 credit module
- Health and social Care: Dementia and The Older Person
- Health managers: Decision Making
- Children and Young People: Emerging Issues

RESEARCH

- Identify an area of study, relevant to your degree pathway, in which you would like to conduct your own research
- Remember that you are only able to use **SECONDARY** research
- You will produce a research proposal in which you introduce and justify your chosen research

CHOOSING A TITLE / AREA OF RESEARCH

- Focus on something you are INTERESTED in
 - Focus on something you have READ ABOUT recently (in the paper or book etc)
 - Focus on something relevant to your CURRENT JOB
 - Focus on something relevant to your FUTURE JOB
 - Focus on something you have STUDIED and enjoyed
 - Focus on something that could one day lead to a MASTERS or DOCTORATE
 - Focus on something that could help society or find out something important
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- Number the above in order of importance for you

AREAS OF STUDY

WRITE ANYTHING FROM THE LIST DOWN THAT INTERESTS YOU:

- Criminology and crime
- Social policy
- Children
- Young people
- The older person
- Social work
- Social care
- Looked after children
- Health
- Health management
- Psychology
- Child Protection
- Mental health
- Addictions
- Specific health diseases or disorders
- Hospital settings
- Health or social care professionals
- Specific or chronic health conditions
- Sociology
- Public Health
- Health Education
- Resources / Sustainability

CHOOSING A TITLE

- Please write the following down:
- QUESTION
- INVESTIGATION
- COMPARISON

QUESTION: WORKING IN PAIRS

- Which would you prefer?
- Why?
- What are the pros and cons of each?

PLEASE REMEMBER

- **With every piece of coursework you present for assessment, you will be required to fill in a pro-forma stipulating that the work is your own original work.**
- **Your work may not be University Regulations marked if you do not include a plagiarism statement with your assessment.**
- **It is your responsibility to make sure that you do not plagiarise yourself!**

TO DO

- Get an academic diary
- Attend every lesson
- Attend every available session, appointment and training opportunity

FIRST THINGS FIRST

- Choose area of interest
- Choose title
- Finalise aims and objectives
- Start reading the recommended textbooks ASAP
- Start reading around your topic
- As soon as I have approved your title, aim and objectives you must **BEGIN A SEARCH STRATEGY**

SEMESTER 2

You will be assigned supervisors according to:

- Your area of interest
- Your own preferences
- Your learning needs
- Their preferences

LASTLY

- Any Questions?

NOW

- Lets agree your:
- Title
- Aim
- 4 objectives