

Module Code	HPEN7025
Title	Thesis Proposal
Date	13/12/2023
Level	7
Credits	15
Pre-Requisites	None
DBS Check	May be required ☐ Not required ☒

AIM(S)

- To prepare the student for the research dissertation by exploring the origins and design of their research project.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon the successful completion of this module, the student should be able to:

- critically understand the key stages in the development of a research proposal including the identification of research areas, methodologies and ethical implications;
- critically apply methods, skills and tools used in an appropriate research field to their intended research project.

INDICATIVE CONTENT

- Writing a Research Proposal.
- Ethical considerations.
- Reviewing appropriate literature and/or writing a literature review.
- Quantitative Research.
- Qualitative Research, including approaches to literary and non-literary textual material.
- Analysing data.
- Writing a paper/poster.
- Presentation of the research proposal.

Study Time Allocation

The study time for the module is divided as follows:

Activity type	Hours	Percentage
Scheduled learning	15	10%
Independent learning	135	90%
Placement learning		
TOTAL	150	100%

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Component 1

☐ Written exam ☐ Coursework ☒ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Presentation	10 minutes	30%

Assessment Component 2

☐ Written exam ☒ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Research Proposal	2500 words	70%

Assessment Summary

Activity type	Percentage
Written exam	
Coursework	70%
Practical	30%
TOTAL	100%

INDICATIVE READING LIST

Module Code	HPEN7025	
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Classification	Reading List entry	Electronic*
Essential	Costley, C.; Fulton, J. 2019. <i>Methodologies for practice research: approaches for professional doctorates</i> . London: Sage	☒
Essential	Lee, N.-J. 2009. <i>Achieving your Professional Doctorate</i> . Maidenhead: Open Univ. Pr.	☒
Essential	Creswell, J. W.; Creswell, J. D. 2018. <i>Research design : qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods approaches</i> (5 th ed.). London: Sage	☒
Essential	Wisker, Gina, <i>The Postgraduate Research Handbook : Succeed with Your MA, MPhil, EdD and PhD</i> , 2nd ed. (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008)	☐

Further	Silverman, D. 2017. <i>Doing qualitative research</i> (5th ed.). London: Sage	☒
Further	O'Dwyer, L. M.; Bernauer, J. A. 2016. <i>Quantitative research for the qualitative researcher</i> . London: Sage	☒
Further	Punch, K. 2016. <i>Developing effective research proposals</i> (3 rd ed.). London: Sage	☒
Further	Allen, J.; Golde, C. M. 2019. <i>The productive graduate student writer: how to manage your time, process, and energy to write your research proposal, thesis, and dissertation and get published</i> . Sterling, Vig.: Stylus	☒