

Semester 1, 2018-2019

Module Title: Person Centered Dementia Care

Module Code: NS466

Course Summary

This is a level 8 (degree level) 10 ECTS credit blended learning module over 12 weeks (7 face-to-face and 5 online weeks). Contact hours are on weeks 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12. 25% attendance is in DCU and **75% is based online**. 100% attendance is required on the contact days. **If applicants cannot commit to all the face to face sessions then please do not apply.** Online contact time is flexible but online lectures must be completed before the commensurate face to face session.

The module is assessed by completion of a 3,000 word change management assignment. This requires students to make a focused change in their place of work and then report on this change process in their assignment. The assignment makes up 70 % of the student's mark. 20% of the marks are from engagement online in reflective work and participating in the online forums. The final 10% of the marks are from a 10 minute presentation which is based on your change management project. The presentation will take place on the last face to face session. The module takes a person centered approach and covers a number of core themes in dementia care from the assessment of memory problems and early interventions, care in the community and palliative approaches to dementia. The module focuses on skill development in several key therapeutic approaches and assessment strategies.

The module is appropriate to anyone with some recent educational experience (for example the National ONMSD Dementia 2 day Awareness Programme *Enhancing & Enabling Well-being for the Person with Dementia*) or any other relevant module of study. **Students will be expected to have good computer skills and be proficient at Microsoft Word and PowerPoint software as well as the use of email and social media.** Students will also be expected to access online learning system ('Loop') used by DCU to complete the 75% learning component of the module – some training is provided but basic skills are assumed. The use of Loop will include accessing variety of resources online as well as participation in online forums.

The module is open to all Health and Social Care providers who are enthusiastic about improving their own skills in dementia care and the life of the people they work with. Applications from Health Care Assistant's will be considered where there is an exceptional track record or a previous level 8 qualification. Students must be working in regular contact with people with dementia for the whole period of the module.

Students must have support from their manager for completing the module and applicants should obtain approval for leave before applying for the module. Students must be willing to take on the role of dementia champions within their own organisations subsequent to successful completion of the module.

Course learning outcomes

On successful completions of this module, the student will be able to:

- Evaluate a number of theoretical approaches to dementia and their implications on practice.
- Evaluate the role of Irish agencies in the provision of dementia services to individuals/families/carers.
- Complete a comprehensive assessment of an individual with dementia.
- Examine the relationship of people with dementia to their family and health and social care professionals.
- Evaluate psycho-social interventions that promote well-being in people with dementia and their carers across the spectrum of dementia from mild to advanced stages.
- Analyse the student's role in promoting a sense of personhood in people with dementia.

Course Schedule

This module will be delivered part time across one semester in **Dublin City University** on **Wednesdays** in Semester One (Sept - Dec) 2018. Lectures will run on the following dates: **26th Sept, 3rd, 17th & 31st Oct, 14th & 28th Nov and 12th Dec 2018** from 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm. There are six 3 hour face to face workshops and one half day mini conference spaced over the 12 weeks. The online lectures must be completed before the commensurate face to face sessions.

Cost of module

The cost is €852. Applicants must have the support of their manager and obtain funding approval (if required) **before** applying for the module.

Deadline for applications

Completed applications including your CV and letter(s) demonstrating leave and funding approval, one passport size photo and a copy of your nursing registration (if you are a registered nurse) should be submitted to the Faculty of Science & Health, HG04, School of Nursing & Human Sciences, DCU, Dublin 9 by: **5.00 pm, Friday 20th July 2018**.

To apply for an application form please contact:

The Faculty of Science and Health, Dublin City University, Dublin 9: **Tel:** 01 700 8975 or
Email: science@dcu.ie

Further information can be obtained from Dr Louise Hopper, Email: louise.hopper@dcu.ie or phone: 7008540