

Module Details	
Module Title:	Continence practice for physiotherapists (Pelvic floor, bladder and bowel function and dysfunction)
Module Code:	PAR7006-C
Academic Year:	2019-20
Credit Rating:	30
School:	School of Allied Health Professions and Midwifery
Subject Area:	Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation
FHEQ Level:	FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Pre-requisites:	
Co-requisites:	

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Lectures	11
Tutorials	1
Laboratory	9
Directed Study	279

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Non-Standard Academic Year (Jan - Sept)

Module Aims
To reflect on, analyse and apply recent advances, knowledge and current physiotherapy practice applicable to pelvic floor, bladder and bowel rehabilitation for physiotherapists in a clinical setting

Outline Syllabus
1. Investigation and practice of possible interventions for the prevention of pelvic floor, bladder and bowel dysfunction. 2. Observation and critical reflection on a variety of investigations for pelvic floor, bladder and

bowel dysfunction.

3. Management and treatment of common pelvic floor, bladder and bowel conditions including: hypotonus and hypertonus of the pelvic floor, the overactive bladder, stress incontinence, constipation and faecal incontinence.

4. Psychosexual dimensions of pelvic floor, bladder and bowel dysfunction.

5. Examination and assessment of the vagina, ano-rectum and the pelvic floor musculature

6. Critical reflection on appropriate specialised in and out-patient clinics, including: surgery for bladder and bowel dysfunction, outpatient gynaecology and urology clinics, care of the elderly

7. Analysis of the value of appropriate specialist clinics/units e.g. urodynamics, colo-proctology, biofeedback for those with faulty defaecation patterns.

8. Patient assessment and provision of evidence based treatment plans 9. Informed consent and patient confidentiality.

Learning Outcomes

1	Critically evaluate, determine and implement appropriate physiotherapy management to develop clinical practice related to continence care and pelvic floor dysfunction.
2	Apply advanced skills related to the subjective and objective assessment and examination of the patient.
3	Utilise advanced knowledge and clinical reasoning skills to determine the appropriate physiotherapy management for pelvic floor, bladder and bowel dysfunction.
4	Synthesise knowledge and critically reflect on evidence based physiotherapy practice, applying this to advancing clinical practice in pelvic floor, bladder and bowel dysfunction.
5	Appraise the role of other healthcare professionals / clinics involved in continence care and pelvic floor dysfunction in a variety of healthcare settings
6	Critically reflect and appraise current practice utilising effective written, verbal communication, teaching skills and the use of information technology.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

An introductory lecture will draw together elements of theory to enable the students to apply and develop their clinical practice and professional development. Small group discussions, tutorials and practical workshops will be used to enhance theoretical work and develop advanced clinical reasoning skills. Students will gather evidence of their developing practice to contribute to a professional portfolio and be encouraged to use 'Pebble Pad' as a means to present this. The portfolio of evidence and written synopsis will assess all of the learning outcomes.

Mode of Assessment

Type	Method	Description	Length	Weighting
Summative	Coursework	Portfolio of Evidence supported by a written synopsis (maximum 4,000 words)	-4000 words	100%

Reading List

To access the reading list for this module, please visit <https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html>.

Please note:

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