

Module Details	
Module Title	Acute Care
Module Code	NUR5014-B
Academic Year	2020/1
Credits	20
School	School of Nursing and Healthcare Leadership
Subject Area	Nursing
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 5
Pre-requisites	N/A
Co-requisites	N/A

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Laboratories	10
Lectures	30
Seminars	36
Directed Study	123

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 2
MYA	University of Bradford / Semester 1

Module Aims
The aim of this module is to develop the knowledge and skills required to underpin the delivery of safe, effective holistic care relating to the management of patients and service users with acute care needs. You will examine the altered physiology and psychological distress of common acute conditions and you will be introduced to the importance of human factors in the contribution to risk management.

Outline Syllabus

Clinical/direct patient care: Responsibility & accountability in relation to the management of acute care patients
 Assessment of individuals requiring acute care; assessment tools, frameworks, care bundles
 Signs of deteriorating mental & physical health; identifying appropriate & timely responses.
 Human factors & their contribution to risk in the care of the acutely ill
 Clinical reasoning & problem-solving skills
 Meeting acute care needs; application to field & learning disability
 Pharmacology relating to the care of the acutely ill
 Therapeutic communication
 EoLC: Amber Care Bundle withdrawing & withholding treatment; symptom management
 Field specific application:
 Adult: pathophysiology, assessment & management of: orthopaedics, head injury, allergy, STEMI, acute respiratory conditions, acute complication of diabetes, acute breathlessness, poisoning; oncological emergencies & cancer treatment
 Child: pathophysiology, assessment & management applied to: orthopaedic care; meningitis; bronchiolitis; fever, diarrhoea & vomiting; altered physiology of the premature baby
 Mental health: immediate care of those experiencing crisis; including suicidality; self-harm
 Leadership and collaborative practice: Communication networks; effective communication in assessment of acute care needs; importance & challenges of working in partnership with patients/service users & their carers/families; inter-professional working
 Improving quality and developing practice: Data collection methods, sampling strategies in research
 Developing self and others: Clinical reasoning & problem-solving skills

Learning Outcomes

Outcome Number	Description
1	1.1 Discuss the diagnostic and decision-making skills required for the safe assessment, planning and delivery of care for those with acute care needs 1.2 Describe own professional responsibility in recognising and managing acute illness where an individual is deteriorating 1.3 Discuss the psycho-social impact and patho-physiological changes in an individual who is acutely unwell and their carer or family
2	2.1 Use and interpret assessment tools in individuals with acute care needs. 2.2 Use evidence based health policy and guidelines to inform decision making in acute illness. 2.3 Demonstrate and document the safe administration of medication to an individual who is acutely unwell.
3	3.1 Critically appraise evidence underpinning management of acute care. 3.2 Critically evaluate own communication skills when sharing information with colleagues, service users, carers and family. 3.3 Critically examine own professional knowledge and skills development and record in reflective portfolio.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

Formative assessment and feedback will be provided at group and individual tutorials, and will facilitate reflection and student self-assessment. All learning outcomes are assessed by mode of assessment 1 & 2.

Mode of Assessment

Type	Method	Description	Length	Weighting
Summative	Objective Structured Clinical Examination	OSCE Pass/fail	N/A	0%
Summative	Examination - Closed Book	Exam	N/A	100%
Formative	Examination - practical/laboratory	Practice OSCE	Practice OSCE	N/A

Reading List

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

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