

Module Details	
Module Title	Physiotherapy Management of Spinal Dysfunction
Module Code	PAR7001-C
Academic Year	2021/2
Credits	30
School	School of Allied Health Professions and Midwifery
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 7

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Lectures	24
Practical Classes or Workshops	20
Directed Study	256

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

Module Aims
This module will enable the physiotherapist to reflect on current practice and develop advanced theoretical and practical skills in the management of individuals presenting with acute and chronic spinal dysfunction.

Outline Syllabus
1. Critical analysis and synthesis of relevant anatomy, pathology, biomechanics and physiological processes underpinning the presentation of patients with musculoskeletal spinal dysfunction. 2. Apply advanced clinical reasoning and differentiation skills in the examination and assessment of patients with musculoskeletal spinal dysfunction. 3. Critical appreciation of patient management including the role of the MDT and further investigations. 4. Evaluation of the theoretical application of relevant clinical skills 5. Critical appraisal of and reflection on current research findings in the management of musculoskeletal dysfunction. 6. Apply skills of reflection during interpersonal and communication activities.

Learning Outcomes	
Outcome Number	Description
01	Critically evaluate and determine appropriate physiotherapy and/or MDT investigation, management and progression relating the underpinning theoretical principles to advancing clinical practice.
02	a) apply advanced skills related to the subjective and physical objective examination of the patient presenting with musculoskeletal spinal dysfunction. b) Utilise advanced clinical reasoning and differentiation skills to determine the appropriate physiotherapy diagnosis and likely prognosis within the boundaries of professional autonomy. c) Integrate theory and available evidence based to the management of spinal dysfunction.
03	a) Reflect, evaluate, synthesise and critically appraise current practice. b) Understand and take into account the influence of patients' cultural, religious and socio-economic backgrounds on their health and well-being. c) Employ a holistic and patient-centred approach within the overall physiotherapy management of musculoskeletal spinal dysfunction.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy
All contact hours within the learning and teaching strategy will be scheduled on campus. Practical sessions will be delivered face to face on-campus whilst maintaining Health & Safety related to current guidelines. Key lectures will introduce the student to the principles of advanced clinical reasoning and application of evidence based practice in relation to spinal dysfunction. This will be followed by specific practical class/ workshop sessions which will enable the student to explore and apply theory to practice in relation to spinal dysfunction. The emphasis will be on the development of advanced practical, clinical and theoretical skills. Students will normally be working in musculoskeletal out patients which will include defined sessions with a mentor in order to facilitate the development of advanced clinical practice and reasoning skills. The assessment for the module is based on the integration of theory and practice in the assessment of a new patient, followed by a viva with clinical mentor and in the submission of a written assignment which is a critical analysis of the available evidence base related to an aspect of patient management.

Mode of Assessment			
Type	Method	Description	Weighting
Summative	Examination - oral/viva voce	Viva using documentation from a watched patient assessment. Demonstrating a critical clinical reasoning approach. 1.5 Hr	60%
Summative	Coursework - Written	Critical evaluation of the evidence base related to an aspect of patient management 2,500 words max.	40%

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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