

Module Details	
Module Title	M4 Independent Research Project
Module Code	PHA7075-D
Academic Year	2021/2
Credits	40
School	School of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 7

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Independent Study	384
Project Supervision	10
Lectures	6

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 3

Module Aims
This module aims to enable you to independently design a project that investigates a topic from your subject area, based on knowledge/experience gained in the taught modules. You will critically evaluate and synthesise relevant ideas, approaches, theories/models of social/healthcare research, utilising literature relating to your topic, to develop appropriate research questions and evidence-based answers. You will need to apply appropriate aspects of research integrity, relevant to your project. This module will provide you with an opportunity to practice writing-up scholarly research.

Outline Syllabus
The processes associated with design and implementation of a research project. Planning a piece of independent research, including time and resource management, and ethical considerations and/or approval. Advanced scholarly reading and writing skills for research, including synthesising findings. Ongoing supervision.

Learning Outcomes	
Outcome Number	Description
01	Autonomously design and undertake a self-directed research project that explores questions or hypotheses relevant to your research area.
02	Independently design a methodology that will allow you to address project aims; this will include consideration of any ethical issues that might arise in the execution of the project.
03	Critically engage with academic research, literature and other appropriate sources that are relevant to your project.
04	Effectively communicate your questions/hypotheses, methodology, original contribution, evidence, and arguments at an advanced level that is fit-for-purpose for your intended audience.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy
This module disseminates procedural information and final skills content through the use of online lectures. Relevant materials to extend and apply knowledge from previous modules are provided via the VLE and can be used/discussed in supervision (LO1-4). Your supervisor will use online or telephone facilitation to provide readings and guidance on subject specialist readings to help you to refine your individual research design and write-up. Individual supervision will also allow you the opportunity to discuss your ideas and concerns about the formulation, suitability, ethics (where applicable) and management of your research. You are required to prepare fully for any tutorials with your supervisor so you can make optimal use of individual contact time (LO1-4). As you are required to work independently on your project, you will practise seeking advice, practical help and/or additional training at each appropriate stage. Informal formative feedback is provided during project supervision by your supervisor or nominated deputy. There is also an opportunity to submit a draft of your report for formative feedback. An element of choice is available to you, as you can select to produce a dissertation or an enhanced research proposal as your final written assessment (8000 words). The dissertation consists of a report of a complete small-scale project that the student has designed and undertaken. The enhanced research proposal may suit you if you are undertaking this qualification with a view to using this qualification to prepare for doctoral study (or you are undertaking this training as part of your ESRC studentship); this will require completion of a pilot study to demonstrate the feasibility of your proposal. As such, the module is summatively assessed by completion of a 8,000 word dissertation or an 8,000 word enhanced research proposal.

Mode of Assessment			
Type	Method	Description	Weighting
Summative	Dissertation or Project Report	Project Report (8000 words)	100%
Formative	Dissertation or Project Report	Draft Project Report	N/A

Reading List

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

Please note:

This module descriptor has been published in advance of the academic year to which it applies. Every effort has been made to ensure that the information is accurate at the time of publication, but minor changes may occur given the interval between publishing and commencement of teaching. Upon commencement of the module, students will receive a handbook with further detail about the module and any changes will be discussed and/or communicated at this point.

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