MD90A-20 Pathways to the Public Health Workplace

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Department
Warwick Medical School
Level
Taught Postgraduate Level
Module leader
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Credit value
20
Module duration
12 weeks
Assessment
100% coursework
Study location
Distance or Online Delivery

Description

Introductory description

This competitive module aims to complement existing subject specific public health knowledge and skills with an opportunity to undertake a real-world project in a public health setting. If selected, students spend one day a week over a flexible 12-week period working in an organisation with a health and wellbeing role on an organisation-directed project.

Module aims

This module aims to provide students with an experience of working in the Public Health (PH) environment to enhance their understanding of PH career pathways, PH policy, enhance employability skills and develop project management skills within a work-based environment which may be local or international but is usually remote-working.

Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

Job application process and resources (CV, cover letter, interview techniques)
Identifying own strengths and areas of development
Project management
Workplace professionalism
Cultural awareness

Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- Appraise strategic priorities, objectives and roles of relevant organisations (third sector organisation (TSO) / non-governmental organisation (NGO) / statutory organization) and how they interface with other agencies within the Public Health domain
- Plan, conduct and reflect on a project in a work-based environment
- Develop a range of transferable skills including communication, networking, independent research and self-evaluation, interpersonal and teamwork skills

Interdisciplinary

Most of the placements are real-world situations within health-related organisations where students are working within multidisciplinary teams and having to be aware of and work across disciplines for their placement tasks

International

Many of the placements are outside of the UK/region - although remote-working, students are exposed to the challenges of working remotely and within an international culture within the workplace.

Subject specific skills

Appraise strategic priorities, objectives, and roles of relevant organisations (third sector organisation (TSO) / non-governmental organisation (NGO) / statutory organization) and how they interface with other agencies within the Public Health domain
Plan, conduct and reflect on a public health project in a work-based environment

Transferable skills

Organisation and time management, Use of tools, technology and software, commercial awareness, Thinking and problem-solving, Teamwork, Written communication, Oral communication, Adaptability and flexibility, Independence and initiative,

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Study

Study time

Type	Required
Seminars	2 sessions of 6 hours (6%)
Tutorials	1 session of 2 hours (1%)
Project supervision	12 sessions of 1 hour (6%)
Work-based learning	12 sessions of 7 hours (42%)
Private study	90 hours (45%)
Total	200 hours

Private study description

Students are given time to work on their placement tasks independently across the 12 weeks

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You do not need to pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Assessment group A2

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
Assessment component			
Project Report (3000 words)	60%		Yes (extension)
Reassessment component is the same			
Assessment component			
Oral Presentation (10 minutes)	40%		No
Reassessment component is the same			

Feedback on assessment

Standardised rubric

Availability

Pre-requisites

This is a competitive module, so students are required to apply for the placement, indicating their top three placements and are interviewed for the placement by a panel. They may not be deemed suitable for the placement on interview.

Courses

This module is Option list A for:

- Year 1 of TMDS-B9C2 Postgraduate Taught Health Research
- Year 1 of TMHS-B902 Public Health