

Aim of the module

The module is designed to introduce the principles of safe and effective medicines management within clinical practice. To acquire knowledge and understanding of pharmacology and its application in the student's specific area of practice, with an appreciation of both the evidence base and the legal and professional frameworks within which they operate.

Synopsis

The module offers the opportunity to gain a sound knowledge and understanding of the principles of evidence-based medicines management. The course will build on previous knowledge and understanding of pharmacology, allowing development within the student's area of practice. Ethical principles, professional accountability, cost effectiveness and person-centred care will be integral within this module, in order to facilitate the student's development, knowledge and skill in safe medicines management.

The module is suitable for any professional who works with patients/clients taking medicines, whether they are prescribed or non-prescribed, eg dietitians, nurses, midwives, physiotherapists and operating department practitioners. It is also suitable for those who work in learning disability and mental health areas.

Assessment

Assessment is in the form of a 3,000 word written assignment, consisting of two parts. A pass in both is required.

Structure

The module will be delivered over an academic term on campus in York. The course will start in April 2012 with full day attendance on 19th April, 3rd May, 17th May, 31st May, 14th June, 28th June.

Teaching will include lectures and seminars. Students will be expected to access pre course material via the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) in order to prepare for this programme.

Funding

There are some funded places available for this module. To find out more please contact Claire Whitmore on 01904 321319.

Who to contact

Further information is available from Penny Broadley, module leader, via email penny.broadley@york.ac.uk or telephone 01904 321624. For an application form please contact Claire Whitmore on 01904 321319.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Apply pharmacological principles to the medicines prescribed, supplied, and/or administered in practice.
2. Discuss the current legal and professional frameworks for accountability and responsibility in medicines management.
3. Review risk assessment and risk management strategies for safe practice in the supply and/or administration of medicines.
4. Examine the broader influences on medicines management, including roles and relationships to others involved in prescribing, supplying and administering medicines.
5. Demonstrate knowledge and application of the principles of compliance, concordance and adherence in medicines management.
6. Evaluate their skills in patient assessment and the monitoring of response to therapies, including referral of the patient where appropriate.
7. Identify sources of evidence-based information and guidance and explain how these can be used to underpin best practice in medicines management.