Summative Assessment; Assignment

This assignment forms the summative assessment for the Study Skills module. It should be no more than **2000 words** in length.

Guidelines on assessment are contained in the BSc (Hons) Student Handbook

1. **Clear identification of topic/issue in healthcare practice with appropriate justification for choice. Introduction. Approx 100 words.**

The written work should include a general background section introducing the topic or issue selected. This could be the history behind the topic (don’t go back too far in time!); it could be the cultural setting of the topic; the political, economic or a current development.

A clear rationale for the topic choice must be provided with appropriate links made to relevant literature, evidence, policy or guidelines.

1. **Describe the method(s) taken to source the evidence used including rationale for sources chosen and presentation of data in a summary table. Approx 500 words**

The written work should include a brief description of the literature search strategy used to obtain the literature and/or evidence. Databases, keywords, search specific criteria including limitations and numbers of hits and method of identifying key literature should be recorded.

The summary table should be included as an appendix at the end of the text and reference list and include a collation of the key search strategy employed for the assignment to enable replication.

1. **Analyse the evidence gathered, indicating where there is debate around the topic and the relevance and implications to the clinical area. Approx 1300 words.**

The written work should utilise a logical, systematic approach to the examination of the evidence, clearly demonstrating the ability to question, compare and contrast information presented.

Accuracy of information within the written work is very important, must be appropriate to the topic of choice and supported with credible sources of literature.

Critical analysis (as in a questioning approach) of the evidence and discussion of the findings should be clearly shown throughout the work. Evaluation of the sources and your findings may be shown through development of rational and sound points and through appraisal of multiple sources within the work.

Comprehensive understanding of the evidence should be demonstrated throughout; employing an enquiring and analytical approach will indicate the ability to study at degree level.

1. **Conclusion. Approx 100 words.**

Summary paragraph/s representing the main conclusions and key points obtained from the literature should be explicitly identifiable in the written work. The key findings should be examined and consideration given to the integration into clinical workplace. Only reference referred to in the main body of your work should be used here.

Consideration of sources in isolation with minimal or no comparison and evaluation of the relevance of the evidence and/or description of information will only gain minimal marks

**Presentation and referencing**

Marks will be awarded for written work that is neatly and accurately presented, in-line with. Written work should demonstrate attention to detail and should be grammatically correct with no spelling, syntax or vocabulary errors.

Marks will be gained in this section for consistent, accurate and appropriate referencing which should be compiled and submitted in a list format at the end of the assignment.