Faculty of Health and Applied Sciences

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Module Handbook

Module Name:

Professional Perspectives in Specialist Community Public Health Nursing

(PP SCPHN)

Module Code:

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Module Leader Name:

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Aim of the Handbook

The handbook is a guide for students in the Department of Health and Social Sciences taking the Module Professional Perspectives in Specialist Community Public Health, as part of the PGDip Public Health Specialist Community Public Health Nurse (School Nursing), PGDip Public Health Specialist Community Public Health Nurse (Health Visiting) and PGDip Public Health Specialist Community Public Health Nurse (Occupational Health Nursing). The information in the handbook can also be found in a number of other electronic or paper sources and the document provides links to the definitive data sources wherever possible.

Please note that the electronic version of the handbook will be kept up to date and you will be notified of any significant changes. If you have taken a hard copy of any information, please remember to refer back to the electronic version to ensure that you are working with the most up to date information.

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In addition to the core team there will be a number of visiting lecturers and practitioners, contributing to the teaching of this module.

Any queries or concerns directly related to this module should be addressed to the Module Lead in the first instance.

More general queries about your programme of study should be direct to the Programme Lead, or to your Academic Personal Tutor (APT)

External examiners from other institutions are appointed to each module to act independently and work with the module team in the management of threshold academic standards. The external examiner appointed to this module can be found here.

1   Module Overview

Welcome to the Professional Perspectives in Specialist Community Public Health Nursing (SCPHN) Module. We hope that you enjoy this module and the learning opportunities that it has to offer.

This module is accessed by health visiting, school nursing and occupational health nursing students, as one of the compulsory modules in the Specialist Community Public Health Nursing Programme. You will complete the academic elements of this module alongside practice placement, where you gain practical experience as a SCPHN practitioner. It is important that you are able to link the academic theory with the practice. This will be a consistent theme throughout the module.

During this module you will be asked to demonstrate your achievement of the **NMC Standards of Proficiency for Specialist Community Public Health Nurses (2004**). This is achieved in partnership with your employing health organization and you will be allocated a practice assessor and supervisor in practice to support your development towards these proficiency standards. There will be an opportunity during this module for two tripartite meetings bringing together your Practice Assessor (PA), your Academic Personal Tutor (APT) at UWE and you as a student, to discuss your progress and development.

The academic elements of the module support your practical progress and prepare you to plan, implement and evaluate service delivery across your chosen field of practice (health visiting, school nursing or occupational health nursing). The academic team aim to develop your skills to enable you to challenge your current thinking, encourage critical enquiry and present contemporary concepts and theories.

The module content is delivered via lectures and seminars at UWE. You will also be asked to complete e-learning modules, undertake guided study and prepare for seminars. You will be allocated to a specific seminar group, which will enable you to work closely with a smaller group of students. Please be aware that the default delivery of the programme is via **face-to-face** learning. It is therefore important to **always check and read your UWE emails regularly** to be fully informed of any updates.

You will be allocated a seminar lead, which you will meet with regularly on a one to one or small group basis. The role of the seminar leads in this module is to guide and support you and your group ensuring that you feel confident in your learning to meet the learning outcomes for the module.

You will have the opportunity to access assignment supervision. This is academic supervision via your APT. It is your responsibility to engage with your APT to receive appropriate guidance and support. Please take any queries regarding your assignment to your APT.

Please note that any academic work submitted for formative feedback is subject to a ten working day turnaround. You can also provide 10% of your work for formative feedback prior to submission. Do not leave this work to the last minute as it will not be possible for academics to re-schedule their workload to look at further drafts. Please also check when your APT is taking annual leave and time-manage your work around these dates. Please note **academic staff will not look at any written work within 10 working days of the submission date.**

Following induction during the initial week of the programme, academic sessions are delivered on a prescribed day within the programme. Please always check your timetable as the days may vary. You can complete the directed learning elements flexibly and 1.5 days per week during the module are allocated for this purpose.

2   Module Specific Information

Please see the full module specification via this link.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module students will be able to:

1. Assess, promote, plan, deliver and critically evaluate health interventions to improve the health and well-being of the individual, family, community and defined population. (Component A and B)
2. Consider and discuss how the development of the SCPHN personal and professional attributes contributes to effective working relationships and a partnership approach with individuals, families, communities and professionals. (Component A and B)
3. Through the use of frameworks and reflective tools examine personal and professional development recognizing challenges, barriers and/or limitations to own effective work performance. (Component A and B)
4. Demonstrate practice according to the UNICEF competencies of Baby Friendly (Health visiting pathway only) (Component A)
5. Debate and appraise current services in relation to the voice of the child or other service user and consider approaches and interventions to facilitate their improvement. (Component A and B)
6. Prioritize safeguarding concerns, recognizing and responding appropriately including initiating the management of cases where necessary with partner agencies. (Component A and B)
7. Develop, implement, and critically evaluate practice through the use of up to date evidence, research and policy guidance. (Component A and B)

8. Consider and appraise the ethical and legal factors, which influence SCPHN working practices. (Component A and B)

The module contributes to students achieving the **NMC Standards of Proficiency for Specialist Community Public Health Nurses (2004)** for entry to the third part of the NMC register. The syllabus focus is on developing students who are competent and effective practitioners, able to work in partnership with children, young people, families, people in employment and communities in order to improve health and social outcomes. The emphasis on "how" student's work in partnership with these groups and build effective relationships are vital in ensuring outcomes are improved and inequalities reduced. As well as focusing on the SCPHN competencies the module also focuses on the development of the SCPHN attributes (DH, 2012)

Each day focuses on a theme, which facilitates learning and development in line with the learning outcomes of the module. The start of each day will begin with a video clip, or activity that focuses on the voice of the child or other service user. The end of each day will focus on the development of the SCPHN attributes.

All three pathways will include the following sessions:

➢ Overview of the module
➢ Development through the lifespan
➢ Assessment of health needs
➢ Emotional health and wellbeing (pathway specific)
➢ Promoting healthy lifestyles (pathway specific)
➢ Service user involvement
➢ Courageous conversation and therapeutic communication
➢ Safeguarding children and young people and vulnerable adults
➢ Domestic abuse

It is important to check the UWE online learning platform BlackBoard regularly as all directed study and planning will be outlined here. For any queries relating to BlackBoard please contact an [Information Point](#).

Seminars may be pathway specific or mixed pathways. Health visiting students for example will be provided with pathway specific activities and scenarios in order to apply their learning to their own health visiting practice.

A directed learning approach will be used including lectures, self-directed study, group work, e-learning and case study discussions. Teaching will take place over 10 days and will require the student to relate theory to practice and develop the skills required to meet the SCPHN competencies.

Attendance

Your attendance record must be completed accurately to reflect your time in practice. This record must be signed by your practice assessor and handed in on the last day of the programme via PebblePad. Failure to hand in this record will be classed as a non-submission against your practice module. Any falsification of the attendance record will be considered a breach of your NMC Code of Professional Conduct (NMC, 2018) and will be referred to Professional Suitability proceedings within the University and may result in discontinuation of studies. You may also be referred for investigation under NHS Counter Fraud procedures.

All Health and Applied Sciences (HAS) students, including Specialist Community Public Health Nursing students, are required to report their absence from their practice placement to the University. If for any reason you are unable to attend your practice placement, please call the Practice Placement Office (PPO) on 0117 328 3283 and leave your name, student number and location of your practice placement. The PPO Team will not return your call, but your absence will be recorded. Alternatively, you can email the PPO Team on practiceabsence@uwe.ac.uk. Do not forget that it is your responsibility to notify your employing organisation to advise them if you are sick or unable to attend placement for any other reason.

3   Assignment Brief

The module is assessed through two components. Component A is a portfolio and component two a written essay. You must pass **both** components.

Weighting between components A and B (standard modules only) A: 0%   B: 100%

Attempt 1

First Assessment Opportunity

Component A

Element	Description	Element Weighting

1	Practice portfolio relating to NMC Proficiency Standards for Specialist Community Public Health Nursing	Pass/Fail

Component B

Element	Description	Element Weighting
1	3000 word assignment	100%

Second Assessment Opportunity

Attendance is not required

Component A

Element	Description	Element Weighting
1	Portfolio	Pass/Fail

Component B

Element	Description	Element Weighting
1	3000 word assignment	100%

Second (or Subsequent) Attempt: attendance is not required

Assessment Guidelines

The module is assessed through two components:

Component A: practice portfolio related to the achievement of the SCPHN Proficiency Standards - pass/ fail

The practice portfolio is maintained on the UWE Pebblepad platform. Assessment of professional practice is an ongoing process utilising a variety of different methods to identify your development needs, monitor your progress, and demonstrate evidence of developing proficiency towards fulfilling the **NMC Standards of Proficiency for SCPHN (2004)**. Steinaker and Bell's Experiential Taxonomy (1979) provides an experiential framework that can be utilised for planning experiences and charting your achievement to a required level.

The practice portfolio is appraised on a pass/refer basis to specified levels on the Taxonomy. To pass you need to achieve a minimum level of 'identification' by the end of taught practice and 'internalization' by the end of consolidated practice.

Component B: A 3000 word essay focusing on a theme or subject area related to professional practice

Critically review an aspect of professional practice reference to theory, current policy and practice and your development as a SCPHN practitioner.

Guidelines

This assignment requires students to provide an overarching commentary of their development as a Specialist Community Public Health Nurse. In the assignment students should focus on an area of professional practice and demonstrate learning in practice through the application and analysis of relevant theory. Students will demonstrate their understanding of the links between theory and practice by referring to published academic literature and national and local polices which influence SCPHN practice. In addition, students will demonstrate the ability to make judgments in relation to their practice following the debate, critique and evaluation of the latest research and evidence. The account should include:

- A clear rationale for choice of theme/ subject related to professional role;
- Reflections on your learning and development as a Specialist Community Public Health Nurse;
- The utilization of evidence-based practice;
- The importance of service-users in the design and delivery of services; and
- Reference to the influence of policy drivers in Specialist Community Public Health Nursing.

The Health and Applied Social Sciences Marking Guidelines are used to mark your work (see appendix 1).

Please also complete the Student Self-Assessment sheet (see Appendix 2). This sheet must also be submitted with your essay. This supports you as a student in developing your ability to self-assess and reflect on your work and overall performance.

Guidelines on citations and references

During your studies, you will be expected to acknowledge books, journal articles, and websites etc., used in the preparation of assignments, projects, essays, and dissertations by producing a list of references and/or a bibliography with each one. The reference list gives details of sources you have referred to (cited) within your text; the bibliography lists sources you have used but not referred to directly. The Faculty utilises the UWE Harvard referencing system.

4   Submission details

Please note that the submission deadlines are absolute and based on UWE server time, therefore you are strongly advised to submit work well ahead of the deadline dates to avoid situations where penalties could be incurred. Penalties are imposed if a submission is made up to 24 hours after the deadline, and the highest mark you can receive will be the minimum pass mark (if the assessment is passed). After the 24 hours have passed, the work will not be accepted for marking.

The submission date for the **assignment** is **1400** on the **20 September 2023**.

This assessment has an **automatic five day late submission window** in which students can submit their work without penalty. While students are expected to plan their work so that they are not impacted by minor illness or delay, if you are experiencing difficulties which will affect your ability to submit your work by the published deadline the University allows an automatic five day late submission window in which students can submit their work without penalty for this type of assessment. Please note that the submission deadline at the conclusion of the five day late submission window period is absolute and based on UWE server time, therefore you are strongly advised to submit work well ahead of the deadline dates to avoid your work not being accepted for marking. For full information, and information on the **14 day reasonable adjustment applications** please see the Assessment Support Options

and [Reasonable Adjustment](#) webpages. Guidance on how to submit the assignment can be found [here](#).

The submission date for the **portfolio** will be **1400** on the **07 December 2023**.

Please note that this assessment does NOT allow an **automatic five day late submission window** in. The submission deadline is absolute and based on UWE server time, therefore you are strongly advised to submit work ahead of the deadline to avoid your work not being accepted for marking. Submission is via the PebblePad platform. Further **academic information and advice for students** is available on the UWE, Bristol webpages by clicking and following this [link](#).

Mode of presentation

The reference list at the end of the assignment is not counted as part of the 3000 words. However, the use of quotations and author's names within the essay content are counted as part of the 3000 words. Any appendices are also not included in the word count.

- A statement must be made at the outset of the assignment that the anonymity of the client / service user, staff, health/social care setting is upheld and such information **must not be disclosed under any circumstances**.
- Should you portray, observe or discuss "bad practice", you must demonstrate at the start of the essay how this has been resolved using the appropriate channels.
- The use of the first person "I" is permissible when exploring and reflecting on one's own actions.
- There is no 10% allowance.

[MyUWE](#) is used to communicate unconfirmed marks, provide cover sheets for assessments and to submit work. You will receive both formative and summative feedback for your course work. This feedback will be presented in different ways throughout the module. This will include:

- Class feedback;
- Individual discussions either face-to-face or by e-mail;
- Online feedback through BlackBoard or PebblePad;
- Formative assessment during modules include activities such as online quizzes, seminar activities and Q&A sessions during lectures; and
- Annotation of no more than 10% on draft work in preparation for submission of 40 credit summative assignment;

Feedback to students will include these elements:

- What has been done well; and
- What could be done better.

Each summative assessment will be returned to you with written feedback. The period for providing feedback will not normally exceed **20 working days** (excluding University closure days) following the deadline for submission of the assessment concerned. This period may be shorter or longer for some forms of assessment. Where the period is greater than 20 working days, students will be informed of the deadline and the rationale for the extension. Outcomes which have not been confirmed by an examining board shall be considered as un-confirmed.

Resubmission

Following the Award Board decision, a resubmission date will be advised via BlackBoard. Resubmission will delay the date at which you are registered with the NMC as a Specialist Community Public Health Nurse.

5 Additional Information and Reading Strategies

Indicative reading is listed below, however, further reading will be required to supplement any core reading. Students are expected to identify all other reading relevant to their chosen topic for themselves. They will be encouraged to read widely using the library search, a variety of bibliographic and full-text databases, and Internet resources, many of which can be accessed remotely. The purpose of this further reading is to ensure students are familiar with current research, classic works and material specific to their interests from the academic literature.

Access and skills

The development of literature searching skills is supported by Library workshops. Additional support is also available through the library web pages, including interactive tutorials on finding books and journals, evaluating information and referencing, the HAS Library Online Workbook and Ask a Librarian, which offers live chat with a librarian and is a 24-hour service staffed by UWE and our partner libraries. Students can also contact the library by e-mail or phone.

The library website can be found [here](#).

The HAS Library Team can also now complement the [academic skills workshops and workbooks](#) with one-to-one support.

A guide to referencing can be found [here](#).

The University's policy on word count can be found [here](#).

Reading Strategy

Whilst an indicative reading is listed below you will also find easy access to library resources through BlackBoard and the online reading list. The [short video](#) available on the library's website will introduce you to some of the key features of the online reading list system.

Indicative Reading - All Pathways

- Gallagher, A. and Hodge, S. (2012) *Ethics, law and professional issues: a practice-based approach for health professionals.* Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Mitcheson, J. (2008) *Public Health Approaches to Practice* [online]. Cheltenham: Nelson Thornes.
- Morrow, E., Boaz, A., Brearly, S. & Ross, F (2012) *Handbook of service user involvement in nursing and healthcare research.* Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.
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- Thornbury, G. (2009) *Public Health Nursing. A textbook for Health Visitors, School Nurses and Occupational Health Nurses*. Oxford: Blackwell.
- Tod, A.M. and Hirst, J. (2014) *Health and Inequality: Applying Public Health Research to Policy and Practice* [online]. Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge.
- Watkins, D. and Cousins, J. (2010). *Public Health and Community Nursing*. Bailliere Tindall
- Wilkinson, G. and Pickett, K. (2010) *The spirit level: why greater equality makes societies stronger,* Bloomsbury, New York

Indicative Reading - Health Visiting and School Nursing Pathway

- Cowie, H. (2012) *From birth to sixteen years: children's health, social, emotional and linguistic development.* London: Routledge.
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- Music, G. (2011) *Nurturing Natures: Attachment and Children's Emotional, Sociocultural, and Brain Development* [online]. Hove: Psychology.
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- Wright, J. (2012) School Nurse Survival Guide. London: Quay.
- Wright, J. and Thurtle, V. (2007) *Promoting the health of school age children,* Quay, London.

Indicative Reading - Occupational Health Nursing Pathway

- Aw, T.C, Gardiner, K, Harrington, J.M (2007), Occupational health Pocket consultant, Wiley-Blackwell.
- Black, Carol, (2008) *Working for a healthier tomorrow: Dame Carol Black's Review of the health of Britain's working age population: presented to the Secretary of State for Health and the Secretary,*https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-for-a-healthier-tomorrow-work-and-health-in-britain

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Websites

http://www.dwp.gov.uk/health-work-and-well-being/

www.who.int/occupational_healt/regions/en/oeheurnursing.pdf

http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/english/convdisp1.htm

www.hse.gov.uk

www.rcn.org.uk

www.dh.gov.uk

www.nice.org.uk

www.dh.gov.uk/publications

http://www.ihv.org.uk

6 Communication

Throughout your time with us, you will receive regular communication from your module leaders, and also administrative staff. It is your responsibility to ensure that you read everything that you are sent, and act upon it where appropriate. The main communication channel used is the BlackBoard for all the modules you are currently studying. BlackBoard provides the main communication channel for module specific information and these too should be checked regularly for new content and announcements. Please see myUWE Guidance for further information.

7 Advice and support

There are a range of facilities and services available to go to for advice and support depending on what the issue is. Remember - asking for help at the earliest possible stage will help you in the long run. Your first point of call should always be your APT, as they will be able to sign post you to the right services and will be able to deal with specific matters relating to teaching and learning. If you are not able to contact your Academic Personal tutor for any reason, go to an Information Point. Student advisers are available and can also be contacted through the Information Points. However, you are more than welcome to talk to other members of UWE staff depending on who you feel most comfortable talking to.

8 Additional Information

Student Responsibilities

- The student has overall responsibility for maintaining the practice portfolio ensuring the following:
- The portfolio is available as a working document throughout the module.
- The learning opportunities are identified against the module learning outcomes and negotiated with the practice assessor/supervisor.
- Identified goals are developed into an action plan to structure learning, are evaluated and included in the portfolio.
- The practice assessor/supervisor feedback informs the development of future learning needs.
- The student demonstrates how they have achieved each learning outcome in practice and to identify which evidence in your portfolio relates to each learning outcome
- The student completes the diary of attendance and record of progress as well as contributes to the Interim and Final Consolidated Practice Reports.

Practice Assessor/Supervisor Responsibilities

- The practice assessor/supervisor has the responsibility for supporting the student's learning experience, and will ensure the following:
- The development of an effective relationship with the student and provision of on-going support.
- That appropriate learning opportunities are identified with the student within the area of practice.
- They facilitate the student to achieve the learning outcomes identified in their action plan, in the practice setting.
- That they discuss with the student and highlight any areas of concern with the Academic in Practice.
- They are a positive role model by ensuring a safe practice environment and promoting effective relationships with client/users/service provision, professionals and other organisations involved in complex care situations.
- They create a learning environment in which the student can confidently achieve the module learning outcomes.
- They will initiate, manage and support change to develop practice.
- They provide constructive feedback that enables the student to consolidate learning and identify continuing learning needs.

- They will assess the evidence in the portfolio in order to be able to sign off the summary sheets, complete the interim report and final report confirming the student has achieved all the learning outcomes in their practice.

Module Team Responsibilities

- To provide advice, support and monitor student progress throughout the module.
- To liaise with practice assessor/supervisor regarding student progress as necessary.
- To respond to concerns identified by practice assessor/supervisor and/or student and facilitate meetings as necessary.

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Appendix One: Marking criteria

POSTGRADUATE (Level M)		*Indicative Qualities*
100 - 90%	**Outstanding**	*An exceptional and outstanding piece of academic work; showing advanced and critical awareness at the forefront of the discipline or professional practice. Exceptional use of appropriate texts, research, and other learning materials, well beyond the taught content, displaying new insights and advanced scholarship; mastery of clarity in argument and communication. Exemplary*
89 - 80%	**Excellent**	*An excellent piece of academic work clearly demonstrating critical awareness of the discipline, current research, or professional practice. Evidence of originality and advanced scholarship. Excellent analysis in most areas; use of new sources and approaches evident; balanced in analysis and argument. Clarity of argument and comprehensive knowledge.*
79 - 70%	**Very Good**	*A very good and competent piece of work, demonstrating good critical awareness and analysis of the subject. Comprehensive understanding of knowledge, with the ability to develop critiques at an advanced level. Evidence of originality; negligible errors or omissions. Notably good presentation/communication of ideas and comprehension.*
69 - 60%	**Good**	*A good piece of academic work demonstrating the ability to critical evaluate. Good knowledge and understanding of the discipline or professional practice. Some ability to develop critiques at an advanced level and some evidence of originality. Good understanding of main concepts but could be further developed and strengthened with greater focus and more in-depth analysis. Good evidence of appropriate reading. Accurately and appropriately referenced.*
59 - 50%	**Pass**	*Meets the relevant learning outcomes but is mostly descriptive. Some basic critical awareness is present evaluation, but the analysis is not very well developed and could be strengthened in originality or scope. Some evidence of appropriate reading and critical thought beyond the taught material but evaluation and critique could be strengthened. Evidence of appropriate structure but presentation and focus may need improving.*

49 - 40%	**Marginal Fail**	*Little evidence of understanding and overall, not reaching the minimum pass standard due to some key omissions in presentation, argument or structure. Limited critique and evaluation and argument needs further development. Content not always relevant. Limited evidence of reading.*
39 - 30%	**Limited**	*Some evidence of effort but missing essential aspects. For example, may be lacking in evidence of understanding, focus and structure. Likely to have no analysis or discussion and material may lack of relevance. Presentation may need to be improved. Likely to show insufficient evidence of reading;*
29 - 20%	**A Limited Piece of Work**	*Some material presented but generally unsatisfactory with some irrelevant or incorrect material. Lack of discussion. Likely to show insufficient evidence of reading; Likely to be incomplete.*
19 - 10%	**A Very Limited Piece of Work**	*Significant deficiencies; Likely to have insufficient, irrelevant or incorrect material. Likely to have very poor structure and no discussion.*
9 - 0%	**Exceptionally Limited Piece of Work**	*Insufficient material presented. No evidence of sufficient preparation.* *Zero is reserved for failure to attempt an answer*

QAA descriptor for a higher education qualification at Level M

General assessment descriptors

- a systematic understanding of knowledge, and a critical awareness of current problems and/or new insights,
- a comprehensive understanding of techniques applicable to their own research or advanced scholarship
- originality in the application of knowledge, together with a practical understanding of how established techniques of research and enquiry are used to create and interpret knowledge in the discipline
- a conceptual understanding that enables the student to critically evaluate critically current research and to evaluate methodologies and develop critiques of them
- ability to deal with complex issues, make sound judgements, and communicate their conclusions clearly to specialist and non-specialist audiences
- demonstrate self-direction and originality in tackling and solving problems
- demonstrate the independent learning ability required for continuing professional development.

Appendix One: Self-Assessment Sheet

Please assess your own assignment, using the criteria below. Please also assess using the marking criteria laid out in the handbook noting what you feel you did well. Please submit your assignment with this form fully completed.

Assignment Marking Criteria (reflect and mark yourself in student column) A = excellent, B = good, C= just satisfactory, D= needs improvement, E= needs lots of improvement			
Area		**Student**	**Marker**
Structure & Presentation	Length		
	Structure – introduction of topic/clarity of aims/argument and issues to be investigated.		
	Formatting		
	Spelling and grammar		
	Readability		
Background Theory	Reading – identifies existing, relevant knowledge and views (theories and evidence)		
	Referencing		
	Application		
	Appraisal		
	Discussion		
Content	Learning outcomes met		
	Reflection		
	Coverage		
	Evidence of learning and professional development		
	Originality		
What did you do well on in this assignment?			