Research Methods (Distance Learning)

Module Overview

This module covers the techniques needed to critically appraise published research, and carry out a piece of original research. Topics include the scientific method applied to human services, literature search techniques, research design, sampling, the organisation of a research project, research ethics, measurement techniques, the analysis of qualitative and quantitative data, the presentation of results, and dissemination.

Learning outcomes

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

- Complete a literature search on a defined topic.
- Prepare a research proposal with an appropriate research design, measurement, sample, and consideration of ethical issues sufficient to be approved by an ethical committee.
- Critically appraise a recent published research paper.
- Analyse a set of qualitative data.
- Analyse a set of quantitative data.

Credits

20 credits

This module can be taken as a stand alone course if required. To apply, please contact Programme Administrator, tel 0121 414 4515, email **forensic@contacts.bham.ac.uk (mailto:forensic@contacts.bham.ac.uk)** .

Module Attendance Required

Distance learning supplemented by individual tutorials.

Module Dates

2014/15

This module will run twice:

6 October 2014 to 12 December 2014

12 January 2015 to 20 March 2015

Assessment

One 3000-word essay

Academics involved in the delivery of this module

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Course fact file

Type of Course: Continuing professional development, distance learning, module

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