Module Title	Ethics and Law
Level	4
Reference No.	
(showing level)	
Credit Value	20 credit points
Student Study Hours	Contact hours: 39
-	Blended Learning: 26
	Student managed learning hours: 135 hours
Pre-requisite learning	None
Co-requisites	None
Excluded	None
combinations	
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School/Department	School of Health and Social Care – Institute for Vocational Learning
Short Description	This module is designed to ensure students develop an understanding of professional, ethical and legal responsibilities. The focus is on developing an appreciation of the professional codes, ethical values
	and legal frameworks which underpins health and social care practice.
	Emphasis will be placed upon understanding the need to use up-to-date
	knowledge to assess, plan, deliver and evaluate service delivery,
	communicate findings, and promote best practice.
Aims	This module aims to ensure students understand their ethical and legal
	responsibilities. It will ensure students understand the need to practice
	in an inclusive manner.
Learning Outcomes	Knowledge and Understanding:
	 Explain the various codes of conduct that are in place within the
	health and social care sectors, including the NHS Constitution
	 Describe legal responsibilities of health and social care workers
	and professionals
	 Develop knowledge, understanding and respect for different
	cultures, values, views and beliefs
	Explain the ethical frameworks that underpin service needs and
	delivery
	Transferable Skills:
	 Use professional codes, ethical and legal principles in their own practice.
Employability	This module is designed to provide students with a detailed
	understanding of the law and ethics needed by staff working within
	health and social care services. It links theory with practice, thus
	providing the students with practical knowledge and key employability
	qualities.
Teaching and learning	This module is taught using a combination of lectures, tutorials, self-
pattern	directed study, group work and blended learning.
Indicative content	Professional values and codes of conduct
	NHS Constitution and organisational values
	The law relating to health and social care
	Statute and case law affecting health and social care
	 Cultures, values, views and beliefs
	Ethical frameworks used in health and social care
	Scenarios based on ethical frameworks

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Assessment	Formative assessment :
Elements &	Student will be asked to review a case study in groups against an
weightings	ethical and legal framework.
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	Summative assessment:
	The assessment will consist of a case study review from the public
	domain against an ethical and legal framework.
	3000 words
	(One element of assessment with 100% weighting and 40% pass mark)
Indicative Sources	 Dickens, J. (2013) Social work, law and ethics. London,; New
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