NU7200: Contemporary Issues in Child Health and Wellbeing

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Additional Lecturers

ECTS
10 ECTS

Rationale and Aims
This module has been developed building on the prior experiences of students working with children and their families in both health and illness. It will focus on contemporary issues in child and family health and wellbeing, recognising the increasing diverse nature of children’s healthcare. This module will assist students in developing the skills to be able to work effectively with children and young people and their families and promote family-centred care across services.

The aim of the module is to enable students to develop the knowledge, critical analysis and decision-making skills necessary to provide appropriate evidence based and skilled care in contemporary child healthcare issues.

Module Content

Contemporary issues in child health
Current national and international policies and legislation in children’s healthcare
Children’s rights and rights organisations
Growing up in Ireland in the 21st century
Childhood disability and complex needs and their impact on child and family
Chronic illness/life-limiting conditions/rare disorders
Child surveillance and protection
Current primary care provision and its impact on child health

Contemporary issues in adolescence
Chronic illness and its impact
Mental health and wellbeing in childhood/adolescence
Community support services for teenagers
Contemporary health issues in adolescence (e.g. obesity, smoking, drugs)
Transitional care provision to adulthood

Cultural Issues
Health beliefs in families
Separated children/travellers/Immigrant families/alternative family arrangements
Minority groups
Contemporary culture in Ireland

Contemporary child healthcare settings and service delivery
Ambulatory and urgent care services
Community resources and provision
Transitional Care
Primary, secondary and tertiary care service and developments

Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

- Critically discuss the contemporary issues in child health including national and international policy and legislation.
- Describe the role of the primary and public health team in contemporary child health.
- Assess the role of the Ambulatory care services in child health care.
- Critically analyse the quality agenda within child healthcare in relation to ensuring appropriate service provision for children and young people and their families.
- Identify and discuss children’s rights and child protection issues.
- Establish the current and critical issues for children growing up in Ireland in the 21st century.
- Identify support services for children and families to maintain mental health and wellbeing.
- Identify support services for children and families living with chronic, life limiting conditions, rare disorders and complex conditions in the community.
- Provide culturally competent care for children and families.

**Methods of Teaching and Student Learning:** Lecture/group discussion, Student-led discussion, web based learning.

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**Contact Hours**

| Direct Contact: Class and online                     | 30 |
| Assessment Student Effort                             | 30 |
| Specified Activities                                  | 0  |
| Self-Directed Learning                                | 140|
| Direct Contact: Supervision                           | 0  |
| **Total Hours**                                       | 200|

**Indicative Resources** – *more detailed lists will be provided by module lecturers*


