

Module Details	
Module Title	Academic Skills and Professional Development
Module Code	CLS3007-B
Academic Year	2023/4
Credits	20
School	School of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences
FHEQ Level	RQF Level 3

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Directed Study	159
Lectures	7
Tutorials	4.5
Practical Classes or Workshops	29.5

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Academic Year

Module Aims
To develop and consolidate skills required for successful learning, effective communication, and teamwork and to prepare students for further study, lifelong learning, and employment.

Outline Syllabus
Principles of learning and study skills: Introduction to course & personal academic tutors; Lifelong Learning: Reflective practice and critical reasoning; Use of Personal Development Portfolio; Managing and understanding information: Communication Skills: Principles of verbal and non-verbal communication, factors affecting effective & cross-cultural communication, presentation skills, lay and professional audiences; Professionalism; Academic skills including writing and literature searching.

Learning Outcomes	
Outcome Number	Description
01	Identify personal learning needs and use action planning to develop skills.
03	Describe the importance of professionalism and conduct oneself in a professional manner.
04	Understand plagiarism and poor academic practice.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy
<p>To gain a firm understanding of the subject area and the key issues (as outlined in the syllabus) students will be required to attend lectures and a series of workshops in academic skills including finding information; referencing; reading; writing essays, lab reports and for the lay audience; presenting data, and maths for chemistry and biology. There will be input from both the library and the academic skills unit. Each academic skill area will have an associated worksheet(s) or activity that students can use to self-assess. This will inform their development and action planning and can be used to develop skills to increase performance in assignments in other modules. Self-assessment and student development will be facilitated via regular meetings with personal academic tutors, either in groups or independently. Development Portfolio with feedback provided throughout the academic year. Ongoing maths quizzes with practice questions are provided throughout the year. There are two summative assessment methods: The first will be via Maths Quizzes that underpin subjects relevant to Clinical Sciences in other modules. This will include statistics, graph theory as relevant to biological concepts, rearranging equations, and logarithms. These will be ongoing assessments throughout the year. Formative assessment of these will be via practice questions supplied prior to the quizzes. The second assessment is via a portfolio that will include the following components: prior learning, reflective practice, reflection on a problem-based learning clinical case study, self-assessment, and action planning. Formative assessment will be via continued feedback throughout the year by personal tutors on portfolio work, combined with optional attendance and feedback requests during drop-in sessions. Additionally, there is a must pass component; students will need to undertake the academic integrity induction and pass the MCQ test that is administered by the library.</p>

Mode of Assessment			
Type	Method	Description	Weighting
Summative	Coursework - Portfolio/e-portfolio	Development portfolio	100%
Summative	Computerised examination	Completion of Academic Integrity Induction (Students MUST PASS this assessment to pass the module)	0%

Reading List
To access the reading list for this module, please visit <a href="https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html">https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html</a>

*Please note:*

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