

UNIT SPECIFICATION				
Unit title		THE MENTAL CAPACITY ACT 2005 IN PRACTICE		
Level	Level 6	Credit value	20 (10 ECTS)	
Is this a common unit?		No	Expected contact hours for unit	30
Pre and co-requisites None				
Aims To enable health and social care practitioners to demonstrate they have enhanced knowledge and skills to advance their practice capability when working in complex situations. The aim of this unit is to enable students to develop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An advanced level of capability in working with people who use health and social care services, their carers and families; • Critical and analytical skills in systematically developing their own practice when working in complex situations; • The ability to work across organisational and professional settings in exercising professional judgment and responsibility; • Advanced capability in decision making and managing conflict and risk 				
Intended learning outcomes (ILOs) Having completed this unit the student is expected to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrate an applied knowledge of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and related Codes of Practice 2. Appraise the skills necessary to obtain, evaluate and analyse complex evidence and differing views and to weigh these appropriately in decision-making 3. Demonstrate the ability to use reflection and critical analysis to examine their own practice with service users and families where issues of mental capacity and human rights are central to care-planning 				
Learning and teaching methods The taught component uses a variety of methods building on student's professional experience, skills and knowledge. Learning and teaching methods include lectures, discussion groups, reflection on practice and guided independent study. Unit guides and specific reading materials will be designed to enable students to continue in the professional development of their existing knowledge base and maximise opportunities to advance their professional practice. Core text, and encouragement to read widely, will also provide foundation knowledge for students to analyse and advance their professional practice. Bournemouth University's online learning resources will be used for student learning and support. Other sources of information will include programme handbook and regulations.				
Assessment				
Formative assessment/feedback Group and personal tutorials on presenting their assignment.				
Summative assessment ILOs 1 to 3 will assessed via 100% coursework			Indicative assessment Coursework will focus on the students planning, implementation and analysis of a complex situation that examines the student's professional practice at	

Indicative unit content

- The legislative framework for working with adults where mental capacity is an issue
- Assessment of capacity in vulnerable individuals
- Understanding of and ability to make decisions in circumstances where people are unable to make them for themselves
- Professional values and ethics in advancing human rights
- Critical reflection on complex practice
- Reviewing knowledge and theoretical frameworks relevant to professional practice
- Developing a systematic use of knowledge and skills to support problem solving in complex and unpredictable situations
- Understanding of and working with diversity
- Interprofessional and collaborative working in professional practice
- Other legislation relevant to the professional role e.g. Human Rights, Community Care, Equality and Diversity
- National and local policies, guidance and procedures relating to mental capacity functions.

Indicative learning resources

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Ashton, G. 2015. Mental capacity; law and practice. 3rd Edition. Bristol: Jordans.

Bartlett, P. & Sandland, R., 2014. Mental Health Law: Policy and Practice. 4th Edition. Oxford: OUP.

Barber, P., Brown, R. & Martin, D. 2015. The Mental Capacity Act 2005; A Guide for Practice 3rd Edition. Exeter: Learning Matters.

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Johns, R. 2014. Capacity and Autonomy. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Kong, C. 2017. Mental capacity in relationship: Decision making, dialogue and autonomy. Cambridge. CUP

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Ruck Keene, A. (Ed). 2015. Assessment of Mental Capacity 4th edition. The British Medical Association & The Law Society. London: The Law Society.

Ruck-Keene, A., Edwards, K., Eldergill, A. & Miles, S. 2018. The Court of Protection Handbook: a user's guide. 2nd Revised Edition. London. Legal Action Group.

Thompson, N. 2016. Anti-discriminatory Practice; equality, diversity and social justice 6th Edition. London: Palgrave MacMillan.

Thurston, J 2015 A Practitioner's Guide to Powers of Attorney 9th Edition. London: Bloomsbury.

Williams, V., Boyle, G., Jepson, M., Swift, P., Williamson, T., and Heslop, P. (2014). Best interests decisions: professional practices in health and social care. Health and Social Care in the Community, 22(1), 78-8.

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