

Module Details	
Module Title	Optometric Practice 1
Module Code	OPT4019-C
Academic Year	2024/5
Credits	30
School	School of Optometry and Vision Science
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 4

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Directed Study	228
Laboratories	24
Seminars	2
Lectures	30
Tutorials	3
Online Seminar (Synchronous)	2
Online Lecture (Asynchronous)	11

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

Module Aims
<p>To develop understanding of professionalism, law and ethics as relevant to the practice of optometry in the UK. To develop skills in communication with patients. To develop knowledge and skills in finding and appraising evidence and to introduce the concept of lifelong learning. To develop the skills and knowledge necessary to perform clinical assistant duties in optometric practice. To begin to draw together the knowledge and skills from all stage 1 modules in working towards full optometric management of patients.</p>

Outline Syllabus

Professionalism:

Professionalism in healthcare
Professional behaviour and consequences of unprofessional behaviour
The professional bodies
Professional standards
Fitness to practise

Law:

Legal and ethical aspects of optometric practice
English law for optometrists
Opticians Act and other legislation regulating optometry
Equality act
Mental capacity act

Communication:

Patient-practitioner interaction
Consent
Basic case history taking

Optometric practice:

The profession of optometry ? development, current and future format, service commissioning
Evidence-based practice ? core statistical concepts
Introduction to the research process
Appraising/critiquing evidence
Literature searching
Epidemiology
Fair tests of treatment
Test sensitivity/specificity/false positives/negatives
The placebo effect
Sources of evidence
Vision standards
Continuing professional development

Case-based learning:

Introduction to case-based learning
Basic case scenarios on a variety of topics (synoptic)

Labs:

Clinical assistant labs
Synoptic clinical labs drawing together the skills learnt across stage 1

Learning Outcomes	
Outcome Number	Description
01	Using appropriate professional judgement and understanding of statistics, identify relevant sources of clinical and epidemiological information and recognise appropriate methods for communicating this information to patients.
02	Demonstrate understanding of the professionalism, fitness to practice and the profession of optometry in the UK, including recognition of the laws, regulations and standards governing optometric practice in the UK.
03	Describe the importance of good communication, including record-keeping and accurate recording of clinical findings.
04	Recognise the importance of consent and show how consent is obtained for clinical procedures.
05	Take and interpret a basic case history.
06	Conduct basic clinical procedures commensurate with the level of an optometric clinical assistant.
07	Combine individual clinical procedures into a cohesive eye examination.
08	Analyse and interpret information from clinical cases, and develop and design appropriate management for basic clinical cases.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy
<p>This module uses a range of lectures, prepared written materials, interactive tutorials and practical clinical sessions, supported by online multimedia material and directed study. Practical clinical sessions are used to draw together the fundamental clinical techniques learnt in the co-requisite modules, building towards full patient examination and management in the later stages of the course.</p> <p>This module is assessed by a written exam, a reflective logbook of experience in practical clinical sessions and continuous assessment of case-based learning.</p> <p>The lab logbook and the open book unseen examination are MUST PASS assessments and students must pass both of these assessments in order to pass the module.</p>

Mode of Assessment			
Type	Method	Description	Weighting
Summative	Computerised examination	Open Book unseen computerised examination (Must Pass at 40%)	75%
Summative	Coursework - Written	Lab Logbook (MUST PASS at 40%)	10%
Summative	Coursework - Written	Continuous assessment of case-based learning	15%
Formative	Other form of assessment	Formative Written Exam	N/A

Reading List
To access the reading list for this module, please visit https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html

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