

ASSESSMENT GUIDELINE

Module Title	Medicines Optimisation		
Module Code	HEA00156I	Module Level*	5
Word Limit /Exam Duration	[1] 1 hour [2] 2,000 words	Assessment Type(s)	[1] Open book numeracy exam [2] Essay

Marking Criteria

Guidelines should be read in conjunction with the marking criteria guidance for the module level* noted above:

<http://www.york.ac.uk/healthsciences/student-intranet/exam-assess/markgrid/>

Confidentiality

It is a breach of confidentiality to disclose any personal information about a patient, service user, colleague, staff or any other person or place that could in principle enable them to be identified. For further guidance please refer to the departmental policy on Confidentiality at the following link: www.york.ac.uk/healthsciences/student-intranet/exam-assess/conduct/confidentiality/

Assessment Timing

The submission deadline is published on the Programme Assessment Schedule available on the following link:

<http://www.york.ac.uk/healthsciences/student-intranet/timetables/assessment-schedules/>

Referencing

You **must** reference your work in accordance with departmental referencing guidelines which you can access via the following link: <http://www.york.ac.uk/integrity/harvard.html>

Assessment Guidance

Assessment Title

Medicines Optimisation means supporting individuals to get the maximum benefit from their medicines and to minimise any risk. You will be required to demonstrate your understanding of these principles in an essay. There is also a short numeracy exam which will test your ability to perform drug calculations effectively.

Assessment Guidance

In order to successfully complete the module, you will write an essay and complete the numeracy exam to demonstrate achievement of the Learning Outcomes.

The numeracy exam will be an open book examination in which you are required to demonstrate a range of numeracy skills required for medicines calculations.

Part 1 – Open Book Numeracy Exam

The assessment is an unseen examination, to be completed within the SafeMedicate online platform. The assessment will be available for 4 hours from the time you start, within the 24 hour assessment period. You should aim to spend one hour (60 minutes) on this exam.

The pass mark for this examination is 100% as stipulated by the Nursing & Midwifery Council (2018).

Part 2 – Safe Medicines Administration Essay

You will be assessed on your knowledge and skills in relation to the safe administration of medicines.

You are required to identify a client you have seen in practice who was vulnerable to **ONE** type of medicines related harm (for example the risk of delayed or omitted medication, or the risk of non-adherence owing to factors such as unpleasant side effects, reduced capacity, or the risk of addiction.) You must explore the potential harms to the patient and your role in improving medicines safety.

You are required to explain how applying the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (2013) principles of Medicines Optimisation could help you to reduce harm for patients vulnerable to this risk with reference to relevant source material.

You must successfully complete both components of the assessment to pass this module.

In the event of failure, you will be reassessed on the element(s) that you failed.

Formative Support

a) You will have access to drug calculations resources and will be given the opportunity to complete formative calculations tests within the online SafeMedicate platform, throughout your programme. The formative tests replicate the types of questions asked in the summative assessment.

b) You will be given the opportunity to submit 500 words: this can either be a section of your essay, or an essay plan. You will receive written feedback on your submission

c) You will receive feedback on your developing knowledge and understanding of pharmaco-therapeutics, pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics within your e-portfolio.

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