Module Title: Safety in Adult Nursing Care  
Module Code: HEA00104I  
Module Level*: 5  
Word Limit /Exam Duration: 3,000 words  
Assessment Type(s): 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 deadline for correctly presenting a submission is 4.30pm on the published submission date. 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

Formative – 500-word draft
You will have the opportunity to submit and receive feedback on a 500-word (maximum) draft relating to your summative assessment (essay).

Your formative draft may include:
- An outline of your chosen topic/essay focus and rationale.
- How you have accessed sources/relevant reading, and examples of key source material you will use to underpin your work.
- An essay plan outlining your proposed structure and how you will develop your discussion – i.e. the main points you plan to cover in your essay.
- Draft section(s) of your essay with specific questions relating to areas of your work you require feedback on (e.g. application of theory to practice; level of analysis; explanation of relevant issues etc).

Summative – Case study
You are required to identify a vulnerable client from clinical practice and analyse an aspect of potential/actual risk involving medicine management/administration.

This essay should be based on:
- An aspect of risk in the self-management of medications, medicine management, administration of medicines related to your client: this could include the crushing of tablet, covert medications, giving NG medication, concordance, compliance or adherence.
- Vulnerable adults could include, confusion, dementia, physical disabilities, mental health issues, learning difficulties/disabilities, unconscious clients, long term conditions (for example Parkinson’s, MS, Stroke, etc).

The essay framework should:
- Have a clear introduction – what is being discussed, why it is important.
- Identify your client situation (their condition, define their vulnerability, what happened).
- Discuss what assessment was undertaken and identify the potential risk/or risk of deterioration.
- Discuss the principles of pharmacology and pharmacokinetics of the drug under discussion
- Identified and discuss how your client was managed and how you maintained their safety effectively.
You must use and reference appropriate source material including:

- Current research/nursing literature
- Local & National policies and guidelines
- NMC standards for medicine management /record keeping

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