

ASSESSMENT GUIDELINE

Module Title	Dissertation: Advancing Evidence-Based Practice & Implementing Research into Practice		
Module Code	HEA00171M/HEA00192M (MMid)	Module Level*	7
Word Limit /Exam Duration	10,000 words	Assessment Type(s)	Dissertation
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			

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The dissertation is an independent, systematic literature review that addresses a clear question relevant to practice. It assesses your ability to identify, appraise, analyse and synthesise evidence, and to consider the implications for practice, policy and research. These guidelines should be read alongside the module Dissertation Guidance and the Level 7 marking criteria.

Required Structure:

Your dissertation must follow the sequence set out in the module Dissertation Guidance (available on VLE):

- Title page (exam number only)
- Abstract (up to 300 words)
- Contents page
- Lists of tables and figures (if used)
- List of abbreviations (if used)
- Acknowledgements (no names)
- **Chapter 1. Introduction and background/rationale**
Sets out the context, relevance to nursing practice, rationale for the review, and the review question.
- **Chapter 2. Methodology and methods**
Includes review type and justification (e.g. scoping review, integrative review), search strategy, inclusion and exclusion criteria, data extraction, critical appraisal, and approach to analysis and synthesis
- **Chapter 3. Results**
Includes PRISMA flow diagram, summary of included studies, synthesis of findings
- **Chapter 4. Discussion**
Interpret main findings of review in relation to relevant policy and literature, noting strengths and limitations, implications for nursing practice, and recommendations for research
- **Chapter 5. Conclusion**
Provides a concise statement of what the review shows and how it answers the review question
- References
- Appendices (including anonymised proposal, search strategies, data extraction tools etc)

Formative support

To assist you in developing your dissertation, you will have opportunity to:

- Discuss how to formulate your research question and ideas for your dissertation with your dissertation supervisor.
- Seek clarity and guidance on the appropriateness of your research question and proposal by submitting a dissertation proposal.
- Discuss draft written work with your dissertation supervisor.

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