

Engagement and Empowerment in Dementia Studies (MDEM4006)



Engagement and Empowerment in Dementia Studies is an online module, provided via distance learning. It forms part of the Post Graduate Certificate in Dementia Studies, hosted at the University of Worcester (UK), but can be studied as a standalone option (with 15 Credits at Level 7).

The Module starts in January 2022, running through until May 2022. The closing date is 30th November 2022.

It will interest those working/ volunteering/ contributing within health, and social care settings, and within arts, housing/ accommodation, social prescribing, leisure and sports, advocacy, activity coordination, business and other contexts.

It is about:

- Understanding what engagement and empowerment really mean for people with dementia.
- Being able to comprehend how people's aspirations and hopes for the future can be realised and enacted.
- Understanding how citizenship for people with dementia can be fulfilled and sustained throughout life.

Students will gain:

- Enhanced ability to understand and support the priorities of people with dementia and family carers
- Increased competence and confidence in helping lead positive change to realise these priorities within the places and disciplines they have influence.

People living with dementia and family carers have helped play a leading role in the design of the Module and contribute to its content.

Assignments link with what students are doing in their workplace, or as volunteers. The first assignment is a 1500 word critical review of approaches used to promote engagement and empowerment for people with dementia. Later, there is a 2000 word reflective assignment on contributing to leading positive change within the area/discipline of the student, using learning from the Module.

“The module has challenged my perceptions and has enabled me to reflect on my experiences and skills. My learning has been especially valuable in providing opportunities to consider how it can be applied in my practice to influence positive change.” Student on the Module 2021

In summary you will:

- Understand how aspiration and hopes for the future of people with dementia and family carers can be realised through citizenship approaches.
- Learn what engagement and empowerment mean for people with dementia and families. For example, in relation to a ‘dementia friendly community/ context’, be that in the context of a hospital, residential/ nursing home, theatre, leisure centre, gallery, museum, library, community neighbourhood etc.
- Determine how you can help lead meaningful, positive change.
- Understand better how the insights of people with dementia, and family carers are paramount in directing good outcomes.
- Utilise learning opportunities, including original personal accounts, law and policy, literature, theory, and examples of best practice, to contribute to leading positive change.

Closing date is 30th November 2021

Module Fee for 2021/22 TBC (as of 2020/21 it is £590 (UK & EU Students); £856 (International))

Contact: Chris Russell is the Module Lead and is happy to answer any questions about the Module, or the full Post Graduate Certificate in Dementia Studies.

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