Introduction

Liaison Mental Health Care (LMHC) is an important area of mental health care. Liaison provision is identified in numerous statutory documents as a means of providing accessible crisis support to people with a wide range of mental health needs.

This continuing professional development (CPD) module offers students the opportunity to develop their skills and knowledge to:

- Critically discuss specific legislation and mental health policy relevant to liaison mental health practice.
- Undertake liaison and consultation with both mental health and non-mental health professionals.
- Critically review research relevant to liaison mental health care.
- Systematically document and audit the work of liaison mental health professionals, including seeking service users and carer's views.
- Carry out effective needs assessment, including using assessment scales where appropriate.
- Co-ordinate liaison mental health care input
- Demonstrate the knowledge and ability to carry out a full risk assessment and develop a risk management plan.

About the Module

The course is currently a 15 credit BSc/ MSc module.

Course content;

- Models of liaison care and team-working.
- Current practice and care in neuropsychiatry.
- Risk assessment and management of deliberate self-harm, suicide, violence and aggression.
- Liaison mental health care in relation to older adults.
- Liaison mental health care in relation to the child and adolescent.
- Liaison mental health care in relation to antenatal and postnatal care.
- Legislation and liaison mental health care including capacity and consent.
- Liaison mental health care in relation to mental health and physical illness.
- Liaison mental health in relation to substance misuse.
- Evaluating liaison mental health care.

Teaching & Learning Methods

Lectures, Journal Club, Tutorial, Student presentation, Small group work, Self directed study.

Entry Requirements

Entry is open to all registered professionals involved in the provision of LMHC or wishing to develop skills in this area and who can demonstrate an ability to study at BSc. For MSc students must already have a level 6 (degree) qualification.

Dates & times for the course:

The course will run for eight weeks 3hrs per week commencing between February 2015.

The course runs once each year.

Assessment

Students will be assessed through a written essay (3000/ 4000 words) which requires the student to use a case study to critically evaluate the relevant literature in relation to the clients presenting problem and the process of liaison mental health care.

A pass mark in the written assignment is required for successful completion of the course.

Personal Support

Supervision of written work will be provided by the module leader.

Fees

This module will be available to individuals employed within East London Foundation NHS Trust through the usual application process.

The fee for students from other areas in 2014/15 is BSc £1,125 / MSc £1000
How to apply
This module will commence in April 2014. Applications need to be received at least one month before the start date of the course.

Enquiries can be made via our admissions team:

CPD Administration Team
City University, London
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Tel: 020 7040 5000
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Applications are made on-line:
http://www.city.ac.uk/courses/cpd/liaison-mental-health-care

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