Module Name: Community Nursing and Care of the Older Person
Module Code: NU1G04
ECTS: 5
No. of Hours: 20
Term: Michaelmas & Hilary
Assessment Date: Week 36-38
Module Leader: Gobnait Byrne
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Aims
The aim of this module is to enable students to begin to critically explore the knowledge underpinning the organisation and delivery of care in the community and nursing care for older adults. Contemporary considerations within each specialist area will be addressed. The module also aims to prepare the student for placement in the practice setting within these specialist areas. The module is presented in two units of study, as follows:

- Unit 1: Community nursing
- Unit 2: Care of the older person

Learning Outcomes
Following completion of this module the student should be able to:

- outline the structure of the health services
- discuss the role of the different community nurses in Ireland
- debate and discuss current issues in community nursing
- outline the process of ageing and the factors that influence ageing
- identify contemporary considerations pertinent to caring for older persons in society
- describe the role of the nurse in the provision of nursing care, which addresses the specific requirements of the older adult

Indicative Content

Unit 1: Community Nursing 10L
- Structure of the health services – with a particular focus on the community services
- Health care policy- Primary Care Strategy
- Role of the PHN, RGN and Practice Nurse within the Community Services.
- Nurse-led services within the community
- Evaluation of Home Care Packages in Ireland
- Introduction to the concept of CNS and ANP
- GP services and GP out-of-hours services
- Palliative care services within the community
- Current trends in community nursing
- Role of the PHN in discharge planning from the acute hospital

Unit 2: Care of the Older Person 10L
- Bio-psychosocial perspectives associated with the ageing process
- National and International demographic trends relating to older people
• An overview of the statutory and voluntary services available to older people in Ireland
• Ageism and societal and health and social care professionals attitudes to ageing
• Multiple pathology and altered disease presentation in older people
• Nursing assessment of the older person
• Caring for persons with dementia
• Elder abuse – the concept, Irish policy and practice

Teaching and Learning Activities

• Lectures
• Directed Learning

Student Effort Hours

• 100

Assessment

Mode of Assessment  Seen Examination
Assessment Details  2 Hours
                     Answer 2 questions of 2

Reading List

Essential Reading


Recommended Reading


Health Services Executive. Implementing Protecting Our Future - a programme
to raise awareness of elder abuse among healthcare staff. (online)
Available: http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/Publications/services/Older/HSE_Elder_Abuse_Policy.pdf
(accessed 26th April 2010).

HSE (2010) National Review of Gp out of Hours' Services  HSE, Dublin


Miller, C.A. (2008) Nursing for Wellness in Older Adults. 5th Edn. Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins, Philadelphia:


* Additional readings will be given for each unit of learning.