

WOMEN'S HEALTH IN PRIMARY CARE

Module Code:	GPN03
Credit weighting:	10 ECTS
Contact Hours:	12 (plus allow 1-2hrs per week x 12 weeks distance learning)
Dates:	Workshop: 21/03/11 10am-5pm Online distance learning: 18/03/11 – 09/06/11 2 x 3-hour clinic visits on dates selected by student
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Module description

This module aims to provide general practitioners and community based nurses with up-to-date, relevant knowledge to support their care of women. It will focus on common, frequently encountered problems presenting in primary care. In addition to providing evidence-based information on management, this module provides an opportunity for practitioners to discuss complex issues through the Blackboard-based discussion board and at the workshop/clinics.

Learning outcomes

At the end of this module you are expected to:

- Understand the normal development, anatomy, physiology and endocrinology of the female reproductive system
- Be able to effectively manage common gynaecological conditions presenting in primary care
- Be able to sensitively and effectively counsel women regarding fertility and management of menopause
- Be aware of 'red-flag' symptoms in women's health and have developed a management plan for these.

Module content

This module consists of six distance-learning units supported by a one-day workshop. Each unit will run for two weeks. The units are:

- Normal menstrual cycle and common menstrual problems
- Contraception
- Health & wellbeing at and after menopause; Vulvovaginal disorders & urinary symptoms
- Common problems in pregnancy
- Infertility in primary care
- Management of breast disease.

Students are also required to spend two half-days visiting two community-based services of their choice, relevant to the area of Women's Health.

Teaching and learning strategies

Distance learning and workshop/service learning visits.

Assessment strategy

10%: attendance at workshop/clinics

45%: continuous assessment (E-tivities and online participation)

45%: practice-based assignment on completion of module (1,500 or 2,000 words).