

Assignment Overview:

The assignment requires the student to conduct a short research project related to a health and social care topic. The project should be practical, either identifying an opportunity or addressing a problem in health and social care.

Key Tasks:

1. Task 1: Research Proposal

- Identify and agree on a research topic with the tutor.
- Explain the aims, objectives, and ethical considerations of the research.
- Explore how the research links to evidence-based practice and its contribution to health and social care provision.
- **Extension for Merit/Distinction:**
 - Analyse potential uses for research findings (Merit).
 - Reflect on your skills and ability to conduct a literature review (Distinction).

2. Task 2: Literature Review

- Conduct and summarise a literature review relevant to the research topic, identifying key themes and issues.
- **Extension for Distinction:**
 - Assess the impact of the literature review on influencing positive change in health and social care practice.

3. Task 3: Data Collection & Analysis

- Collect and analyse data related to the chosen research topic.
- **Extension for Merit:**
 - Analyse the importance of validity and reliability of data.

4. Task 4: Presentation

- Create slides and notes for a presentation, summarising the research findings, conclusions, and recommendations.

What Needs to be Done:

- Agree on the research topic with the tutor.
- Ensure all parts of the research proposal, literature review, data analysis, and presentation are addressed.
- Consider completing extension activities for merit and distinction grades if applicable.

What Not to Do:

- Avoid straying from evidence-based practice; the research and review must directly tie back to practice in health and social care.
- Do not overlook ethical considerations in research.