



Module code	CHS	NQF level	6
Credit value	15	Study duration	9 weeks

# Comparative Health Systems

## Module description

Throughout this module, students will be exposed to case studies from health systems across the world. We will explore health systems from the perspective of highlighting their similarities and differences.

### This module aims to:

- Introduce students to health systems
- Provide an overview of the key functions and features of a health system
- Compare and contrast health systems around the world

## Learning outcomes

On completion of this module, students will be able to:

- define the key features of a health system
- appreciate the different models used in health systems, depending on context and social values and how this has implications for health outcomes
- critically appraise a health system, based on specific performance indicators

## Syllabus

- Defining a health systems and introduction of health systems frameworks
- Health systems as social institutions
- Understanding health system inputs: human resources
- Understanding health system inputs: financing
- Provision of care
- Assessing and measuring health systems performance

## Learning and teaching methods

The learning and teaching methods for the module follow the intended online delivery strategy for the programme as a whole. The module will be delivered through the provision of specified reading materials on the virtual learning platform, which shall be supported by specified discussion forums and lecturecasts, and tutor support will be available to students via phone, email, and a fortnightly synchronous question and answer (Q&A) session.

Description of unit of assessment	Length/Duration	Submission date	Weighting
Assessment 1 - e.g. presentation	10 minutes	Unit 6	50%
Assessment 2 - e.g. report, essay	2,500 words	Unit 12	50%