



Module code	HNAPS	NQF level	7
Credit value	20	Study duration	12 weeks

# Health Needs Assessment and Priority Setting

## Module description

This module explores the process of and application of techniques for population health needs assessment, which informs the provision and development of all public health initiatives. The module introduces epidemiological concepts and applies research concepts explored elsewhere on the programme; and underpins modules where public health responses are developed.

## Learning outcomes

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

- demonstrate an understanding of key theoretical perspectives in health needs assessment and priority setting
- identify appropriate tools used in a structured health needs assessment.
- demonstrate an ability to apply an appropriate health needs assessment to a specific population
- identify priorities based on a real-world health needs assessment

## Syllabus

- Health needs assessment; theories and perspectives
- Priority setting
- Community engagement and priority setting
- Health impact assessment

## 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 question and answer (Q&A) sessions.

Description of unit of assessment	Length/Duration	Submission date	Weighting
Written assignment 1 - e.g. needs assessment poster		Unit 6	40%
Assessment 2 - essay, HNA protocol	2,500 words	Unit 12	60%