

Edge Hill University

INDEPENDENT CARE HOME TRAINING - A FUTURE VISION



Project overview:

- A development of core standards and competencies for unqualified staff working within Care Homes.
- The delivery of an educational package designed to increase relevant knowledge and skills in the relation to the delivery of harm free care.
- Target Audience: unqualified staff currently within care homes who have expressed a commitment to undertaking an academic programme of study.

Background

- Care assistants are vital to the delivery of frontline compassionate care.
- 60% of hands on care is provided by this group.
- Traditionally, they are offered little access to training or personal development (Willis 2014) UNTIL NOW As the 1946 model of "diagnose, intervene, cure" gives way to the twenty-first century reality of "diagnose, intervene, live with a chronic condition", society urgently needs a flexible, caring workforce with a common base of values and knowledge (Cavendish 2013)

The modules covered in training package are; Principles of care, fundamental communication skills and health promotion. These will be delivered through a variety of teaching and learning methods including; Lectures, competency assessment, simulated learning, practice learning, online learning and scenarios.

The training:

- 3 x 20 Credit Modules Delivered at Level 4
- 2 x Groups 20 students
 - Group 1 – September 2015 to September 2016
 - Group 2 – January 2016 to January 2017
- Student will exit with 60 credits at Level 4
- Staff will be released from clinical areas for 2 days a week
- This, combined with existing experience, may give entry level qualification to other HEI courses

