



**FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND SPORTS**

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

**LEARNING MODULE OUTLINE**

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| Academic Year         | 2025-2026                                  | Semester      | II                                    |
| Module Code           | NURS6142                                   |               |                                       |
| Learning Module       | Evidence-Based Nursing Practice            |               |                                       |
| Pre-requisite(s)      | Nil  |               |                                       |
| Medium of Instruction | Chinese/English                            |               |                                       |
| Credits               | 3  | Contact Hours | 45 hrs                                |
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**MODULE DESCRIPTION**

Evidence-based nursing is designed to nurture nursing students' abilities for using the best evidences to carry out nursing practice. The 45-hour subject elaborates and analyses principles, steps and methods of evidence-based practice, and explores the applications of the best evidences in nursing research and nursing practice. The contents include evidence-based nursing theory and evidence-based nursing practice which includes the applications and evaluations of the best evidences in nursing practice.

**MODULE INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES (ILOS)**

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

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| M1. | Explore the principles of evidence-based nursing practices                                      |
| M2. | Apply data retrieval, quality appraisals of literature  |
| M3. | Conduct the systematic reviews, meta-analysis, meta-synthesis, and clinical practice guidelines |
| M4. | Discuss the issues of evidence-based nursing practices  |
| M5. | Demonstrate competence in clinical reasoning and evidence-based nursing research                |

These ILOs aims to enable students to attain the following Programme Intended Learning Outcomes (PILOs):

| PILOs   | M1 | M2 | M3 | M4 | M5 |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|
| P1. Knowledge and awareness of a range of advanced modules, fields, theories and approaches applicable to nursing discipline                            | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    |    |
| P2. Knowledge and understanding of advanced assessment tools used to assess and interpret issues in nursing, challenges and risks in a changing context | ✓  |    | ✓  | ✓  |    |
| P3. Critical understanding of the growing scientific and clinical literature which affect nursing in practice   |    | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |
| P4. Knowledge of advanced nursing competency working in different clinical specialties  | ✓  | ✓  |    | ✓  | ✓  |
| P5. Develop an understanding of the theories, analytical approaches, methodologies and practices that underpin nursing in modern society                |    |    | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |
| P6. Evaluate, extrapolate and synthesise relevant literature and empirical data and competently apply these to different nursing actual situations      | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |
| P7. Develop ability to apply nursing theory to the analysis of a broad range of actual problems in current practice area                                | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |
| P8. Develop the capabilities in clinical analysis and thinking, as well as disciplinary research  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |
| P9. To learn continuously within academia and industry and beyond and to employ relevant information and knowledge in understanding different contexts  | ✓  |    | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |
| P10. To acquire research skills and values which can provide different approaches to the problem solving and decision making in nursing area            |    | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |
| P11. To develop advanced knowledge and analytical skills that are transferable to nursing in practice   | ✓  |    | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |
| P12. To reinforce evidenced-based nursing through learnt knowledge and skills in research   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |
| P13. To have a positive attitude towards society and the environment  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |
| P14. To adhere to high moral standards and to commit to excellence in life-long learning  |    |    | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |

#### MODULE SCHEDULE, COVERAGE AND STUDY LOAD

| Chapter | Content Coverage                                    | Contact Hours |
|---------|---|---------------|
| 1       | The principles of evidence-based nursing            | 1.5           |
| 2       | The characteristics and grading of evidences        | 1.5           |
| 3       | The evidence resources and retrieval methods        | 3             |
| 4       | Data retrieval and quality appraisals of literature | 3             |
| 5       | Systematic reviews: meta-analysis                   | 9             |



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|----|--|---|
| 6  | Systematic reviews: meta-synthesis                                   | 3 |
| 7  | Clinical practice guidelines   | 3 |
| 8  | Evidence clinical translation model                                  | 3 |
| 9  | Data retrieval and quality appraisals of literature                  | 4 |
| 10 | Systematic reviews evidence practice in specific nursing phenomenon  | 4 |
| 11 | Systematic reviews on qualitative evidence or effectiveness evidence | 6 |
| 12 | Systematic reviews on qualitative evidence or effectiveness evidence | 4 |

#### TEACHING AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

In this learning module, students will work towards attaining the ILOs through the following teaching and learning activities:

| Teaching and Learning Activities     | M1 | M2 | M3 | M4 | M5 |
|--------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| T1. Lectures                         | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |
| T2. Tutorial small group discussions | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |
| T3. Seminars                         | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |

#### ATTENDANCE

Attendance requirements are governed by the Academic Regulations Governing [Doctoral/Master's/Bachelor's] Degree Programmes of the Macao Polytechnic University. Students who do not meet the attendance requirements for the learning module shall be awarded an 'F' grade.

#### ASSESSMENT

In this learning module, students are required to complete the following assessment activities:

| Assessment Activities     | Weighting (%)   | ILOs to be Assessed |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------|
| A1. Continuous assessment | 1) Classroom performance (5)<br>2) Group assignment Data retrieval and quality appraisals of literature (25)  | M1, M2, M3, M4, M5  |
| A2. Final assessment      | 3) Written assignment :<br>-Develop a protocol in systematic reviews of qualitative evidence or effectiveness evidence (70) OR<br>- Systematic reviews on evidence practice in specific nursing phenomenon (70) | M1, M2, M3, M4, M5  |

The assessment will be conducted following the University's Assessment Strategy (see [www.mpu.edu.mo/teaching\\_learning/en/assessment\\_strategy.php](http://www.mpu.edu.mo/teaching_learning/en/assessment_strategy.php)). Passing this learning module indicates that students will have attained the ILOs of this learning module and thus acquired its credits.

#### MARKING SCHEME

- 1) Classroom performance  
Assessment is based on students' classroom attendance, response to questions, participation in discussions, and exercise in class.
- 2) Assessment Criteria for Group assignment

#### Appendix 1 Assessment criteria for Group assignment (Group oral presentations in class)

| Assessment Criteria   | Weighting | Score and comments |
|---|-----------|--------------------|
| 1. Identification of nursing phenomenon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• clear and specific description</li> <li>• reasonable explanation</li> <li>• well justified according to current situation</li> <li>• adequate supportive evidences</li> </ul>                    | 15%       |                    |
| 2. Search the relevant literature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated information</li> <li>• The relevant literature</li> </ul>  | 10%       |                    |
| 3. Data retrieval and quality appraisals of literature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding of the principles</li> <li>• Key information included</li> <li>• Well justified according to the evaluation guidelines</li> <li>• Reasonable explanation</li> </ul> | 50%       |                    |
| 4. Issue discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear and specific description</li> <li>• Reasonable explanation</li> <li>• Well justified according to current situation</li> <li>• Critical information included</li> </ul>                                       | 20%       |                    |
| 5. Quality of presentation and writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated information</li> <li>• The relevant literature</li> <li>• Systematic organization</li> <li>• Communicative</li> <li>• Good team work</li> <li>• Maximal use of time</li> </ul>            | 5%        |                    |
| Total Score   |           | 100%               |

**Appendix 2 Assessment criteria for written assignment (evidence practice in specific nursing phenomenon)**

| Assessment Criteria  | Weighting | Score and comments |
|--|-----------|--------------------|
| 1. Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key issues on the nursing phenomenon</li> </ul>   | 5%        |                    |
| 2. Issues formulation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clear and specific description</li> <li>Well justified according to current situation</li> <li>The relevant issues explored</li> </ul>  | 10%       |                    |
| 3. Searching for evidences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adequate supportive evidences</li> <li>Reasonable explanation</li> <li>Updated information</li> <li>Database and key words</li> <li>At least 10 papers should be published in professional Journals</li> </ul> | 20%       |                    |
| 4. Evidences appraisal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appraising the relevant literature critically</li> <li>Summarizing the strengths and limitations and application of each interventions</li> </ul>  | 20%       | 已註解 [YH1]:         |
| 5. Utilization of evidences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integration of evidences and practice</li> <li>Solutions to the problem are comprehensive and rational</li> </ul>   | 20%       |                    |
| 6. Summarizing the evidences and suggestion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggestions for improving clinical practice and rationales</li> </ul>   | 15%       |                    |
| 7. References <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relevant information</li> <li>Update and adequate supportive evidences</li> </ul>   | 5%        |                    |
| 8. Quality of presentation and writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Systematic organization</li> <li>Communicative</li> <li>Maximal use of time</li> <li>Use of proper expressions</li> <li>Correct format</li> </ul>  | 5%        |                    |
| Total Score  |           | 100%               |
| word count :   |           |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2700 ~ 3300   |           |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 2700 or great than 3300 total score -5 = (      ) %   |           |                    |

3) Assessment criteria for written assignment: a protocol in systematic reviews of qualitative evidence or effectiveness evidence

| Assessment Criteria  | Weighting | Score and comments |
|--|-----------|--------------------|
| 1. Title of the systematic review protocol   | 5%        |                    |
| 2. Review question(s)  | 10%       |                    |
| 3. Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide context to the review</li> <li>Justify the rationale and conduct of the review</li> <li>Indicate what the review project is trying to achieve clearly</li> <li>Refer to existing international literature to support and inform the inclusion criteria</li> </ul>   | 20%       |                    |
| 4. Method 4.1 Inclusion Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Situate the PICo / PICOS and put the inclusion criteria into context</li> </ul> 4.1.1 Types of participants /P (population) (3%)<br>4.1.2 Phenomena of interest / I/E (Intervention/exposure) and C (Control/Comparator): (5%)<br>4.1.3 Context/ O (Outcome) or T (time):duration of intervention(5%)<br>4.1.4 Types of studies/ S (study design) (2%)<br>4.2 Search strategy (10%)<br>4.3 Assessment of methodological quality (5%)<br>4.4 Data extraction (10%)<br>4.5 Data synthesis (15%): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meta-synthesis: Method (4%) and process (5%) and analysis of dependency (3%) and credibility (3%) /</li> <li>Meta-analysis: Data types (5%) , Heterogeneity and model (5%); Sub-group analysis and sensitivity analysis (5%)</li> <li>Clear and specific description</li> <li>Well justified according to current situation</li> <li>The relevant issues explored</li> <li>Adequate supportive evidences</li> <li>Reasonable explanation</li> <li>Updated information</li> </ul> | 55%       |                    |
| 5. References <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relevant information</li> <li>Update and adequate supportive evidences</li> </ul>   | 5%        |                    |
| 9. Quality of presentation and writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Systematic organization</li> <li>Communicative</li> <li>Maximal use of time</li> <li>Use of proper expressions</li> <li>Correct format</li> </ul>  | 5%        |                    |
| Total Score  |           | 100%               |
| word count :   |           |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2700 ~ 3300   |           |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 2700 or great than 3300 total score -5 = (        ) %   |           |                    |

#### REQUIRED READINGS

Aromataris E, Munn Z (Editors). JBI Manual for Evidence Synthesis. JBI, 2020. Available from <https://synthesismanual.jbi.global>. <https://doi.org/10.46658/JBIMES-20-01>  
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Geri, L.W., Judith, H. & Marita, T. (2018). Evidence-Based Practice for Nursing and Healthcare Quality. St. Louis: Missouri, Elsevier.

胡雁, 周英鳳 (2021)。循證護理證據臨床轉化理論與實踐。上海：復旦大學出版社。

詹思延, 王聰霞, 孫鳳 (2019)。系統綜述與 meta 分析。北京：人民衛生出版社。

#### STUDENT FEEDBACK

At the end of every semester, students are invited to provide feedback on the learning module and the teaching arrangement through questionnaires. Your feedback is valuable for instructors to enhance the module and its delivery for future students. The instructor and programme coordinators will consider all feedback and respond with actions formally in the annual programme review.

#### ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

The Macao Polytechnic University requires students to have full commitment to academic integrity when engaging in research and academic activities. Violations of academic integrity, which include but are not limited to plagiarism, collusion, fabrication or falsification, repeated use of assignments and cheating in examinations, are considered as serious academic offenses and may lead to disciplinary actions. Students should read the relevant regulations and guidelines in the Student Handbook which is distributed upon the admission into the University, a copy of which can also be found at [www.mpu.edu.mo/student\\_handbook/](http://www.mpu.edu.mo/student_handbook/).

**Timetable**

| No. | Date       | Time      | Topic  | Teachers               |
|-----|------------|-----------|--|------------------------|
| 1.  | 2026/01/13 | 1830-2130 | The principles of evidence-based nursing<br>The characteristics and grading of evidences | Haobin                 |
| 2.  | 2026/01/15 | 1830-2130 | The evidence resources and retrieval methods   | Haobin                 |
| 3.  | 2026/01/20 | 1830-2130 | Data retrieval and quality appraisals of literature                                      | Haobin                 |
| 4.  | 2026/01/22 | 1830-2130 | Systematic reviews: meta-analysis 1  | Haobin                 |
| 5.  | 2026/01/27 | 1830-2130 | Systematic reviews: meta-analysis 2  | Haobin                 |
| 6.  | 2026/02/05 | 1830-2130 | Systematic reviews: meta-analysis 3  | Haobin                 |
| 7.  | 2026/03/05 | 1830-2130 | Systematic reviews: meta-synthesis   | Haobin                 |
| 8.  | 2026/03/12 | 1830-2130 | Clinical practice guidelines   | Haobin                 |
| 9.  | 2026/03/17 | 1830-2130 | Evidence clinical translation model  | Haobin                 |
| 10. | 2026/03/21 | 0900-1300 | Seminar: Data retrieval and quality appraisals of literature                             | Haobin<br>& Gao linlin |
| 11. |            | 1400-1700 | Seminar: Systematic reviews evidence practice in specific nursing phenomenon             |                        |
| 12. | 2026/03/28 | 0900-1300 | Seminar: Systematic reviews on qualitative evidence or effectiveness evidence 1          | Haobin<br>& Gao linlin |
| 13. |            | 1400-1800 | Seminar: Systematic reviews on qualitative evidence or effectiveness evidence 2          |                        |