

Complex Decision Making in Advanced Clinical Practice

MACP4003

Drawing on contemporary challenges in health and social care, the module equips multi-disciplinary healthcare professionals working towards an advanced clinical practitioner role with the tools to analyse complex decisions from different perspectives.

Using critical reflection on their area of practice, clinical reasoning, professional judgement and an understanding underpinning evidence and theories; this mandatory module will enable students to develop the skills to make autonomous, safe, effective and collaborative decisions.

Teaching methods will include a blend of lead lectures, case studies and problem-based learning in facilitated groups, to explore complex decision making processes, models and frameworks; promoting student directed learning and multi-professional knowledge exchange.

If taking the MSc over 3 years this module MUST be taken in Semester 2 of year one and will run alongside MACP4002.

Contents will include:

- Decision making models and processes
- Factors influencing decision making
- Legal and ethical reasoning and professional considerations on decision making
- Shared decision making including interprofessional collaboration and informed choice for patients
- Professional and evidence-based judgements across the lifespan



- Avoidance of common errors and unintended consequences in clinical judgement/decision making
- Reflection on and challenges of poor decision making
- Utilising strategies to inspire an organisational culture of safety, reflective and evidenced based decision making

Assessment:

Individual Presentation of Poster (15 minutes)

Supporting Paper (1,500 words)

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Credits Level 7, 15 Credits

Dates (subject to change)

26 May 2026

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 June 2026

(09.15 – 16.15)

This module runs in semester 2

