



Sample Pearson Set Assignment Brief

Single Part Assessment

Unit 3: Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care

For use with:

Pearson BTEC International Level 3 qualifications in Health and Social Care

Diploma/Extended Diploma

Supervised hours	20 hours
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For completion by the centre

Qualification (select as appropriate)	Diploma/Extended Diploma
Assessment date	



Instructions to Teachers/Tutors and/or Invigilators

The Pearson Set Assignment will be assessed internally by the centre using the unit Assessment Criteria detailed in the qualification specification.

Conditions of supervision

The Pearson Set Assignment should be undertaken in conditions that assure the authenticity of outcome. This may require supervision.

We advise that the Pearson Set Assignment be completed in sessions that come to a total of 20 hours. The Pearson Set Assignment should not be shared with learners prior to the start of the assessment period. Teachers/tutors are responsible for security of the Pearson Set Assignment and materials.

Outcomes for submission

Learners may submit handwritten or word-processed evidence.

Learners must submit their own, independent work as detailed in the Set Assignment. Each learner must complete an authentication sheet.

Instructions to Learners

Read the Set Assignment Information and Set Assignment carefully.

You will be asked to carry out specific activities using the information provided. You will be given a specific time period to complete the assignment.

At all times you must work independently and must not share your work with other learners. You must complete an authentication sheet and submit this along with your work.

Set Assignment Information

You are working towards completion of your health and social care studies and have been asked to prepare for a university interview to demonstrate your understanding of current research in health and social care.

You are expected to consider the issue of a health condition affecting the cardiovascular system. The university would like you to choose one condition that affects this system, undertake secondary research into this condition to source research articles and supporting information, and present your findings in a variety of formats.

You are expected to demonstrate your skills, knowledge and understanding of research in the health and social care sector, with a particular focus on one condition affecting the cardiovascular system. You will be expected to prepare a presentation that considers the purpose of research into this condition, considering the benefits and drawbacks of research in this area.

The university would also like you to produce a report that will evaluate the research methods and ethical principles that are considered within your secondary research sourced for your health condition. This report should demonstrate your ability to consider the strengths and limitations of different research methods and ethical principles in the context of your secondary research.

You are also expected to produce an essay that will explore the impact of your secondary research on one condition affecting the cardiovascular system. The essay should consider the impact on practice and provision in health and social care. You will be expected to consider the need for further research in this area, such as how to support improvements in practice and provision in relation to your chosen condition.



Set Assignment

You must complete ALL activities.

ACTIVITY 1

As part of the interview preparation, you have been asked to produce a presentation that discusses the purpose of research in relation to your chosen health condition.

You may choose to include things in relation to treatment success, prevalence of condition, age groups affected, strategies to prevent the condition, statistical evidence etc.

You do not need to formally give a presentation.

Your presentation should include:

- a discussion of the purpose of research into one condition affecting the cardiovascular system using relevant secondary research
- a description of the purpose of research into one condition affecting the cardiovascular system using relevant secondary research.

This activity covers learning aim A:

A.P1, A.M1

You should include:

- a presentation in an appropriate format (such as PowerPoint) including information in relation to your chosen condition, images, links to video clips (if appropriate) etc.
- discussion notes to support your presentation.

**ACTIVITY 2**

The second part of the interview requires you to produce a report that evaluates research methods and ethical principles used in your secondary research in relation to your chosen health condition.

The report should also include a discussion of the importance of research skills in health and social care. You are expected to consider how to manage and carry out research, and the types of secondary sources that are important when gathering information for research in health and social care in relation to your chosen health condition.

You may choose to include such things as research methods sourced in your secondary research, sampling methods, validity and reliability, qualitative and quantitative data, confidentiality, consent, data protection, human rights in research, use and misuse of results, conflicts of interest, research skills such as sourcing reliable secondary sources, notes and record keeping, rationale, aims and objectives of research, timescales and time management etc.

Your report should include:

- an evaluation of research methods and ethical principles used in your secondary sources for the chosen cardiovascular condition
- a discussion of the research skills needed to conduct research in relation to your chosen cardiovascular condition
- an explanation of the research skills needed to conduct research into your chosen cardiovascular condition
- an explanation of how to manage and carry out research in this specific area
- an outline of appropriate secondary sources used in research to support the chosen cardiovascular condition.

This activity covers learning aims B and C:

B.P2, B.P3, C.P4, C.P5, C.P6, B.M2, C.M3, BC.D1

You should include an appropriately formatted report.

**ACTIVITY 3**

The final part of your interview preparation requires you to produce an essay exploring the impact of research into your chosen health condition. You will be expected to assess the need for further research into your chosen health condition, and the impact that this could have on services and working practices for health and social care professionals.

You may choose to include such things as: implications of research, recommendations to support service users, changes to provision/practice, potential areas of development for further research.

Your essay should include:

- an assessment of the need for further research to develop provision and practice in relation to your chosen cardiovascular condition
- an analysis of the effects of research on provision and practice for your chosen cardiovascular condition
- an explanation of the effects of research on provision and practice for your chosen cardiovascular condition
- a description of the effects of research on individuals and professionals in relation to your chosen cardiovascular condition.

This activity covers learning aim D:

D.P7, D.P8, D.M4, D.D2

You should include an essay.

Checklist for evidence to be submitted

- A presentation in an appropriate format.
- Discussion notes.
- A report including contents page, titles and subheadings.
- An essay.
- A bibliography to support secondary research undertaken.