

## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

<b>MODULE TITLE</b>	Violent and Sexual Offenders: Intervention		
<b>MODULE CODE</b>	PS4806 (L7)	<b>CREDIT VALUE</b>	10 / 5 ECTS
<b>SCHOOL</b>	SCHOOL OF SCIENCE		

### MODULE AIMS

This module aims to:

1. Identify the theoretical basis underpinning treatment approaches.
2. Describe the assessments used to explore treatment suitability.
3. Outline ethical and good practice guidelines that should be adhered to when conducting treatment and when compiling/presenting treatment reports to clients.

### MODULE CONTENT

The 'what works' debate and effective treatment approaches for offenders across the lifespan.  
Assessment approaches and how these link to treatment.

Motivational interviewing: Assessing readiness for treatment and applying it to offenders in denial.

Treatment approaches for violent offenders across the lifespan: Overview of approaches and examples of psychological techniques employed.

Treatment approaches for sexual offenders across the lifespan: Overview of approaches and examples of psychological techniques employed.

Summarising treatment outcome: Compiling and presenting treatment needs reports to clients.

### INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this module a student will be able to:

1. Locate, select, synthesize and evaluate the relevant research literature in depth, on a specific aspect of interventions.
2. Use motivational techniques as part of the treatment process.
3. Formulate and write a treatment needs document.
4. Demonstrate skills in independent learning and critical analysis appropriate to postgraduate study, such as enhanced critical evaluation.

### TEACHING METHODS

The module will be taught via formal lectures and seminars, with one independent learning session. The lectures will provide the theory behind treatment approaches and how these link to assessment, outlining ethical and professional considerations. The seminars will demonstrate the treatment techniques employed with violent and sexual offenders, give students the opportunity to learn and employ motivational interviewing techniques, and allow them to compile and feedback a treatment summary report.

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through an essay (50%) and a Treatment Needs Document (50%).