



## **Quiz - Which academic level is right for you?**

The following quiz is designed to help you decide which academic level might be the best one for you to study at but if you are still unsure then please contact student support on tel 01926 493313 or email [studentsupport@educationforhealth.org](mailto:studentsupport@educationforhealth.org) where someone will be happy to discuss your options with you.

In answer to each question please select one statement; a, b, or c which most closely reflects your situation. At the end, total up how many of each category you have and look at the answers for advice on which level to study.

### **1. What is your previous educational experience?**

- a) I already have a first degree or have successfully completed degree level study in the last five years.
- b) I have undertaken study at diploma level in the last five years
- c) I have never studied in higher education or it is more than five years since I undertook any type of formal study

### **2. How familiar are you with the skills required to gather information to support your study in a higher education setting?**

- a) I feel confident that I can search for and locate good quality sources of research evidence to support my studies
- b) I have some experience of locating and using evidence based guidelines and other research articles to support my studies
- c) I am unsure about how to go about finding appropriate evidence to support my learning.

### **3. What is your experience of producing written assignments?**

- a) I feel confident that I understand how to structure and reference an academic essay in order to explore how theory relates to practice
- b) I have had some experience of writing referenced academic essays in the last five years
- c) I have little or no experience of writing referenced academic essays

#### 4. What are your motivations for undertaking this module?

- a) I already have a Diploma of HE and want to use the module towards topping up to a full degree
- b) I am interested in developing my knowledge but am not interested in collecting academic credits at a specific level
- c) My previous study /qualifications are at certificate level and I want to step up to diploma or degree level

#### 5. What is your current role in respect of the subject chosen to study?

- a) I work in a role or am hoping to extend my role to one where I am responsible for leading a team or for running or developing a service
- b) I work as a qualified healthcare professional responsible for patient care as part of a team
- c) I work as a healthcare support worker

#### Answers:

**All A's OR mostly A's and B's:** You should definitely consider degree level study

**All B's:** You should be capable of undertaking degree level study. If, however it is sometime since you studied, or you have never experienced distance learning or are new to the subject area it may be more appropriate to study at diploma level. Many students find it helpful to brush up their academic skills and to familiarise themselves with the discipline of self directed distance learning through doing a diploma level module before going onto study other subjects at degree level.

**All C's OR mostly B's and C's:** The most appropriate level of study for you is likely to be diploma level. This will enable you to explore the subject and how it relates to practice whilst developing useful study skills and learning more about writing for academic work.