Course content:
The aims of this module are to enable learners to critically evaluate and apply current research in the field of the assessment and management of chronic pain in the context of people with long term conditions.

This module contributes to the development of knowledge and understanding of the principles of pain management. There is an emphasis on the importance of carrying out a full assessment of an individual who has chronic pain in order to identify the most appropriate management strategy, based on current research and evidence. Learners will have the opportunity to engage in debate and discussion pertaining to a range of pain management interventions and how patients can access them in their area of practice. The module enables the learner to study pain management specifically in people with long term conditions, including (but not limited to) cancer, musculo-skeletal disorders and vascular conditions. This course is validated by the University of Hertfordshire.

Knowledge and understanding:
Successful learners will typically be able to:
1. Critically discuss the rationale for assessing and managing chronic pain, with reference to the psychosocial impact on the individual and the resource implications for society.
2. Critically analyse the tools used for assessing people with chronic pain.
3. Critically evaluate the evidence for pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions in chronic pain management.

Skills and attributes:
Successful learners will typically be able to:
1. Utilise skills of advanced reasoning to access, select and critique materials from a range of sources relating to chronic pain assessment and management.
2. Demonstrate conceptual understanding of the principles of pain management and show how these are used to implement patient centred care.
3. Demonstrate independent thought on the application of pain management research to practice and construct a robust argument to defend a particular view or course of action in the case study identified.