

## Module Descriptor Definitive Document

<b>Module Code</b>	BSNF51
<b>Version</b>	1
<b>Module Title</b>	Academic Skills
<b>Credits</b>	Select 40
<b>Valid From</b>	January 2025
<b>Status</b>	Validated
<b>Subject Board</b>	BSN
<b>HECoS Code</b>	100097
<b>Academic Level (FHEQ)</b>	3
<b>Study Period</b>	A
<b>Prerequisites and co-requisites</b>	N/A
<b>Not available to students taking/having taken</b>	N/A

### Content (Indicative)

This module outlines what basic academic skills are needed at university level, introducing critical thinking, self-directed learning and referencing.

- The principles of university level study including critical thinking, reflective practice, learning styles and research skills.
- Strategies to self-direct learning and engage in guided independent study.
- The fundamental principles and techniques of a referencing system.

### Teaching and Learning Experience

- Guided Independent Study
- Lectures
- Seminars

### Module Learning Outcomes (MLOs)

On successful completion of this module students will be able to:

1. Prepare an action plan for engaging in guided independent study.
2. Critique chosen literature.
3. Apply the principles and techniques of referencing.
4. Explain and review the theory of self-directed learning and the principles of critical thinking.

## Assessment

Assessment Task	Weighting	Module Learning Outcomes Assessed
Literature Review	Pass/fail	2, 3
Reflective Portfolio	100%	1, 4

## Indicative reading

### Books

Cottrell, S. (2023) Critical Thinking Skills: Effective Analysis, Argument and Reflection (Palgrave Study Skills), 4th Edition, Palgrave: UK.

Cottrell, S. (2013) The Study Skills Handbook (Palgrave Study Skills), 4th Edition, Palgrave: UK.

Pears, R. (2022) Cite Them Right: The Essential Referencing Guide (Palgrave Study Skills), Palgrave: UK.

### Journals

International Journal of Entrepreneurial Behaviour & Research

### Websites

<http://www.citethemrightonline.com/>

<http://www.academicskills.marjon.ac.uk>

<http://he.palgrave.com/studentstudyskills>

<http://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/preparing-your-studies/study-skills-guide>