

# Module Specification

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## Module Details

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| <b>Module Title</b>     | Personal Injury  |
| <b>Programme(s)</b>     | Master of Laws (LLM in Legal Practice)<br>Developing Legal Professionals   |
| <b>Credits</b>          | 20   |
| <b>Core or Elective</b> | Elective   |
| <b>Pre-requisites</b>   | None   |
| <b>FHEQ Level</b>       | 7  |
| <b>Workload</b>         | 200 hours, comprised of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interaction with the course and resources: 54 hours</li> <li>• Preparation of submissions: 108 hours</li> <li>• Interaction with and review of feedback from tutor: 18 hours</li> <li>• Assessment and preparation for assessment: 20 hours</li> </ul> |

## Module Outline & Competencies

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| <b>Module Description</b> | <p>This module develops competency in completing tasks commonly delegated to the newly qualified solicitor working in the context of personal injury claims and litigation.</p> <p>As such it's one of several modules, making up the College's Developing Legal Professionals portfolio of modules in the College's LLM in Legal Practice programme which is for paralegals or graduates starting out on their pre-qualification journey of professional legal education. Focus is on developing skills in assessing the merits of a personal injury claim or defence, and developing proficiency in gathering and analysing evidence in order to draft associated documents and pleadings through innovative learning methods.</p> |
| <b>Learning Outcomes</b>  | <p>By successfully completing this module the learner will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. apply procedural knowledge in the context of personal injury practice</li> <li>2. select and apply appropriate skills and techniques required of the personal injury practitioner</li> <li>3. gather and evaluate evidence and produce advice/solutions that best address the needs and interests of the client</li> </ol>  |

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4. draft and amend key documents and pleadings
  5. draw sound conclusions based upon the analysis of evidence, data and information, and communicate conclusions clearly to all relevant parties (client, court, counsel, experts and witnesses), and
  6. evaluate practical problems and apply autonomy in planning and implementing tasks in personal injury work commonly delegated to the newly qualified solicitor.
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**Module Content** The module content includes online instruction, personal 1-2-1 supervision, written resources and audio-visual media discussions, interactive engagement with precedents, and practice of the skill of negotiation.

In particular, learners will be enabled to develop cognitive and technical skills to analyse critically, reflect on, and synthesise information and evidence in order to produce advice/solutions which best address the needs of the client. Also to transmit knowledge, skills and ideas in the form of advice and drafting complex documents and pleadings.

The skills and approaches set out above will be developed in the context of a range of learning activities.

Learning activities include:

1. advising on the cause of action and likely prospects of success with a claim or defence
2. gathering and assessing evidence
3. identifying, critically analysing and evaluating the key legal issues which impact upon such documentation, and advising upon them, and
4. practical considerations of eventual settlement of a claim including meeting client objectives and economic needs.

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**Assessment** Learners will be assessed through the following:

- review, revision and submission of final portfolio comprising all submissions from the module
- 1,500 words reflective analysis of learning
- oral assessment: supervisor interview

There will be an interaction tool for feedback/review with supervisor.

College supervisors will guide learners and respond to their questions through the module via online conferences, discussion groups, course announcements, and group feedback on

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learning activities. College supervisors will evaluate and grade the assessments, drawing on exception reporting data analytics.

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**Link with  
competencies**

The competency frameworks that underpin the learning outcomes for this module are:

1. The Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) National Qualifications Framework Outcome classification description for FHEQ Level 7, and
2. The College's Masters degree Competence Framework.

The:

- a) learning objectives are directed to the development, and
- b) criteria for assessment of achievement are directed to the measurement;

of competencies in key skills and technical and procedural knowledge at Masters level with the object of developing autonomy in the learner to the extent expected of a paralegal or trainee solicitor working in the practice area for the module.

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**Link with FHEQ  
criteria**

This module carries credits at FHEQ level 7 which will count towards the award of a Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and the College's LLM in Legal Practice.

As such the underpinning FHEQ level criteria are those set out in The Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) National Qualifications Framework Outcome classification description for FHEQ Level 7 contextualised for professional development through study and learning on a professional/practice-based Master of Laws as described in the QAA's Characteristics Statement for Master's Degrees February 2020.

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