UNIVERSITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON
INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTRE

INTERNATIONAL YEAR ONE: HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE



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Dr. Emeka Okechukwu is STEM Programme Lead at the University of Wolverhampton International Study Centre. He joined Malvern International in January 2026 as a Lecturer and Module Lead in Health Sciences and Social Care before being appointed STEM Programme Lead in September 2026.

With over 15 years of university teaching and research experience, he leads the Health Sciences and Social Care, Engineering, Sciences, and Computing pathways, supporting academic quality, curriculum development, staff development, and student success. Emeka is passionate about delivering innovative, inclusive, and research- and industry-informed education that promotes excellence in student achievement, progression, and employability.

Module overview:

English for Technical Communication

This module enhances students' ability to communicate effectively in academic, professional, and technical contexts. Students will develop advanced writing, reading, speaking, and digital communication skills, enabling them to produce clear, structured, and evidence-based documents. The module also focuses on evaluating academic sources, ethical considerations in communication, and using digital tools for research and presentation.

Research Methods in Health and Social Sciences

This module introduces students to core research methods and techniques used in health, psychology, and social sciences, equipping them with the skills needed to engage with evidence-based practice and academic research. Students will explore quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-methods approaches, learning how to formulate research questions, evaluate literature, design studies, and interpret data. Ethical considerations, bias, and reliability in research will also be examined. Through interactive learning activities, workshops, and applied assessments, students will develop critical thinking, academic writing, and digital research skills, preparing them for Level 5 study and professional practice.

Health and Society

This module explores the social, cultural, and technological influences on health and healthcare, providing a critical understanding of how health inequalities, globalisation, and environmental challenges shape public and individual health. Students will examine theories of health and illness, ethical and legal frameworks, and the role of media and technology in shaping health behaviours. The module also integrates professional communication, digital literacy, and academic skills, preparing students to critically assess health-related research, engage in ethical decision-making, and develop effective communication strategies for both academic and professional contexts.

Introduction to Heath and Social Care

This module provides a foundational understanding of health and social care, exploring key theories, professional frameworks, and contemporary issues shaping the sector. You will examine the impact of social, economic, and environmental factors on health and wellbeing, gaining insight into health inequalities and service provision. The module will also introduce ethical, legal, and professional standards, including safeguarding, person-centred care, and NHS policies. Through case studies and practical applications, you will develop critical thinking, reflective practice, and communication skills, preparing for further study and careers in health and social care.