

## **GSP203 Professional Deputy (General Principles)**

**Level:** 2

**Credit Units:** 5 Credit Units

**Language:** ENGLISH

**Presentation Pattern:** EVERY SEMESTER

### **Synopsis:**

The Mental Capacity (Amendment) Bill was passed in Parliament on 14 March 2016 to better protect the mentally incapacitated (known as 'P'). One of the key amendments was the introduction of professional deputies, who are unrelated to P and can provide deputyship services for remuneration. There is a small and increasing number of elderly singles or childless elderly couples, who may not have family members or close friends to rely on to be their proxy decision-makers. Hence, these professional deputies are intended to address this emerging trend.

The role of a professional deputy is an important one, in which the professional deputy must be prepared to make key decisions affecting P's property & affairs and personal welfare.

This course is 1 of the 3 modules to train professional deputies in discharging their legal obligations under the court order. The course aims to provide professionals with the knowledge and understanding to execute the roles of a professional deputy and to implement key decisions affecting the personal welfare and property & affairs of Ps.

### **Topics:**

- Professional practices
- Knowledge of P
- Decision-making in best interests
- Laws and legal processes

### **Learning Outcome:**

- Describe the roles and legal obligations of a professional deputy
- Ability to ascertain knowledge of P relevant to carrying out one's duties as a professional deputy
- Develop familiarity with the Mental Capacity Act and legal processes
- Demonstrate the ability to carry out annual reporting using the Deputy's Report Form
- Navigate legal processes of getting appointed as a professional deputy
- Execute the roles of a professional deputy

### **Assessment Strategies:**

<b>Continuous Assessment Component</b>	<b>Weightage (%)</b>
QUIZ	30
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>30</b>

<b>Examinable Component</b>	<b>Weightage (%)</b>
Written Exam	70
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>70</b>

**Weightage Total** **100**