



Unit Outline (Higher Education)

Institute / School: Institute of Health and Wellbeing

Unit Title: RESEARCH THESIS 1

Unit ID: EXESP4010

Credit Points: 15.00

Prerequisite(s): (General Entry into Honours course)

Co-requisite(s): Nil

Exclusion(s): Nil

ASCED: 069903

Description of the Unit:

The unit is based on an individual research thesis undertaken under the guidance of a research supervisor(s). The unit is taken and assessed in conjunction with EXESP 4011 Research thesis 2 or EXESP 4020 and 4021 Research thesis 2A and 2B part time mode.

Grade Scheme: Graded (HD, D, C, P, MF, F, XF)

Work Experience:

No work experience: Student is not undertaking work experience in industry.

Placement Component: No

Supplementary Assessment: No

Supplementary assessment is not available to students who gain a fail in this Unit.

Course Level:

Level of Unit in Course	AQF Level of Course					
	5	6	7	8	9	10
Introductory						
Intermediate						
Advanced				V		

Learning Outcomes:



Knowledge:

- **K1.** Examine the process of independent research.
- **K2.** Discuss and critique the place of theory in research.
- **K3.** Evaluate a research question in the context of current literature in the research area.
- **K4.** Describe and evaluate current methodologies of relevance to the research question for collecting and analysing data.
- **K5.** Decide on, appraise, and justify, an appropriate sampling strategy and method of data analysis.
- **K6.** Report on and assess the ethical conduct of research.

Skills:

- **S1.** Construct a research question.
- **S2.** Design and conduct an appropriate research data collection, incorporating suitable data collection method and sampling strategy based on the research question.
- **S3.** Critically evaluate published and unpublished research material.
- **S4.** Devise strategies of current awareness to keep informed and manage research.

Application of knowledge and skills:

- **A1.** Compose a formatted, well written research project report documenting research results.
- **A2.** Prepare professional written documents and oral presentations for an audience of peers and staff.
- A3. Work in consultation with a supervisor to write and edit a thesis of Honours standard.

Unit Content:

Topics may include:

• The research thesis is a self-directed learning activity where students work closely with their supervisor/s to develop and conduct the research thesis. Supervisors will provide guidance in completing the research thesis by supporting the student to collect, analyse and interpret the data and assist to write a successful thesis document.

Learning Task and Assessment:

Learning Outcomes Assessed	Assessment Tasks	Assessment Type	Weighting
K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, S1, S2, S3, S4, A1, A2, A3	Write a research thesis detailing an original empirical investigation using either quantitative or qualitative methods, which includes the collection, analysis and interpretation of data in the context of research in the same discipline.	Written Report	100%

Adopted Reference Style:

APA

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