

Unit Outline (Higher Education)

Institute / School: Institute of Health and Wellbeing

Unit Title: EXERCISE PRESCRIPTION 1

Unit ID: EXSCI2175

Credit Points: 15.00

Prerequisite(s): (EXSCI1702 and EXSCI2171)

Co-requisite(s): Nil

Exclusion(s): Nil

ASCED: 069903

Description of the Unit:

This unit provides the necessary foundational knowledge and skills to safely test and prescribe exercise for a presumably healthy population. Students will learn the physiological rationale and appropriate prescriptive variables to safely and effectively develop the various health-related fitness components. Students will be required to demonstrate proficiency in testing various fitness components using standardized measures and be able to modify protocols where necessary.

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: Yes

Where supplementary assessment is available a student must have failed overall in the Unit but gained a final mark of 45 per cent or above, has completed all major assessment tasks (including all sub-components where a task has multiple parts) as specified in the Unit Description and is not eligible for any other form of supplementary assessment

Course Level:

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

Learning Outcomes:

Knowledge:

- K1.** Explain the biomechanical concepts underpinning exercise prescription and progression.
- K2.** Describe the common tests used to measure physical capacities such as cardiorespiratory fitness, range of motion, balance and core stability.
- K3.** Describe programming variables including overload, frequency, duration and intensity related to training types such as endurance and resistance training and their recommended application to develop health-related benefits.
- K4.** Discuss the patterns of muscle action observed in normal gait patterns and the changes in these patterns that occur throughout the lifespan.
- K5.** Identify the muscles and bones involved in any prescribed exercise test or activity.
- K6.** Explain the maternal changes of pregnancy, the physiological training effects of exercise on the mother and foetus and exercise contraindication.
- K7.** Explain how physiological adaptations to various forms of exercise including resistance training and aerobic-based training may change throughout the lifespan.
- K8.** Appraise absolute and relative contraindications to fitness testing and/or participation in exercise, including termination criteria of commonly used fitness tests.

Skills:

- S1.** Administer, interpret and critically assess basic physiological tests of various exercise capacities including cardiorespiratory fitness, posture, balance, core stability and range of motion.
- S2.** Effectively prescribe exercises to enhance physical capacities such as cardiorespiratory fitness, range of motion, balance and core stability.
- S3.** Modify standard or adopt appropriate fitness tests for special groups such as children, older adults and pregnant women.
- S4.** Promote and prescribe safe and appropriate physical activity and training for special groups including children, adolescents and older adults.
- S5.** Analyse common exercise movements according to biomechanical principles and identify muscle groups involved in each.
- S6.** Demonstrate an ability to recognise when and where to refer a client for further professional advice.

Application of knowledge and skills:

- A1.** Apply and interpret appropriate pre-participation screening tools.
- A2.** Test various physical capacities of a variety of clients and accurately interpret the results.
- A3.** Effectively prescribe exercise for enhancement of specific physical capacities such as cardiorespiratory fitness, flexibility, balance, core stability and gait.

Unit Content:

- Risk Stratification and exercise screening
- Exercise testing principles (reliability, validity, sensitivity); contra-indication; test termination

- Exercise testing and prescription of cardio-respiratory fitness
- Exercise testing and prescription for ROM, flexibility & posture
- Exercise testing and prescription for enhancement of stability & balance
- Exercise testing and prescription for enhancement of core stability
- Exercise testing and prescription for enhancement of gait
- Exercise considerations for the female participant
- Exercise considerations for children & elderly

Learning Task and Assessment:

Learning Outcomes Assessed	Assessment Tasks	Assessment Type	Weighting
S1-S6; A1-A2.	Attendance and participation in laboratory sessions to complete formative assessments. A 90% attendance is required to conform with our accrediting body standards.	Ongoing formative assessment	Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
A1-A3, S1-S3, K2 & K3	Development and planning of an exercise/training program for an apparently healthy adult.	Assignment	30- 50%
A2, S1-S3, K2	Laboratory report	Assignment	10-20%
K1-K8, S1-S6, A1-A3	Assessment of theoretical, practical skills and application of knowledge.	Oral/Practical Examination	30-50%

Adopted Reference Style:

APA

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