



Unit Outline (Higher Education)

Institute / School: Institute of Health and Wellbeing

Unit Title: Inquiry and Analysis of Literature

Unit ID: HEALT6002

Credit Points: 30.00

Prerequisite(s): Nil

Co-requisite(s): Nil

Exclusion(s): Nil

ASCED: 060301

Description of the Unit:

This unit provides students with a framework for supporting the undertaking of research on a topic area of their choice at an advanced level to inform both professional practice in the health context and/or further research. The specific focus of this unit is building knowledge and skills that are central to the development of high level academic writing and the presentation of a critical review of the literature related to a specific area of research or practice interest and the development of expertise. The literature may address a controversy, establish the need for additional research and or identify and define an area of inquiry.

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

Work Experience:

No work experience

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Intermediate	■	■	■	■	■	■
Advanced	■	■	■	■	■	■

Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of the unit the students are expected to be able to:

Knowledge:

- K1.** Appraise and engage different contemporary and historical research philosophies, paradigms and methods of research in a sustained critical context to health care
- K2.** Justify the process and the purpose of an extensive and critical review of the literature for informing a research question
- K3.** Critically reflect on a project topic relevant to a relevant professional discipline area

Skills:

- S1.** Critically evaluate the research methods and methodologies used in research papers in the area of health care in the production of a sustained review of inter-disciplinary literature
- S2.** Develop advanced academic expression to communicate research outcomes to an inter-disciplinary audience
- S3.** Synthesize a comprehensive literature review critically evaluating the available literature

Application of knowledge and skills:

- A1.** Apply critical analysis skills to the critique of research literature for making informed decisions about the best available evidence
- A2.** Demonstrate competency in the critical appraisal of research and evidence based literature for informing an academic discourse amongst inter-disciplinary peers
- A3.** Synthesize a controversy or identify and define an area of inquiry in a written review of the literature

Unit Content:

Topics may include:

- Identifying an area of research/scholarship for consideration
- Formation of a research question and research aims
- Evaluation of the variety of sources of literature
- Introduction to frameworks for informing advanced appraisals of literature
- Implementation of frameworks for informing advanced appraisal of literature
- Developing an advanced review of the literature
- Reporting the findings of the literature review

Learning Task and Assessment:

Learning Outcomes Assessed	Assessment Tasks	Assessment Type	Weighting
K1, K2, K3, S1, S2, S3,	Undertake a series of written tasks designed to scaffold towards the literature review.	Scaffolded written Tasks	30 - 50%

Learning Outcomes Assessed	Assessment Tasks	Assessment Type	Weighting
K1, K2, K3, S1, S2, S3, A1, A2, A3	Prepare an advanced level critical review and analysis of a body of research literature on a health related topic as selected by the student in consultation with the Unit Coordinator that would be suitable for publication in a discipline specific peer-reviewed journal.	Literature Review	50 - 70%

Adopted Reference Style:

APA

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