

Unit Outline (Higher Education)

Institute / School: Institute of Health and Wellbeing

Unit Title: ADVANCED CLINICAL REASONING

Unit ID: HEASP4021

Credit Points: 15.00

Prerequisite(s): Nil

Co-requisite(s): Nil

Exclusion(s): Nil

ASCED: 061707

Description of the Unit:

This unit will equip students with knowledge and skills to support the advancement of their clinical practice. The unit introduces students to several selected areas of specialised speech pathology practice. The areas of practice have been chosen to develop advanced skills or introduce students to areas of specialised practice they may not have encountered during clinical placement. This unit will promote professional development relevant to a variety of specialist and emerging speech pathology practice domains. The learning activities within the unit will extend students' knowledge of clinical decision making, clinical reasoning, and professional judgement by applying it to complex care situations in both contemporary and emerging speech pathology clinical practice. The complexity of the cases may reflect the body structures/functions that are impaired, the activities/participation that are restricted, the environmental (physical/social) barriers that exist, personal factors and/or an integration of one or more of these. Students will incorporate research principles and practices relevant to the assessment and management of communication and/or swallowing, with socio-cultural, ethical and holistic frameworks to justify their clinical practice and reasoning in different contexts. Students will also engage in targeted critical reflection of their capabilities against the Speech Pathology Australia professional standards. This reflective process will form the basis of a personalised development plan to support their future professional growth.

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

Work Experience:

Not wholly work experience: Student is not undertaking work experience in industry or student is undertaking work experience in industry where learning and performance is directed by the provider.

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:

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

Knowledge:

- K1.** Develop advanced knowledge and skills to support the effective engagement in supervision, mentorship and other professional support processes.
- K2.** Synthesise and reframe knowledge of speech pathology philosophy and practice in examining the potential speech pathology role within non-traditional and emerging practice areas in rural and remote contexts.

Skills:

- S1.** Consolidate sense of professional identity and resilience as required to articulate and negotiate the speech pathology role within evolving health care context.
- S2.** Identify and strategise barriers associated with complex speech pathology cases.

Application of knowledge and skills:

- A1.** Evaluate personal and professional competencies and devise individualised strategies to plan future professional growth
- A2.** Critically evaluate and apply advanced speech pathology concepts across a range of professional service delivery sectors

Unit Content:

Professional Standards for Speech Pathologist in Australia (2020), Speech Pathology Guidelines for Reporting of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Curriculum Development and Inclusions (2018), FedUni STRETCH Reconciliation Action Plan (2019-2022), National Quality and Safeguarding Framework (NQSF, 2018), National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards (2017-2019) and National Aged Care Quality Standards (2019) have substantially informed the syllabus/content of this unit

Topics may include:

- Engagement in supervision, mentorship and other professional support processes
- Speech pathology philosophy and practice

- Speech pathology role within non-traditional and emerging practice areas in rural and remote contexts
- Case Studies
 - Identify referral information
 - Identify gaps in knowledge
 - Plan and justify assessments using evidence-based practice and holistic frameworks
 - Hypothesise about potential results
 - Apply analysis procedures to interpret results
 - Suggest strategies for management
- Consolidation of skills and knowledge to facilitate life-long learning and encourage success in future clinical practice.

Learning Task and Assessment:

Professional Standards for Speech Pathologist in Australia (2020), Federation University Graduate Attributes and Unit Intended Learning Outcomes are assessed in the assessment task.

Students must complete all assessment tasks and achieve a minimum overall grade of 50% to pass this unit.

Learning Outcomes Assessed	Assessment Tasks	Assessment Type	Weighting
1. K2, S1, S2, A2	Portfolio of documentation based on 5 complex cases. Student will be required to explain clinical practices and reasoning relating to given cases	Written assignment	40-60%
2. K2, S1, S2, A2	Presentation of one complex case. Student will be required to explain clinical practices and reasoning relating to given cases	Oral presentation	20-30%
3. K1, S1, A1	Personalised Development Plan that will support new graduate growth and resilience in their first formative years of speech pathology practice.	Personalised Development Plan	20-30%

Adopted Reference Style:

APA

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