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Unit Outline (Higher Education)

Institute / School:	Institute of Health and Wellbeing
Unit Title:	PHYSIOTHERAPY HONOURS THESIS
Unit ID:	NHPPS4828
Credit Points:	15.00
Prerequisite(s):	(NHPPS4817)
Co-requisite(s):	Nil
Exclusion(s):	Nil
ASCED:	061701

Description of the Unit:

This is the fourth of four units in which students will complete an original research project with the support of their supervisor/s. During this unit students will meet regularly with their supervisor/s to continue to critically read the literature and write up their thesis. The thesis will include a manuscript written for publication to a relevant journal embedded within a Research Thesis. Students will demonstrate their ability for independent study and effective time and project management throughout this unit to a standard consistent with an Honours project

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					
Level of omit in Course	5	6	7	8	9	10
Introductory						
Intermediate						
Advanced				~		

Learning Outcomes:

Knowledge:

- K1. Demonstrate a breadth and depth of knowledge of all stages of a research project
- K2. Evaluate contemporary published and grey literature relevant to their research project
- **K3.** Investigate journals appropriate to disseminating their research findings to a suitable audience, demonstrating a clear understanding of the requirements for submitting a manuscript for publication

Skills:

- **S1.** Demonstrate advanced planning, analytical and problem-solving skills necessary to write up a research project
- **S2.** Coordinate supervisor meetings and showcase reflexive practice in communicating with and receiving feedback from supervisor/s to progress through the stages of research
- **S3.** Communicate utilising advanced oral and written skills to disseminate the completed research project

Application of knowledge and skills:

- **A1.** Write up a completed research project as a manuscript ready for publication as a component of a research thesis
- **A2.** Successfully present and answer audience questions on the completed research project
- A3. Demonstrate scholarship to a level consistent with the standard set for an Honours course

Unit Content:

The research thesis 4 unit is a self-directed learning activity that focuses on student's scholarship skills. Students work with supervisor/s to write up their research in a manuscript format for publication and embed this within their thesis. Supervisors will facilitate students to continue to approach their research critically and write up their thesis, including a manuscript ready for publication

FEDTASKS

Federation University Federation recognises that students require key transferable employability skills to prepare them for their future workplace and society. FEDTASKS (**T**ransferable **A**ttributes **S**kills and **K**nowledge) provide a targeted focus on five key transferable Attributes, Skills, and Knowledge that are be embedded within curriculum, developed gradually towards successful measures and interlinked with cross-discipline and Co-operative Learning opportunities. *One or more FEDTASK, transferable Attributes, Skills or Knowledge must be evident in the specified learning outcomes and assessment for each FedUni Unit, and all must be directly assessed in each Course.*



FEDTASK attribute and descriptor		Development and acquisition of FEDTASKS in the Unit		
		Learning Outcomes (KSA)	Assessment task (AT#)	
FEDTASK 1 Interpersonal	 Students will demonstrate high-level skills to effectively communicate, interact and work with others both individually and in groups. Students will be required to display (in person and/or online) high-level skills in-person and/or online in: Effective verbal and non-verbal communication via a range of synchronous and asynchronous methods Active listening for meaning and influencing High-level empathy for others Negotiating and demonstrating extended conflict resolution skills Working respectfully in cross-cultural and diverse teams 	K1, K2, K3, S2, S3, A1, A2, A3	AT1, AT2, AT3	
FEDTASK 2 Leadership	 Students will demonstrate the ability to apply leadership skills and behaviours Students will be required to display skills in: Creating, contributing to, and enabling collegial environments Showing self-awareness and the ability to self-reflect for personal growth Inspiring and enabling others Making informed and evidence-based decisions through consultation with others Displaying initiative and ability to solve problems 	S1, S2, S3, A1, A2, A3	AT1, AT2, AT3	
FEDTASK 3 Critical Thinking and Creativity	 Students will demonstrate an ability to work in complex and ambiguous environments, using their imagination to create new ideas. Students will be required to display skills in: Reflecting critically on complex problems Synthesising, evaluating ideas, concepts and information Proposing alternative perspectives to refine ideas Challenging conventional thinking to clarify concepts through deep inquiry Proposing creative solutions in problem solving 	K1, K2, K3, S1, S2, S3, A1, A2, A3	AT1, AT2, AT3,	
FEDTASK 4 Digital Literacy	 Students will demonstrate the ability to work proficiently across a range of tools, platforms and applications to achieve a range of tasks Students will be required to display high-level skills in: Finding, accessing, collating, evaluating, managing, curating, organising and appropriately and securely sharing complex digital information at a high-level Receiving and responding to messages in a range of digital media Using digital tools appropriately to conduct research Contributing proficiently to digital teams and working groups Participating in and utilising digital learning opportunities 	K1, K2, K3, S1, S2, S3, A1, A2, A3	AT1, AT2, AT3,	



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FEDTASK 5 Sustainable and Ethical Mindset	 Students will demonstrate the ability to think ethically and sustainably. Students will be required to display (in person and/or online) high-level skills in-person and/or online in: The responsible conduct of research Making informed judgments that consider the impact of devising solutions in multiple global economic environmental and societal contexts Demonstrating commitment to social responsibility as a professional and a citizen Generating research solutions which are sustainable, ethical, socially responsible and/or sustainable Extending lifelong, life-wide and life-deep learning to be open to diverse others Demonstrate extended actions to foster sustainability in their professional and personal life. 	K1, K2, K3, S1, S2, A1, A2,	AT1, AT2, AT3,	

Learning Task and Assessment:

Learning Outcomes Assessed	Assessment Tasks	Assessment Type	Weighting
K1, K2, K3, S1, S2, A1, A3	Coordination and participation at meetings with supervisors	Observation of student self-directed learning and progress of knowledge, skills and application by supervisor/s	10-20%
K1, K2, K3, S1, S3, A1, A3	6,000 -10,000 word Research Thesis	Thesis to include manuscript ready for publication + Introductory chapter and Appendices	55-75%
K1, K2, A2, A3	End of Semester Thesis presentation	20-minute presentation to colleagues and supervisors	10-30%

Adopted Reference Style:

APA

Refer to the library website for more information

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