



Unit Outline (Higher Education)

Institute / School: Institute of Health and Wellbeing

Unit Title: Professional Practice: Stage 2

Unit ID: PSYCM7012

Credit Points: 15.00

Prerequisite(s): (PSYCM7011 and PSYCM7017)

Co-requisite(s): Nil

Exclusion(s): (PSYCM7109)

ASCED: 090701

Description of the Unit:

This is the first placement unit that provides the opportunity for students to apply, under supervision, the knowledge and skills acquired through coursework. In this placement, students will develop foundational competency in psychological practice under the supervision of a board-approved supervisor.

Grade Scheme: Ungraded (S, UN)

Work Experience:

No work experience

Placement Component: Yes - days

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intermediate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Learning Outcomes:

Knowledge:

- K1.** Integrate the selection, administration, scoring and interpretation of a range of appropriate self-report, and clinician administered psychometric measures
- K2.** Critically evaluate and select appropriate evidence-based clinical assessment and treatment procedures for mental health problems.
- K3.** Appraise written and verbal communication methods and styles within a professional context
- K4.** Effectively utilise clinical supervision to facilitate and monitor the learning of assessment and intervention skills, to modify clinical practice in response to feedback, and to develop self-awareness and realistic self-evaluation skills.
- K5.** Assess the ethical, professional, and legal matters that may occur during psychological practice

Skills:

- S1.** Demonstrate an appropriate level of skill in developing and administering assessments and implementing clinical interventions.
- S2.** Demonstrate an appropriate level of skill in the ability to communicate effectively and professionally in writing and verbally.
- S3.** Demonstrate active engagement in the supervisory process and the ability to utilise supervision effectively and appropriately.
- S4.** Demonstrate the ability to apply knowledge of the ethical, professional, and legal aspects of psychological practice.

Application of knowledge and skills:

- A1.** Critically evaluate and self-monitor the development of professional skills and knowledge in clinical psychological practice.
- A2.** Demonstrate competence in adopting an evidence-based approach to psychological practice
- A3.** Demonstrate sound written communication skills in all clinical documentation, including Log Book, clinical records and reports.
- A4.** Demonstrate competence in inter-professional practice

Unit Content:

Topics may include:

Orientation to the placement agency

Utilising clinical supervision effectively

Receiving and responding to feedback

Managing a caseload

Assessment and clinical interventions

Managing client-related documentation appropriately

Ethical and professional psychological practice

Learning Task and Assessment:

Learning Outcomes Assessed	Assessment Tasks	Assessment Type	Weighting
K3, K4	Placement Contract, documenting the practical details of the placement, responsibilities and learning goals.	Written Task	S/U
K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, S1, S2, S3, S4, A1, A2, A3, A4	Students will complete the required hours for the three key aspects of the placement: direct client work; client-related work; and individual and group supervision, and will complete the required documentation associated with their clinical work, which may including client file documentation, clinical reports, and Log Books.	Practical and Written Task	S/U
K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, S1, S2, S3, S4, A1, A2, A3, A4	Students will engage in a formal review process midway through the placement and at the end of placement.	Mid and End of Placement Review	S/U

Adopted Reference Style:

APA ()

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