

# Unit Outline (Higher Education)

**Institute / School:** Institute of Health and Wellbeing

**Unit Title:** CLINICAL DISSERTATION

**Unit ID:** PSYCM7122

**Credit Points:** 15.00

**Prerequisite(s):** (PSYCM7020 and PSYCM7121)

**Co-requisite(s):** Nil

**Exclusion(s):** Nil

**ASCED:** 090701

## Description of the Unit:

On completion of this unit, students will produce a journal article consisting of an extended literature review that leads to testable hypotheses, and method, results and discussion sections that conform to APA format in both content and style. Students will interpret the Results of their research project in line with the Analysis Plan developed in PSYCM 7121 Advanced Clinical Research Methods and in the context of the research aims and hypotheses developed in PSYCM7020, Psychological Research in Practice and with consideration of the broader psychological literature and innovations in the field. Students will present the findings of their research in a formal conference-style presentation.

**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:** No

Supplementary assessment is not available to students who gain a fail in this Unit.

## Learning Outcomes:

### Knowledge:

**K1.** Detailed knowledge of the chosen area

**K2.** Understanding of design and analytical techniques

**K3.** Thorough grasp of reporting styles and formats

**Skills:**

**S1.** Search catalogue and databases and select relevant material

**S2.** Grasp, critically evaluate and integrate information

**S3.** Use existing research to develop aims and hypotheses

**S4.** Consider practical and ethical issues when doing research

**S5.** Analyse data either qualitatively or quantitatively

**S6.** Report research findings in a conventional manner

**Application of knowledge and skills:**

**A1.** Evaluate the outcomes of psychological research in context with current literature and innovations in the field.

**Unit Content:**

The student will interpret the results of their research project in relation to their research aims and hypotheses, and in relation to the broader body of knowledge on the chosen topic.

Students will absorb and integrate the results of their research project in the form of a Discussion, which will be elaborated in an oral presentation.

Students will present the literature review, methods, results and discussion of the research project in the form of an APA formatted journal article.

**Learning Task and Assessment:**

Learning Outcomes Assessed	Assessment Tasks	Assessment Type	Weighting
K1, K2, S2-S6, A1	Oral presentation of interpretation of research outcomes	Oral presentation	5-15%
K1-K3, S1, S2, A1	The final report will be presented for examination as an extended journal article using the format indicated in the current Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association. The introduction will comprise an extended literature review that leads to a series of testable hypotheses. The remaining method, results and discussion sections will conform to the usual journal format in both content and style.	Written dissertation (5000 to 6,000 words)	85-95%

**Adopted Reference Style:**

APA

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