

Unit Outline (Higher Education)

Institute / School:	Institute of Health and Wellbeing
Unit Title:	PSYCHOLOGICAL PRACTICE
Unit ID:	PSYCP6011
Credit Points:	15.00
Prerequisite(s):	(Australian Psychological Accreditation Council accredited three year undergrad psychology sequence)
Co-requisite(s):	Nil
Exclusion(s):	Nil
ASCED:	090701

Description of the Unit:

Psychological Practice covers key concepts important to work in psychology and related fields: communication, clients, and workplaces. Regarding clients and workplaces, students will consider ethical, professional, and legal issues relevant to work in psychology and related areas. Students will become familiar with ethical practice, and the APS Code of Ethics and its accompanying Guidelines. They will also acquire knowledge about common issues that arise for professionals working in different roles and with different client groups. There will be an emphasis on developing knowledge and skills relevant to (a) professional communication, and (b) resolving ethical dilemmas that can arise during psychological practice. Students will also learn and practice high-level communication and interpersonal skills.

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: 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:
Knowledge:

- K1.** Consider psychological practice with different client groups and in different workplace settings
- K2.** Identify ethical considerations in professional practice
- K3.** Describe contemporary issues in professional practice
- K4.** Recognise key factors and barriers important to the helping and change process
- K5.** Describe the ethical and legal issues associated with professional practice
- K6.** Recognise key factors important to professional communication

Skills:

- S1.** Compare and contrast ethical standards and guidelines relevant to working with different client groups
- S2.** Identify and explain specific interpersonal and communication skills
- S3.** Critically review the attributes and attitudes of both clients and professionals important to psychological practice

Application of knowledge and skills:

- A1.** Critically examine the importance of clear communication in professional practice
- A2.** Evaluate ethical dilemmas and defend the chosen resolution
- A3.** Demonstrate high-level interpersonal and communication skills

Unit Content:

- Professional interpersonal and communication skills
- Legal and ethical issues in professional practice
- Professional conduct in workplaces

Learning Task and Assessment:

Learning Outcomes Assessed	Assessment Tasks	Assessment Type	Weighting
K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, S1, S2, S3, A1, A2, A3	Mastery of unit content: Demonstrate knowledge of professional communication skills, ethical issues relevant to practice with a range of client groups, and workplace dilemmas.	Mid-semester and/or End-of-Semester Test(s)	50 - 70%
K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, S1, S3, A1, A2, A3	Demonstrate and apply knowledge to a specific client situation.	Written Assignment	30 - 50%

Adopted Reference Style:

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