

Unit Outline (Higher Education)

Institute / School: Institute of Health and Wellbeing

Unit Title: Psychological Practice

Unit ID: PSYCP6011

Credit Points: 15.00

Prerequisite(s): Nil

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. Students will consider public safety as well as professional and legal issues relevant to work in psychology and related areas. Students will develop their understanding of ethical practice, current codes of conduct, and cultural safety. They will also acquire knowledge about common issues that arise for professionals working in different roles and with different client groups across a range of settings. There will be an emphasis on developing knowledge and skills relevant to cultural responsiveness with an emphasis on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Students will also learn and practice high-level communication skills relevant to the professional context, including interprofessional practice and working in multidisciplinary teams.

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

Work Experience:

No work experience

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.** Demonstrate knowledge of ethical, legal, and public safety matters across a range of psychological practice contexts
- K2.** Understand key professional communication strategies essential for successful psychological practice
- K3.** Understand scope of practice and implications for public safety

Skills:

- S1.** Apply ethical decision-making models to ethical dilemmas
- S2.** Understand and summarise key professional registration requirements, including AHPRA standards, mandatory reporting, and the importance of maintaining ongoing professional development and care standards

Application of knowledge and skills:

- A1.** Interpret and communicate findings in oral and written formats using culturally appropriate language with an emphasis on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.
- A2.** Examine how the attributes and attitudes of both clients and professionals impact psychological practice

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, S1, S2, A1, A2	Demonstrate and apply knowledge to a specific client situation.	Written Assignment	20 - 40%
K1, K2, K3, S2, A1, A2	Demonstrate and apply knowledge to a specific client situation.	Written and/or Oral Assignment	30 - 50%
K1, K2, K3, S1, S2, A1, A2	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)	20 - 40%

Adopted Reference Style:

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