



BMSC14001 *Integrated Pathology 1*

Term 1 - 2021

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Corrections

Unit Profile Correction added on 03-03-21

The end of term examination has now been changed to an alternate form of assessment. Please see your Moodle site for details of the assessment.

General Information

Overview

This integrated pathology unit builds on the knowledge, skill, technical and cognitive ability developed during previous study. You will evaluate laboratory-based information to diagnose complex diseases through application of knowledge of multiple clinical disciplines within medical laboratory science. You will apply your advanced-level knowledge of clinical biochemistry, haematology, histopathology, transfusion science, immunology, molecular pathology and quality management to 'real life' clinical scenarios and case studies focused on metabolic, neoplastic, cardiovascular and age-related diseases. Use of case studies will integrate advanced-level knowledge of the aetiology, pathophysiology, and investigation of metabolic, neoplastic, cardiovascular and age-related diseases that significantly affect the morbidity, mortality and economics of healthcare. At residential school you will perform laboratory tests using advanced methodology and instrumentation. This will further develop your analytical, evaluative and communication skills.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 4*

Credit Points: 12

Student Contribution Band: 8

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.25

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Prerequisite BMSC13001 Advanced Haematology AND BMSC13002 Advanced Clinical Biochemistry AND BMSC13003 Medical Microbiology 2AND BMSC13009 Immunology AND BMSC13010 Pharmacology AND BMSC13011 Advanced Transfusion Science AND BMSC13016 Advanced Histopathology and Cytopathology

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

Offerings For Term 1 - 2021

- Mixed Mode
- Rockhampton

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Residential Schools

This unit has a Compulsory Residential School for distance mode students and the details are:

Click here to see your [Residential School Timetable](#).

Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

Class and Assessment Overview

Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 12-credit Undergraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 25 hours of study per week, making a total of 300 hours for the unit.

Class Timetable

[Regional Campuses](#)

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

[Metropolitan Campuses](#)

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

Assessment Overview

1. **Case Study**

Weighting: 25%

2. **Practical Assessment**

Weighting: 35%

3. **Examination**

Weighting: 40%

Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the [University's Grades and Results Policy](#) for more details of interim results and final grades.

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback – Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

Previous Student Feedback

Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

Feedback from Student Feedback

Feedback

Students appreciated the depth of the topics and how they pulled together aspects from different disciplines.

Recommendation

Continue with this multi-disciplinary approach.

Feedback from Student Feedback

Feedback

Students felt supported by the prompt feedback from the Unit Coordinator

Recommendation

Continue to provide support to the students via the forums, e-mail and when applicable face to face.

Feedback from Student Feedback

Feedback

Students commented that it would be useful to have the ability to include diagrams in their responses to the online test questions.

Recommendation

Consider how we might enable the submission of diagrams as part of the answer to online test questions.

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Differentiate the aetiology, pathophysiology and clinical investigation of complex medical conditions with a focus on metabolic, neoplastic, cardiovascular and age-related disease
2. Perform medical laboratory tests demonstrating advanced methodology and instrumentation
3. Evaluate pathological mechanisms and analytical techniques in the laboratory-based diagnosis of metabolic, neoplastic, cardiovascular and age-related disease
4. Evaluate data and present information concerning pathological issues in an ethical and scientific context.

The learning outcomes achieved are linked to the objectives of the accrediting body, Australian Institute of Medical Scientists (AIMS).

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes			
	1	2	3	4
1 - Case Study - 25%	•		•	•
2 - Practical Assessment - 35%		•	•	

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes			
	1	2	3	4
3 - Online Test - 40%	•			•

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes			
	1	2	3	4
1 - Communication	•	•	•	•
2 - Problem Solving	•	•	•	•
3 - Critical Thinking	•	•	•	•
4 - Information Literacy	•	•	•	•
5 - Team Work				
6 - Information Technology Competence		•	•	•
7 - Cross Cultural Competence				
8 - Ethical practice				•
9 - Social Innovation				
10 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures				

Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Graduate Attributes

Assessment Tasks	Graduate Attributes									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 - Case Study - 25%	•	•	•	•		•		•		
2 - Practical Assessment - 35%	•	•	•	•		•				
3 - Online Test - 40%	•	•	•	•		•		•		

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

There are no required textbooks.

Additional Textbook Information

There is no textbook for this unit, the textbooks from previous professional units will be used and supplemental readings provided where necessary.

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)
For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

Wayne Pederick Unit Coordinator
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Schedule

Week 1 - 08 Mar 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Introduction		Lecture and Recorded Zoom Tutorial

Week 2 - 15 Mar 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Cystic Fibrosis 1		Lecture and Recorded Zoom Tutorial

Week 3 - 22 Mar 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Cystic Fibrosis 2		Lecture and Recorded Zoom Tutorial

Week 4 - 29 Mar 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Diabetes 1		Lecture and Recorded Zoom Tutorial

Week 5 - 05 Apr 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Diabetes 2		Lecture and Recorded Zoom Tutorial

Vacation Week - 12 Apr 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Week 6 - 19 Apr 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Acute Myeloid Leukemia 1
**Compulsory Residential School ,
 Rockhampton April 19th to 22nd**

Lecture and Recorded Zoom Tutorial
 Submission of Laboratory Practical
 Manuals

**Residential School Practical
 Assignment** Due: Week 6 Friday (23
 Apr 2021) 12:00 am AEST

Week 7 - 26 Apr 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Acute Myeloid Leukemia 2		Lecture and Recorded Zoom Tutorial

Week 8 - 03 May 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Hemochromatosis 1		Lecture and Recorded Zoom Tutorial

Week 9 - 10 May 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Hemochromatosis 2		Lecture and Recorded Zoom Tutorial

Laboratory Diagnostic Review Due:
 Week 9 Monday (10 May 2021) 12:00
 am AEST

Week 10 - 17 May 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Revision		Recorded Zoom Tutorial

Week 11 - 24 May 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Revision		Recorded Zoom Tutorial

Week 12 - 31 May 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Revision		Lecture and Recorded Zoom Tutorial

Review/Exam Week - 07 Jun 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Term Specific Information

This unit will provide an integrated approach to examining the pathology associated with significant metabolic diseases by examining the multiple interdisciplinary testing that occurs on patient samples in medical laboratories. An indepth approach for a selected number of diseases, e.g. diabetes, leukemia etc, and through lectures and tutorial sessions you will gain a thorough understanding of the laboratory testing and assays performed to aid in diagnosis of these diseases and support monitoring of therapeutic interventions. Associated with advanced learning of the laboratory based assays will be an understanding of the pathology underlying the disease and current advances in research and treatment. The theoretical knowledge will be supported by an residential school which will be held on the Rockhampton campus, April 19th to 22nd and will focus on performing a range of interdisciplinary laboratory techniques, data analysis and presentation.

Unit Coordinator: Dr Pdraig Strappe, Email: p.strappe@cqu.edu.au

Assessment Tasks

1 Laboratory Diagnostic Review

Assessment Type

Case Study

Task Description

In this assignment you will choose a disease and describe in the detail the various laboratory-based testing that is performed on a patient's sample.

Write a 2500-word essay supported by references (up to ten references) outlining advances in understanding disease pathology and laboratory-based diagnosis.

Review and critique in detail two scientific papers which has contributed to advanced knowledge associated with Pathogenesis and Diagnosis.

Your critical appraisal of a major scientific paper should include a summary of the outcomes of the described research, How these findings were a significant advance in either pathogenesis/diagnosis.

What methodology was used and what further developments have occurred based on the original paper. The paper critique is expected to be concise, between 750 and 1000 words.

Assessment Due Date

Week 9 Monday (10 May 2021) 12:00 am AEST

Return Date to Students

Week 10 Friday (21 May 2021)

Weighting

25%

Minimum mark or grade

50%

Assessment Criteria

The overall 25% available for this assessment is broken down as follows

60 marks is available for each Review section and broken down as follows

- 20 marks for the scientific paper critique
- 40 marks for the review

A detailed marking rubric will be available on the Moodle site

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Differentiate the aetiology, pathophysiology and clinical investigation of complex medical conditions with a focus on metabolic, neoplastic, cardiovascular and age-related disease
- Evaluate pathological mechanisms and analytical techniques in the laboratory-based diagnosis of metabolic, neoplastic, cardiovascular and age-related disease
- Evaluate data and present information concerning pathological issues in an ethical and scientific context.

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Information Technology Competence
- Ethical practice

2 Residential School Practical Assignment

Assessment Type

Practical Assessment

Task Description

The residential School is an opportunity to learn and perform a range of interdisciplinary clinical diagnostic procedures and compliment the theoretical knowledge of integrated pathology. The residential school will provide valuable practical experience in techniques currently performed in medical laboratories.

The laboratory practical assessment will comprise of laboratory-based exercises which will be completed during the four

(4) day Residential School. The exercises will be described in the subject laboratory manual and will involve completion of laboratory exercises, calculation and presentation of results. A detailed rubric of assessment criteria for laboratory manual will be available on the unit moodle site.

Completed laboratory manuals will be submitted in hard copy by hand on the final day of the Residential School

Assessment Due Date

Week 6 Friday (23 Apr 2021) 12:00 am AEST

Laboratory Practical Manuals to be submitted at the end of the Residential School

Return Date to Students

Week 8 Friday (7 May 2021)

Weighting

35%

Minimum mark or grade

50%

Assessment Criteria

Assessment of the laboratory manual will be based on presentation of results of laboratory exercises and calculations where indicated. Descriptive answers and associated labelled diagrams will also be assessed where exercises involving microscopy are required. Answers provided in the laboratory manual must be clearly presented and legible.

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Offline

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Perform medical laboratory tests demonstrating advanced methodology and instrumentation
- Evaluate pathological mechanisms and analytical techniques in the laboratory-based diagnosis of metabolic, neoplastic, cardiovascular and age-related disease

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Information Technology Competence

Examination

Outline

Complete an invigilated examination.

Date

During the examination period at a CQUniversity examination centre.

Weighting

40%

Length

120 minutes

Minimum mark or grade

Minimum passing grade of 50%

Exam Conditions

Closed Book.

Materials

Dictionary - non-electronic, concise, direct translation only (dictionary must not contain any notes or comments).

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Differentiate the aetiology, pathophysiology and clinical investigation of complex medical conditions with a focus on metabolic, neoplastic, cardiovascular and age-related disease
- Evaluate data and present information concerning pathological issues in an ethical and scientific context.

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy

Academic Integrity Statement

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in your university study ensures the CQUniversity qualification you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

As a student, you are responsible for reading and following CQUniversity's policies, including the [Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure](#). This policy sets out CQUniversity's expectations of you to act with integrity, examples of academic integrity breaches to avoid, the processes used to address alleged breaches of academic integrity, and potential penalties.

What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

Why is academic integrity important?

A breach of academic integrity may result in one or more penalties, including suspension or even expulsion from the University. It can also have negative implications for student visas and future enrolment at CQUniversity or elsewhere. Students who engage in contract cheating also risk being blackmailed by contract cheating services.

Where can I get assistance?

For academic advice and guidance, the [Academic Learning Centre \(ALC\)](#) can support you in becoming confident in completing assessments with integrity and of high standard.

What can you do to act with integrity?



Be Honest

If your assessment task is done by someone else, it would be dishonest of you to claim it as your own



Seek Help

If you are not sure about how to cite or reference in essays, reports etc, then seek help from your lecturer, the library or the Academic Learning Centre (ALC)



Produce Original Work

Originality comes from your ability to read widely, think critically, and apply your gained knowledge to address a question or problem