



DEME20001 *Dementia and Its Complexities*

Term 1 - 2017

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General Information

Overview

This unit will advance your knowledge of dementia, including the challenges associated with diagnoses and the effects it has on individuals, families and communities. You will develop a greater understanding of the different types of dementia and determine the effectiveness of public health strategies designed to prevent these conditions. You will gain insight into policy and practice intended to respond to the current needs and anticipate future requirements of people with dementia. Common assumptions and misperceptions within society associated with dementia will be examined in relation to their effect on individuals, policy and practice.

Details

Career Level: *Postgraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 8*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 10

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

There are no requisites for this unit.

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 - 2017

- Distance

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).

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 6-credit Postgraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 12.5 hours of study per week, making a total of 150 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. **Presentation and Written Assessment**

Weighting: 50%

2. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 50%

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 Course Coordinator

Feedback

Content was up to date, contemporary and followed logical flow. Student actively participated in unit .

Recommendation

These materials and structure would be used again if the unit was to run.

Unit Learning Outcomes

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

1. Comprehend the complexities associated with diagnosis and ongoing assessment of people with dementia
2. Explain common trajectories of dementia and analyse associated impacts on the person with dementia and people supporting them
3. Analyse public health approaches to preventing dementia and evaluate their effectiveness
4. Identify common assumptions associated with dementia and analyse their impact on individuals, policy and practice
5. Evaluate the ability of policy and practice to meet the current and future needs of people with dementia.

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

There are no required textbooks.

Additional Textbook Information

Due to the contemporary nature of this study journal articles will be the bulk of information. As a result there will be no prescribed text book, although some may be suggested for additional reading during the unit.

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: [American Psychological Association 6th Edition \(APA 6th edition\)](#)

For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

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Schedule

Week 1 - 06 Mar 2017

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Introduction to DEME20001 Module 1.Complexities of diagnosis of dementia	Read week 1 document in preparation for week 1 commencement. Various readings and journal articles as directed by staff and students self-direction.	Refer to the Moodle site. Read introductory documentation and watch the lecture. Undertake Module 1 activities. Familiarise yourself with what is required for your assessments. Details of the assessments are available on the Moodle site. You can begin preparing for the first assessment.

Week 2 - 13 Mar 2017

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Module 1.Complexities of diagnosis of dementia	Various readings and journal articles as directed by staff and students self-direction.	Refer to the Moodle site and continue Module 1 activities. Continue working on the first assessment.

Week 3 - 20 Mar 2017

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Module 1. Complexities of diagnosis of dementia	Various readings and journal articles as directed by staff and students self-direction.	Refer to the Moodle site and continue Module 1 activities. Continue working on the first assessment.

Week 4 - 27 Mar 2017

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Module 2. Impacts of dementia.	Various readings and journal articles as directed by staff and students self-direction.	Refer to the Moodle site and commence Module 2 activities. Continue working on the first assessment.

Week 5 - 03 Apr 2017

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Module 2. Impacts of dementia.	Various readings and journal articles as directed by staff and students self-direction.	Refer to the Moodle site and continue Module 2 activities. Continue working on the first assessment.

Vacation Week - 10 Apr 2017

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
		Have a break or continue to prepare your first assessment.

Week 6 - 17 Apr 2017

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Module 3. Public health approaches to dementia.	Various readings and journal articles as directed by staff and students self-direction.	Refer to the Moodle site and commence Module 3 activities. Submit first assessment. Written Report and Presentation Due: Week 6 Friday (21 Apr 2017) 8:00 pm AEST

Week 7 - 24 Apr 2017

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Module 3. Public health approaches to dementia.	Various readings and journal articles as directed by staff and students self-direction.	Refer to the Moodle site and continue Module 3 activities. Commence working on the second assessment.

Week 8 - 01 May 2017

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Module 4. Assumptions and Implications.	Various readings and journal articles as directed by staff and students self-direction.	Refer to the Moodle site and commence Module 4 activities. Continue working on the second assessment.

Week 9 - 08 May 2017

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Module 5. Policy and practice.	Various readings and journal articles as directed by staff and students self-direction.	Refer to the Moodle site and commence Module 5 activities. Continue working on the second assessment.

Week 10 - 15 May 2017

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Module 5. Policy and practice.	Various readings and journal articles as directed by staff and students self-direction.	Refer to the Moodle site and continue Module 5 activities. Continue working on the second assessment.

Week 11 - 22 May 2017

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic

Revision and Consolidation	Various readings and journal articles as directed by staff and students self-direction.	Refer to the Moodle site and complete any activities. Review topics as an overview of unit and submit the second assessment. Written Assessment Due: Week 11 Friday (26 May 2017) 8:00 pm AEST
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Week 12 - 29 May 2017

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Revision and Consolidation	Students self- direction.	Review topics as an overview of unit and be sure to contact lecturer with any outstanding questions you may have from the unit.

Review/Exam Week - 05 Jun 2017

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Exam Week - 12 Jun 2017

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Assessment Tasks

1 Written Report and Presentation

Assessment Type

Presentation and Written Assessment

Task Description

Presentation with Written Report

Design a presentation to be offered at a community education session to inform people within the community about the various trajectories of dementia and associated complexities of diagnoses. An accompanying report to present the background information for your presentation will need to be provided.

Step 1. You are required to develop a report that examines the various trajectories of dementia and associated complexities of being diagnosed with dementia. This will form the background for a presentation you will then develop. This report must be submitted to Moodle (50%).

Step 2. Design a presentation that could be presented at a community forum. The aim of the presentation is to inform community members about the various trajectories of dementia and associated complexities of diagnoses (50%)

- **The report** is to provide the background information that will inform the presentation and be fully referenced throughout. As a minimum the content should include:
 - Outline the prevalence of dementia and discuss the contributing factors.
 - Describe the common trajectories of dementia and explain how these contribute to the complexity of receiving a timely and accurate diagnosis of dementia.
 - Explain the impact of the diagnosis of dementia on the person who has been diagnosed and the people supporting them.
 - Make recommendations to address the impacts of delayed diagnosis on the person with dementia as well as how to support them and their support person/s once a diagnosis is made.
 - Headings may be used if desired.

Presentation.

Your presentation is to be designed to inform community members of the complexities of diagnosis of dementia as outlined in the report you have written.

Structure:

- Your presentation may be in the form of a video or multimedia presentation no more than 15

minutes, or a PowerPoint presentation of no more than twelve slides that can be presented via a zoom session with your lecturer.

- If you are using a PowerPoint presentation:

- o You will be talking for 10-15 minutes via zoom at a time negotiated with your lecturer

- o Develop a maximum of 12 slides.

- o Information within slides should be referenced where appropriate. Provide a slide at the end of the presentation with the references listed

- Conclude with your key findings and the message you want to leave your audience with.

Requirements and Resources

- Include a cover page providing your name, the name and code of the course, and the title of the assessment.

- You can use course provided materials and other credible sources (journal articles, books) to reference your argument. The quality and credibility of your sources are very important at a post-graduate level. Many citations of a source may be a good indication of significance, although care must still be taken regarding credibility

- Please use American Psychological Association (APA) referencing style. The CQUniversity Academic Learning Centre has an online APA Referencing Style Guide.

- We recommend you use EndNote to manage your citations and reference list, more information on how to use EndNote is available at the CQUniversity Library website.

- For information on academic communication please go to the Academic Learning Centre Moodle site. The Academic Communication section has many helpful resources including information for students with English as a second language.

Submission

Please submit your written report via Moodle in Microsoft Word format only. Do not submit in PDF or any other format unless otherwise negotiated with the unit coordinator.

Refer to Moodle site re how to upload and submit a video or multimedia presentation as part of your assessment.

Assessment Due Date

Week 6 Friday (21 Apr 2017) 8:00 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Week 8 Friday (5 May 2017)

Weighting

50%

Assessment Criteria

High Distinction 85-100%	Distinction 75-84%	Credit 65-74%	Pass 50-64%	Fail Below 50%
Structure 20% Efficacy and organisation 5%				
There is a clear and succinct introduction and conclusion: they introduce the topic and outline the direction of the presentation/bring presentation to a logical close.	There is a clear and appropriate introduction/ conclusion: they introduce the topic and outline the direction of the presentation/bring presentation to a coherent close.	There is an appropriate introduction/ conclusion and the direction of the presentation is logical.	The introduction/ direction/ conclusion are mostly apparent.	Presentation is not clear There is no recognisable introduction/ and/or direction in the presentation and/ or no clear conclusion.
Presentation 10%				
Excellent presentation of assignment. The presenter demonstrates an expert command of the topic and the presentation is well-paced, confident and compelling. The submitted written material (i.e. presentation slides) is very well-presented and free from errors. Content is entirely relevant for the audience.	A very good presentation. The presenter demonstrates a very sound understanding of the topic and the presentation is delivered confidently. The written material (i.e. presentation slides) has minor errors (e.g. 1 or 2 errors in spelling, grammar and paragraph structure). Content is very relevant for the audience.	A good presentation. The presenter demonstrates a sound understanding of the topic and the presentation is delivered well. The written material (i.e. presentation slides) has some errors (e.g. 3 or 4 consistent errors with spelling, grammar and paragraph structure). Content is relevant for the audience.	The presenter demonstrates an understanding of the topic and the presentation conveys this. The written material (i.e. presentation slides) has 3 or 4 inconsistent errors (spelling, grammar and paragraph structure). Content is somewhat relevant for the audience.	Poorly presented assignment. The presentation style is not engaging/ credible and presenter does not demonstrate a grasp of the content. The written material (i.e. presentation slides) has many inaccuracies in spelling, grammar and paragraph structure. (> 5 errors). Content is not relevant for the audience. It is either unlikely to be understood or too simplistic for them
Referencing 5%				
Consistently integrates up-to-date references to support and reflect all ideas, factual information and quotations.	Generally integrates up-to-date references to support and reflect ideas, factual information and quotations, with 1 or 2 exceptions.	Partly integrates up-to-date references to support and reflect ideas, factual information and quotations, with 3 or 4 exceptions.	Occasionally integrates up-to-date references to support and reflect ideas, factual information and quotations, with 5 or 6 exceptions.	Fails to or infrequent attempts (>7 errors) to integrate up-to-date references to support and reflect ideas, factual information and quotations.

Accurate APA referencing. No errors.	Accurate APA referencing. One error.	Accurate APA referencing. Two errors.	Accurate APA referencing. Three errors.	More than three errors.
Approach and Argument 80% Critical judgement and practical application of knowledge (40%)				
Expertly presented data including demographic prevalence Highly critical application of knowledge, focussing on all of the most important facts, to fully explain the issues impacting on people with dementia. Comprehensively discussed and expertly justified conclusions and recommendations proposed in the presentation.	Expertly presented data including almost all of demographic prevalence. Highly critical application of knowledge, focussing on almost all of the important facts, to fully explain the issues impacting on people with dementia. Comprehensively discussed and justified conclusions and recommendations proposed in the presentation.	Presented most data including the demographic prevalence. Critical application of knowledge, focussing on most of the important facts, to explain the issues impacting on people with dementia. Mostly discussed and justified conclusions and recommendations proposed in the presentation.	Presented a sufficient overview of demographic prevalence Applied knowledge to practice by focussing on some of the most important facts, to explain how some issues impact on people with dementia. Discussed and justified some conclusions and recommendations and proposed some strategies in the presentation.	Some essential data; including demographic prevalence Attempted to apply knowledge to practice. Inaccurately explained how issues impacted on people with dementia. Some of the identified issues were inappropriate for the given proposal and or poorly justified, or the proposed strategies were unclear.
Justified argument with evidence based literature in background report 40%				
Your background document demonstrated extensive breadth of reading. Ideas and conclusions were always supported by high quality evidence based literature.	Your background document demonstrated wide reading. Ideas and conclusions were almost always supported by high quality evidence based literature.	Your background document demonstrated wide reading. Ideas and conclusions were mostly supported by high quality evidence based literature.	Your background document demonstrated adequate reading. Ideas and conclusions were supported by evidence based literature.	There were significant gaps in the background document which supported your ideas or conclusions. You had difficulty justifying plausible ideas or options to promote needs of people with dementia.

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 6th Edition \(APA 6th edition\)](#)

Submission

Offline Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Comprehend the complexities associated with diagnosis and ongoing assessment of people with dementia
- Explain common trajectories of dementia and analyse associated impacts on the person with dementia and people supporting them
- Analyse public health approaches to preventing dementia and evaluate their effectiveness

Graduate Attributes

- Knowledge
- Communication
- Cognitive, technical and creative skills
- Research
- Self-management

2 Written Assessment

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

Task.

There are many misperceptions about dementia and its effects on the person diagnosed. As a result, the public health approaches to preventing dementia and the ability of policy and practice to meet the current and future needs of people with dementia are both inadequate.

1. Critically analyse the above statement surrounding misperceptions about dementia and its effects on the person diagnosed.
2. Provide evidence to support the justifications you make in determining the ability of the health promotion strategies and policy and practices for meeting the needs of the person with dementia
3. Critically analyse any significant gaps in the areas of health promotion strategies and policy and practices for meeting the needs of the person with dementia
4. Provide recommendations for ensuring the needs of people with dementia are met now and into the future.

Requirements and Resources

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Assessment Due Date

Week 11 Friday (26 May 2017) 8:00 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Review/Exam Week Friday (9 June 2017)

Weighting

50%

Assessment Criteria

High Distinction 85-100%	Distinction 75-84%	Credit 65-74%	Pass 50-64%	Fail Below 50%
Structure 20% <i>Introduction 5%</i> Highly appropriate and relevant to content. Provides very clear sense of what follows. <i>Conclusion 5%</i> Provides very strong sense of closure and highly appropriate. <i>Presentation 5%</i> Very well presented. No spelling or grammatical errors. Well proof read. Written in a clear and cohesive style. <i>Referencing 5%</i> Consistently integrates up-to-date references to support and reflect all ideas, factual information and quotations. Accurate APA referencing. No errors.	Appropriate and relevant to content. Provides clear sense of what follows. Provides sound sense of closure and appropriate. Very well presented. Minimal spelling and grammatical errors. Well proof read. Written in a clear and easy to ready style. Generally integrates up-to-date references to support and reflect ideas, factual information and quotations, with 1 or 2 exceptions. Accurate APA referencing. One error.	Largely appropriate and relevant to content. Provides sense of what follows. Provides a sense of closure and largely appropriate. Well presented. Some spelling and grammatical errors. Written in an easy to ready style. Partly integrates up-to-date references to support and reflect ideas, factual information and quotations, with 3 or 4 exceptions. Accurate APA referencing. Two errors.	Somewhat appropriate and relevant to content. Provides some sense of what follows. Somewhat provides a sense of closure and somewhat appropriate. There may be one or more areas where there was evidence of lack attention to presentation. Occasionally integrates up-to-date references to support and reflect ideas, factual information and quotations, with 5 or 6 exceptions. Accurate APA referencing. Three errors.	Not evident and/or not appropriate. No recognisable conclusion or conclusion is inappropriate. Many presentation errors. Fails to or infrequent attempts (>7 errors) to integrate up-to-date references to support and reflect ideas, factual information and quotations. More than three errors.
Critical analysis of misperceptions about dementia and its effects on the person diagnosed 25% High level of analysis reflected in a clear cohesive argument.	High level of analysis reflected in a largely clear cohesive argument.	Some analysis reflected in a somewhat clear and cohesive argument.	Some analysis apparent. Argument may be a little disjointed.	Minimal analysis or lack of analysis.
Critical analysis of significant gaps in health promotion strategies, policies and practices 30% High level of analysis reflected in a clear cohesive argument.	High level of analysis reflected in a largely clear cohesive argument.	Some analysis reflected in a somewhat clear and cohesive argument.	Some analysis apparent. Argument may be a little disjointed.	Minimal analysis or lack of analysis.
Solution generation for ensuring needs of people with dementia are met now and into the future 25% Recommendations thoroughly and realistically improve applicability to achieving positive outcomes.	Recommendations realistically improve applicability to achieving positive outcomes.	Recommendations improve applicability to achieving positive outcomes.	Recommendations somewhat improve applicability to achieving positive outcomes.	Recommendations do not improve applicability.

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 6th Edition \(APA 6th edition\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

Please submit your assessment via Moodle in Microsoft Word format only. Do not submit in PDF or any other format.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Analyse public health approaches to preventing dementia and evaluate their effectiveness
- Identify common assumptions associated with dementia and analyse their impact on individuals, policy and practice
- Evaluate the ability of policy and practice to meet the current and future needs of people with dementia.

Graduate Attributes

- Knowledge
- Communication
- Cognitive, technical and creative skills
- Research
- Self-management
- Ethical and Professional Responsibility

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