



ECHO12006 Cardiac Science

Term 1 - 2021

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General Information

Overview

The accurate diagnosis of cardiac conditions requires comprehensive knowledge of cardiac pathophysiology, and the outcomes of a variety of cardiovascular assessment procedures. In this unit you will be introduced to cardiac assessment within the catheterisation laboratory. You will learn how to interpret a 12-lead electrocardiogram (ECG), and how to assess cardiac structure and function by performing a two-dimensional echocardiographic examination. Within the ethical framework of best practice, you will examine simulated case-based clinical information. You will explore the outcomes of cardiac diagnostic procedures, formulate differential diagnoses and patient management strategies for a variety of common cardiovascular pathologies. Attendance at practical activities is a requirement of this unit.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 2*

Credit Points: 12

Student Contribution Band: 8

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.25

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Pre-requisite ECHO11002 Cardiac Structure and Function and ECHO11003 Fundamentals of Cardiac Science
Co-requisite MEDS12001 Physics of Ultrasound

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

- Brisbane
- Perth
- Sydney

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 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. **Online Quiz(zes)**

Weighting: 20%

2. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 20%

3. **Practical Assessment**

Weighting: Pass/Fail

4. **Performance**

Weighting: Pass/Fail

5. **Reflective Practice Assignment**

Weighting: Pass/Fail

6. **Online Test**

Weighting: 60%

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 Moodle

Feedback

Students enjoyed the engagement and clinical examples presented in tutorials.

Recommendation

Tutorial style will be continued in 2020.

Feedback from Moodle

Feedback

Students enjoyed the laboratory sessions, which reinforced theoretical concepts in a practical space.

Recommendation

Staff will continue to highlight the importance of practical scanning laboratories.

Feedback from Moodle

Feedback

Students would like further guidance for the written assessment.

Recommendation

Further explanation regarding components of the written assessment will be provided to students.

Feedback from Moodle

Feedback

Some lecture presentations would benefit from additional notes visible to students.

Recommendation

Presentation slides will be reformatted to include more details for student learning.

Unit Learning Outcomes

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

1. Perform the standard two-dimensional echocardiographic protocol including associated anatomical quantification
2. Formulate and evaluate reasoned arguments for the exclusion of artefactual and discordant two-dimensional echocardiographic findings
3. Analyse case-based clinical information to formulate differential diagnoses and plan patient management strategies for a variety of common cardiovascular pathologies
4. Discuss common cardiac catheterisation procedures including radiation safety
5. Analyse the output of 12-lead electrocardiogram (ECG) studies
6. Apply professional behaviour, teamwork and communication skills consistent with safe practice
7. Apply reflective feedback to professional practice improvement.

Linked to National and International Standards

1. ASAR Accreditation Standards for Cardiac Sonography - critical practice Unit 8 - Cardiac, Foundation units of competence - 1 - 5.
2. European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging Core Syllabus
3. American Registry for Cardiac Sonography Core Syllabus

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 - Online Quiz(zes) - 20%					•		
2 - Written Assessment - 20%			•	•	•		•
3 - Practical Assessment - 0%	•	•				•	
4 - Performance - 0%						•	
5 - Reflective Practice Assignment - 0%							•
6 - Online Test - 60%		•	•	•			

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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 - Online Quiz(zes) - 20%	•	•	•	•						
2 - Written Assessment - 20%	•	•	•	•		•	•			

Assessment Tasks	Graduate Attributes									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3 - Practical Assessment - 0%	•	•	•	•		•	•	•		
4 - Performance - 0%	•	•	•		•		•	•		
5 - Reflective Practice Assignment - 0%	•	•	•	•				•		
6 - Online Test - 60%	•	•		•				•		

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

ECHO12006

Prescribed

A Sonographer's Guide to the Assessment of Heart Disease

Edition: 1st (2016)

Authors: Anderson

Echotext Pty Ltd

Australia

ISBN: 9780992322205

Binding: Hardcover

ECHO12006

Prescribed

Echocardiography: The Normal Examination and Echocardiographic Measurements

Edition: 3rd (2017)

Authors: Anderson

Echotext Pty Ltd

Australia

ISBN: 9780992322212

Binding: Hardcover

ECHO12006

Prescribed

Introduction to the 12-Lead ECG: The Art of Interpretation

Edition: 2nd (2015)

Authors: Garcia

Jones & Bartlett Learning

Burlington, MA, United States of America

ISBN: 9781284040883

Binding: Other

ECHO12006

Prescribed

The Cardiac Catheterisation Handbook

Edition: 6th (2016)

Authors: Kern, Sorajja, Lim

Elsevier

Philadelphia, PA, United States of America

ISBN: 9780323340397

Binding: eBook

Additional Textbook Information

Students entering in to ECHO12006 should already have access to the prescribed texts Garcia (2015), Anderson (2017), and Kern (2016). Thus, the only additional prescribed text should be Anderson (2016).

[View textbooks at the CQUniversity Bookshop](#)

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: [Vancouver](#)
For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

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Schedule

Week 1 - 08 Mar 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
CCL: purpose, procedures, and equipment. ECG: the stepwise method, identifying rhythm, and P waves. Echo: Echocardiographic windows and M-mode and two-dimensional protocol, M-mode and two-dimensional image optimisation, and M-mode measurements.	See eReading List via Moodle.	Mandatory Laboratory Induction Due: via Moodle Week 1 by Thursday (11 Mar 2021) 8:00 pm AEST Laboratory Documentation (Laboratory Agreement Form + Consent Form) Due: via Moodle Week 1 by Thursday (11 Mar 2021) 8:00 pm AEST

Week 2 - 15 Mar 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
CCL: radiation. ECG: the P-R interval, Q waves, and the QRS complex. Echo: M-mode and two-dimensional left heart measurements.	See eReading List via Moodle.	

Week 3 - 22 Mar 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
CCL: haemodynamics. ECG: the ST segment, T waves, and the Q-T interval. Echo: M-mode and two-dimensional right heart measurements.	See eReading List via Moodle.	

Week 4 - 29 Mar 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
CCL: pressure transducers. ECG: interpretation. Echo: advanced two-dimensional image optimisation, cardiac anatomical variants, and sonographer ergonomics.	See eReading List via Moodle.	

Week 5 - 05 Apr 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
CCL: determining cardiac output (CO). ECG: identifying arrhythmias. Echo: two-dimensional assessment of ventricular systolic function.	See eReading List via Moodle.	

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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Echo: two-dimensional assessment of ischaemic and non-ischaemic causes of chest pain.

See eReading List via Moodle.

ECG Online Quiz Due: Week 6
Wednesday (21 Apr 2021) 8:00 pm AEST

Week 7 - 26 Apr 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Echo: M-mode and two-dimensional assessment of aortic valve anatomy and disease, and aortopathies.	See eReading List via Moodle.	

Week 8 - 03 May 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Echo: M-mode and two-dimensional assessment of mitral valve anatomy and disease.	See eReading List via Moodle.	

Week 9 - 10 May 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Echo: M-mode and two-dimensional assessment of tricuspid and pulmonary valve anatomy and disease.	See eReading List via Moodle.	Written Task Due: Week 9 Monday (10 May 2021) 8:00 pm AEST

Week 10 - 17 May 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Echo: two-dimensional assessment of pericardial and extracardiac disease.	See eReading List via Moodle.	

Week 11 - 24 May 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Echo: two-dimensional assessment of cardiac masses.	See eReading List via Moodle.	

Week 12 - 31 May 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Review.		Professional Behaviour and Laboratory Documentation Due: Week 12 Thursday (3 June 2021) 8:00 pm AEST Formative Feedback and Self-Reflection Due: Week 12 Thursday (3 June 2021) 8:00 pm AEST

Review/Exam Week - 07 Jun 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Exam Week - 14 Jun 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
		Online Test Due: Exam Week Monday (14 June 2021) 8:00 pm AEST

Term Specific Information

The Unit Coordinator for ECHO12006 is Ashley Spermon. The best method to contact Ashley is by email via a.spermon@cqu.edu.au. Please put the unit code (ECHO12006) and your full name in the email subject title. As staff laboratory commitments are ongoing, it is best to email and request a scheduled meeting (telephone, Zoom, in-office).

Students are encouraged to use the Learning Community Q & A forum on the ECHO12006 Moodle site as the first point of contact. Prioritising the forum allows the entire cohort to view and benefit from questions and answers. Forums are monitored and responses will be provided in a timely manner. Students are encouraged to review the CQUniversity Student Charter and follow advice on appropriate conduct within the university environment (on-campus and online).

ECHO12006 consists of weekly lectures, readings, live tutorials, and laboratory sessions. Lectures present central information, with essential and supporting resources outlined on the ECHO12006 eReading List. Tutorials are held via Zoom, with specific meeting times and access details posted on the ECHO12006 Moodle site under Virtual Classes. Tutorials are designed to be interactive, and focus on clarification of unit concepts, application of knowledge, and preparation for assessments. Tutorials are recorded for educational purposes, and may be posted on the ECHO12006 Moodle site. If you have concerns about being recorded please adjust your audio/visual settings as appropriate. Your participation implies consent for recorded tutorials.

The laboratory induction and all laboratory sessions for ECHO12006 are mandatory. The Mandatory Laboratory Induction (Induction Online Quiz + Laboratory Induction Form) and Laboratory Documentation (Laboratory Agreement Form + Consent Form) are available on the ECHO12006 Moodle site and must be completed and uploaded to access ECHO12006 on-campus activities and weekly Moodle content. Please review the Laboratory Resources on the ECHO12006 Moodle site. Laboratory sessions that are not attended must be accompanied by appropriate documentation, and can not be attended at a later date. All students are to demonstrate professional behaviour, including appropriate dress (see the CV69 Course Dress Code). All students must be available to act as a patient model throughout the term, as well as during practical assessments, mock practical assessments, and re-sit practical assessments.

Further unit information is available on the ECHO12006 Moodle site.

Assessment Tasks

1 ECG Online Quiz

Assessment Type

Online Quiz(zes)

Task Description

The ability to correctly analyse and interpret a 12-lead electrocardiogram (ECG) is crucial in a professional cardiac diagnostic role. Comprehensive ECG analysis and interpretation can provide vital information about the location and nature of heart disease.

Task Requirements

Students are to analyse and interpret a series of 12-lead ECGs in accordance with the "Stepwise Method of ECG Interpretation" (available on the ECHO12006 Moodle). The Stepwise Method of ECG Interpretation requires analysis and interpretation of the following ECG components:

1. Calibration
2. Rhythm
3. Rate
4. P wave
5. P-R interval
6. Q wave
7. QRS complex
8. S-T segment
9. T wave
10. Q-T interval
11. Axis

12. Interpretation

To successfully complete the ECG Online Quiz, students must:

- Access the ECG Online on the ECHO12006 Moodle at the assigned time;
- Attempt the ECG Quiz only once (once started, the ECG Online Quiz can not be paused);
- Submit responses to complete the ECG Online Quiz (Moodle will automatically close and submit responses once the allocated time has elapsed).
- Prepare personal notes and have a calculator when attempting the quiz;
- Undertake the ECG Online Quiz as an individual (questions are drawn from a question pool to allow a different quiz for each student; any incidences of academic misconduct will be met with action from the Deputy Dean of Learning and Teaching).
- Notify TASAC and relevant ECHO12006 staff if technical issues arise during the ECG Online Quiz (i.e. email TASAC with screen shot of the issue, and Cc ECHO12006 staff); TASAC is available for immediate assistance during AEST business hours.

In the absence of an approved extension, the ECG Online Quiz cannot be completed at a later time.

Number of Quizzes

1

Frequency of Quizzes

Other

Assessment Due Date

Week 6 Wednesday (21 Apr 2021) 8:00 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Assessments will be returned within two (2) weeks, once submissions have been marked and moderated. The ECG Online Quiz question pool in its entirety will not be released to students.

Weighting

20%

Minimum mark or grade

50 %

Assessment Criteria

A detailed Stepwise Method of ECG Interpretation will be available relevant Staff and , with grading based on the student's ability to:

- Analyse calibration settings;
- Analyse cardiac rhythm, rate, and axis;
- Identify common arrhythmias; and
- Utilise correct terminology in interpreting ECG waveforms, segments, intervals, and associated anomalies.

Referencing Style

- [Vancouver](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Analyse the output of 12-lead electrocardiogram (ECG) studies

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy

2 Written Task

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

Combining findings from multimodality cardiac testing is useful in the diagnostic pathway for many cardiac pathologies.

Integrating information from cardiac catheterisation, 12-lead electrocardiogram (ECG), and echocardiographic studies provide useful clinical information that may be applied to the clinical scenario, such as generating test reports, formulating differential diagnoses, and planning patient management strategies.

Task Requirements

Present a scholarly report of 1200 (+/- 10 %) words reviewing multi-modality findings on the topic:

Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM).

The report requires each student to:

1. Research, analyse, and discuss the aetiology, epidemiology, pathophysiology, presenting clinical symptoms, clinical management, and prognosis of the cardiac pathology.
2. Research, analyse, and discuss at least two (2) alternatives for differential diagnoses, and describe relevant clinical information that would exclude alternative diagnoses.
3. Research, analyse, and discuss analysis methods, characteristic findings, and diagnostic criteria as observed from a standard **12-lead ECG**. Include an example and description of a 12-lead ECG to demonstrate findings.
4. Research, analyse, and discuss indications, analysis methods, characteristic findings, and diagnostic criteria as observed from **cardiac catheterisation**. Include an example and description of a haemodynamic graph to demonstrate findings.
5. Research, analyse, and discuss **M-mode and two-dimensional echocardiographic** analysis methods, characteristic findings, and diagnostic criteria. Include an example and description of a two-dimensional and M-mode image to demonstrate findings.
6. Provide a reference list at the end of the report, using Vancouver referencing style.
7. Present information in a scholarly manner, with accurate spelling and grammar, and within the word count. The reference list not included in the word count. Content beyond the word limit will not be marked.
8. Provide a reflection on the strengths and areas for improvement of your report by responding to prompts on the task rubric, and include the rubric and your reflection at the front of your report upon submission.

Students are advised to review and utilise the "Written Task Template with Rubric" document (available on the ECHO12006 Moodle).

Assessment Due Date

Week 9 Monday (10 May 2021) 8:00 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Assessments will be returned within two (2) weeks, once submissions have been marked and moderated.

Weighting

20%

Minimum mark or grade

50 %

Assessment Criteria

A detailed rubric will be available on the ECHO12006 Moodle, with grading based on the student's ability to:

- Analyse and discuss cardiovascular findings;
- Research and evaluate topics;
- Apply academic referencing protocols;
- Apply scholarly presentation standards; and
- Apply critical reflection to practice.

Referencing Style

- [Vancouver](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Analyse case-based clinical information to formulate differential diagnoses and plan patient management strategies for a variety of common cardiovascular pathologies
- Discuss common cardiac catheterisation procedures including radiation safety
- Analyse the output of 12-lead electrocardiogram (ECG) studies
- Apply reflective feedback to professional practice improvement.

Graduate Attributes

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

3 Echocardiography Skills Assessment

Assessment Type

Practical Assessment

Task Description

The ability to perform a M-mode and two-dimensional echocardiogram and perform associated measurement analysis are crucial skills for a professional cardiac sonographer.

Task Requirements

Students are to perform a complete M-mode and two-dimensional echocardiographic examination using ultrasound equipment, and complete associated measurements using analysis software.

1. Part A (Scanning) component.

- Professional tasks (10 minute time limit): including pre-scan, during, and post-scan professionalism, such as patient care, effective communication, obtaining a relevant patient history, informed consent, and operating equipment in a professional manner.
- Technical tasks (60 minute time limit): including scanning technique, scanning protocol, transducer manipulation, image optimisation, and M-mode and two-dimensional image acquisition.

2. Part B (Measurement) component.

- Measurement tasks (35 minute time limit): including appropriate technique in performing and recording a series of offline measurements using analysis software.

Students will be assessed using the Assessment of Readiness for Clinical (ARC) tools: "Scanning ARC Tool" and "Measurement ARC Tool". Students are advised to carefully review these documents on the ECHO12006 Moodle. This is a pass/fail assessment. Part A (Scanning) and Part B (Measurement) components, and tasks therein, must all be successfully completed to achieve a pass. Part A (Scanning) professional and technical tasks are graded separately, so that if a pass is awarded for one and not the other, only the component that was awarded a fail must be repeated. Students must demonstrate all Part A (Scanning) professional tasks that are bolded in the Scanning ARC Tool. In the event that a student does not achieve the minimum to pass, or fails to demonstrate Part A (Scanning) professional tasks that are bolded in the Scanning ARC Tool, the student will be given one (1) opportunity to re-sit the component.

In the absence of an approved extension, students cannot complete this assessment later, and will be awarded a fail for this assessment. In the case of non-attendance of the assessment session, students must notify the Unit Coordinator and local campus staff before the start of their laboratory session with appropriate documentation, as per CQUniversity's Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework), for the assessment to be postponed to a later date.

Assessments will be recorded for moderation purposes. The recordings will not be released to students for review.

All students are required to be available to act as a patient model. This includes mock test, test, and re-sit test dates. Students will be advised of times for the assessment prior to the test date.

Assessment Due Date

The Skills Assessment will be completed during Week 10. The Re-sit Skills Assessment will be completed during Week 12. Schedules will be posted on the ECHO12006 Moodle.

Return Date to Students

Assessments will be returned within two (2) weeks, once submissions have been marked and moderated.

Weighting

Pass/Fail

Minimum mark or grade

To pass this assessment task, students must demonstrate competency by achieving a minimum of 60 % of marks.

Assessment Criteria

Detailed rubrics will be available on the ECHO12006 Moodle, with grading based on the student's ability to:

- Achieve competency in the Part A (Scanning) component professional tasks, and demonstrate all bolded competencies;
- Achieve competency in the Part A (Scanning) component technical tasks; and
- Achieve competency in the Part B (Measurement) component.

Competency is defined as a minimum of 60 % for a Novice, as described by the Australasian Sonographers Association guideline: "A Sonographer's Guide to Clinical Supervision". Students will be expected to progress from Novice, to Beginner, to Advanced Beginner during on-campus activities.

Referencing Style

- [Vancouver](#)

Submission

Offline

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Perform the standard two-dimensional echocardiographic protocol including associated anatomical quantification
- Formulate and evaluate reasoned arguments for the exclusion of artefactual and discordant two-dimensional echocardiographic findings
- Apply professional behaviour, teamwork and communication skills consistent with safe practice

Graduate Attributes

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

4 Professional Behaviour and Laboratory Documentation

Assessment Type

Performance

Task Description

Professional behaviour is a critical part of the medical imaging profession, and encompasses interactions with colleagues, patients, and equipment, within the clinical context and in the broader industry setting.

Demonstrating professionalism through simulated clinical activities aims to prepare students for upcoming clinical placement requirements. Students are expected to attend laboratory sessions as they would attend a clinical role as an employee, thus building the competence required to enter clinical placement and employment with the skills to demonstrate professional behaviour and provide safe patient care. Evaluation encompasses student attendance and application throughout all laboratory activities, including laboratory assessments, and also includes student behaviour towards self/staff/peers in all relevant forums, including on-campus, online, tutorials, social media, phone calls, community, etc.

Task Requirements

Students are to demonstrate high standards of professionalism through completing required preparation documents, attending laboratory sessions, and adhering to workplace guidelines.

1. Laboratory Agreement Form (signed and uploaded via Moodle by Week 1 Thursday)
2. Consent Form (signed and uploaded via Moodle by Week 1 Thursday)
3. Professional Behaviour Rubric Form (completed and uploaded via Moodle by Week 12 Thursday)
4. Laboratory Attendance Form (completed and uploaded via Moodle by Week 12 Thursday)

The "Laboratory Agreement Form" and "Consent Form", as well as the Mandatory Laboratory Induction, must be completed via Moodle by Week 1 Thursday 8:00 pm AEST on the ECHO12006 to access weekly content and participate in laboratory activities. The "Professional Behaviour Rubric Form" and "Laboratory Attendance Form" must be added to the previous documents by Week 12 Thursday 8:00 pm AEST on the ECHO12006 Moodle. Students can access these tasks on the ECHO12006 Moodle, and must complete and upload all documents to achieve a pass.

The "Professional Behaviour Rubric Form" incorporates lapses in professionalism (LiP). A LiP is issued when a student demonstrates substandard professional behaviour within any activities associated within the unit, as described in the "Expected Professional Behaviour and LiP Allocation" document (available on the ECHO12006 Moodle), as well as the "CQUniversity Student Charter" and "Australasian Sonographers Association Code of Conduct" (available online). If a student is issued a LiP, the student is responsible for completing the "Issue of a Lapse in Professionalism" document (available on Moodle), obtaining a signature from the issuing tutor, and submitting the form with the "Professional Behaviour Rubric Form" by the due date. To achieve a pass in this assessment, students must obtain a minimum of 12/15 on the "Professional Behaviour Rubric Form". Therefore, a student can obtain a maximum of three (3) LiPs. If four (4) or more LiPs are issued, the minimum of 12/15 on the "Professional Behaviour Rubric Form" would not be achieved, and the assessment will not be passed.

Laboratory sessions are mandatory for ECHO12006. There is no opportunity for rescheduling any missed laboratory sessions. In the case of non-attendance of a laboratory session, students must notify the Unit Coordinator and local campus staff before the start of their laboratory session with appropriate documentation, as per CQUniversity's "Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)". In the case of non-attendance of a laboratory session, and the student does not notify the Unit Coordinator and local campus staff before the start of their laboratory session, the student will be issued a LiP as outlined in the "Professional Behaviour Rubric Form".

Assessment Due Date

Week 12 Thursday (3 June 2021) 8:00 pm AEST

Laboratory Agreement Form and Consent Form due via Moodle by 8 PM Thursday Week 1; Professional Behaviour Rubric Form and Laboratory Attendance Form due via Moodle by 8 PM Thursday Week 12

Return Date to Students

Assessments will be returned within two (2) weeks, once submissions have been marked and moderated.

Weighting

Pass/Fail

Assessment Criteria

Detailed rubrics will be available on the ECHO12006 Moodle, with grading based on the student's ability to:

- Demonstrate professional behaviour towards colleagues and staff;
- Demonstrate professional behaviour towards patients; and
- Demonstrate professional behaviour towards the professional behaviour and equipment.

Referencing Style

- [Vancouver](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

Online via Moodle. Each item must be submitted and labelled appropriately, i.e. "S123456789 - John SMITH - Laboratory Agreement Form"

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Apply professional behaviour, teamwork and communication skills consistent with safe practice

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Team Work
- Cross Cultural Competence
- Ethical practice

5 Formative Feedback and Self-Reflection

Assessment Type

Reflective Practice Assignment

Task Description

The ability to set goals, self-reflect, and take advantage of feedback, are important to aid the progress of knowledge and skill development. These abilities also address industry requirements, whereby professionals must perform continuing

professional development (CPD) activities.

Task Requirements

Students are to develop goal-setting, reflection, and feedback skills through weekly activities.

1. Formative Feedback Forms (one for each laboratory session; total of six forms). Each form must include: self-reflection and goal-setting, tutor feedback, and tutor signature. The feedback form must be completed before leaving the associated laboratory session.
2. Mock Assessment Reflection Form. This form must include: reflection on areas of strength and areas for improvements in preparation for the Skills Assessment.

The "Formative Feedback Forms" and "Mock Assessment Reflection Form" are available on the ECHO12006 Moodle. Students must complete and upload both complete documents by the due date to achieve a pass.

Assessment Due Date

Week 12 Thursday (3 June 2021) 8:00 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Assessments will be returned within two (2) weeks, once submissions have been marked and moderated.

Weighting

Pass/Fail

Assessment Criteria

Detailed rubrics will be available on the ECHO12006 Moodle, with grading based on the student's ability to:

- Develop self-reflection skills;
- Apply goal-setting strategies; and
- Implement feedback for performance improvement.

Referencing Style

- [Vancouver](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Apply reflective feedback to professional practice improvement.

Graduate Attributes

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

6 Online Test

Assessment Type

Online Test

Task Description

Analysing and discussing echocardiographic findings, cardiovascular pathologies, differential diagnoses, and cardiac catheterisation procedures is crucial in a professional cardiac diagnostic role.

Students are required to respond to questions that involve analysis and/or discussion of cardiovascular findings.

Task Requirements

1. Respond to a series of questions (drawn from lectures, readings, tutorials, and laboratory sessions) via an Online Test, within the prescribed time frame.

To successfully complete the Online Test, students must:

- Access the Online Test on the ECHO12006 Moodle at the assigned time;
- Attempt the Online Test only once (once started, the Online Test can not be paused);

- Submit responses to complete the Online Test (Moodle will automatically close and submit responses once the allocated time has elapsed);
- Prepare personal notes and have a calculator when attempting the Online Test;
- Undertake the Online Test as an individual (questions are drawn from a question pool to allow a different Online Test for each student; any incidences of academic misconduct leading to action from the Deputy Dean of Learning and Teaching);
- Notify TASAC and relevant ECHO12006 staff if technical issues arise during the Online Test (i.e. email TASAC with a screen shot of the issue, and Cc ECHO12006 staff); TASAC is available for immediate assistance during AEST business hours.

In the absence of an approved extension, the Online Test cannot be completed at a later time.

Assessment Due Date

Exam Week Monday (14 June 2021) 8:00 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Assessments will be returned within two (2) weeks, once submissions have been marked and moderated. The Online Test question pool in its entirety will not be released to students.

Weighting

60%

Minimum mark or grade

50 %

Assessment Criteria

The Online Test will be marked according to a rubric, with grading based on the student's ability to:

- Evaluate cardiac imaging findings;
- Analyse clinical information;
- Discuss cardiac procedures; and
- Use discipline-specific terminology.

Referencing Style

- [Vancouver](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Formulate and evaluate reasoned arguments for the exclusion of artefactual and discordant two-dimensional echocardiographic findings
- Analyse case-based clinical information to formulate differential diagnoses and plan patient management strategies for a variety of common cardiovascular pathologies
- Discuss common cardiac catheterisation procedures including radiation safety

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Information Literacy
- Ethical practice

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