



MEDI11004 *Professional Practice*

Term 2 - 2019

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General Information

Overview

Students learn to interact effectively with clients and peers through an understanding of professional and interprofessional relationships. This unit provides an overview of the social, legal and ethical issues that impact on the experience of illness, equity of health care and best practice. It contextualises therapeutic communication and collaborative teamwork skills and introduces the student to evidence based practice, reflective practice and decision making in the health professions.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 1*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 8

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 2 - 2019

- Mackay
- Online

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 Undergraduate 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. **Group Work**

Weighting: 40%

2. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 20%

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

'The time given for the exam was not enough and 3 hour would have been more appropriate'. "More exam time would be helpful because I felt like I was frantically writing to answer all the questions within the time"

Recommendation

This is the first time the exam was in this format. Although many students finished, several cited not enough time. ? Increase the time allowed for exam from 90 mins to 2 hours.

Unit Learning Outcomes

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

1. Collaborate with health care students demonstrating an understanding of professional and interprofessional relationships.
2. Describe the principles underlying effective communication skills in health care settings demonstrating cultural sensitivity.
3. Reflect on experiences to enhance your own personal and professional development.
4. Apply knowledge of evidence-based practice to gather information effectively.
5. Apply knowledge of legal and ethical issues that impact the provision of health care and best practice.
6. Describe the impact of social determinants, disability and culture on the experience of illness and access to health care for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.
7. Identify national and international health reform initiatives to improve the quality and equity of health care.
8. Explain the concept of quality patient care and inclusive decision-making in the health professions.

This is a core unit for many of the allied health courses which are subject to external accreditation by a range of professional and regulatory bodies. It introduces a range of concepts and professional competencies at a foundational level.

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	8
1 - Group Work - 40%	•		•	•		•	•	
2 - Written Assessment - 20%		•	•	•	•			
3 - Examination - 40%		•			•	•		•

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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 - Group Work - 40%	•	•		•	•	•	•	•		
2 - Written Assessment - 20%	•	•	•	•			•	•		
3 - Examination - 40%	•	•		•			•	•		

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

MEDI11004

Supplementary

The Extra Mile

Edition: First (2017)

Authors: Christine Franklin

BevRyanPublishing.com

Cannonvale , Queensland , Australia

ISBN: 978-0-6480526-0-9

Binding: Paperback

Additional Textbook Information

This is a short handbook that addresses many of the topics covered in this unit and would be particularly useful for any students who plan to work, or even attend clinical placement, in rural or remote locations in Australia. It is not an essential text for the unit.

Orders can be made at the CQUni Bookshop here: <http://bookshop.cqu.edu.au> (search on the Unit code)

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)
- Zoom meeting access

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing styles below:

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

For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

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Schedule

Week 1 - 15 Jul 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
The professional and reflective practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Study guide Chapter 1• CRO - Clinical & Fieldwork Placement in the Health Professions by K. Stagnitti. Chapter 3: Becoming a reflective practitioner, pp.31-42.	

Week 2 - 22 Jul 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Teamwork and interprofessional collaborative care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study guide Chapter 2 • CRO - Being interprofessional by M. Hammick. Chapter 3: Learning and working in teams, pp.38-60. 	1 hour tutorial
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Week 3 - 29 Jul 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Health and illness: Conceptual understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study guide Chapter 3 • CRO - Indigenous Australians and Health: The wombat in the room by R. Hampton and M. Toombs. Chapter 4: Indigenous Australian concepts of health and well-being, pp.73-86. 	1 hour tutorial

Week 4 - 05 Aug 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
The determinants of health and Illness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study guide Chapter 4 • CRO - Indigenous Australians and Health: The wombat in the room by R. Hampton and M. Toombs. Chapter 5: Indigenous access to health and health services, pp.93-110. 	You will be assigned to your group this week for Assessment 1 and will make initial contact with group members.

Week 5 - 12 Aug 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Cultural issues in health care provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study guide Chapter 5 • ebook - Cultural Awareness in Nursing and Health Care by K. Holland & C. Hogg. Chapter 5: Cultural Awareness, pp.63-77. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 hour tutorial • Groups should hold first 'meeting' to discuss the group work component of Assessment 1.

Vacation Week - 19 Aug 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Week 6 - 26 Aug 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Disability access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study guide Chapter 6 • A Way with Words: Department of Communities • CRO - Health Care and Public Policy: An Australian Analysis by G. Palmer & S. Short. Chapter 9: Health services for disadvantaged groups, pp.320-324. • NDIS: In context by Marlene Butteriss 	Self and Peer Assessment (1) for Assessment 1 (Individual and Group Work on Health Initiatives). Due Friday 30/8/19, 11:45pm AEST.

Week 7 - 02 Sep 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Therapeutic communication in health practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study guide Chapter 7 • CRO - Transforming Communication by R. Bolstad. Chapter 3: The context of communication, pp.47-71. 	1 hour tutorial Individual report for Assessment 1 (Individual and Group Work on Health Initiatives). Due Wednesday 4/9/19, 11:45pm AEST.

Week 8 - 09 Sep 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Time for assessment completion		Group Summary for Assessment 1 (Individual and Group Work on Health Initiatives). Due Friday 13/9/19, 11:45pm AEST.

Week 9 - 16 Sep 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Ethics in health practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study guide Chapter 8 • CRO - Ethics in Clinical Practice edited by G. Hawley. Chapter 10: Making decisions that are ethical, pp.214-241. 	1 hour tutorial Self and Peer Assessment (2) for Assessment 1 (Individual and Group Work on Health Initiatives). Due: Friday 20/9/19, 11:45pm AEST.
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Week 10 - 23 Sep 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Disclosure and consent to treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study guide Chapter 9 • ebook - Legal Issues for Nursing Students by P. Savage. Chapter 4: Consent: Legal principles and practice considerations. 	

Week 11 - 30 Sep 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Leadership, change and decision making in health practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study guide Chapter 10 • CRO - Understanding influence for leaders at all levels. Australian Institute of Management, pp.77-85, 188, 250-251. 	Reflective Report on Group Work Due: Week 11 Friday (4 Oct 2019) 11:45 pm AEST

Week 12 - 07 Oct 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Revision and examination technique		1 hour tutorial

Review/Exam Week - 14 Oct 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic

Exam Week - 21 Oct 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic

Term Specific Information

My name is Linden Williams and I am your Unit Coordinator for MEDI11004. This unit is delivered with a team approach including both Medical Imaging and Sonography staff. You will have most contact with Andrea Chandrarajan who will be coordinating the weekly content and assessments, running the tutorials and responding to the forum posts. Andrea can be contacted via email: a.chandrarajan@cqu.edu.au.

MEDI11005 is a 6-credit point unit, which means you should plan to spend about 10-12 hours per week studying the unit content. For each week, a suggested breakdown of your time would be:

- Reading the weekly study guide, completing activities and revision questions: 3 hours
- Other readings and learning activities in Moodle: 1-2 hours
- Watching recorded lectures and note taking: 2 hours
- Attending tutorials or group meetings: 1-2 hours
- Completing assessment items: 2-3 hours

This will vary each week, depending on the stage of the unit.

Note that the key readings are listed in the unit schedule, however in some weeks there are other readings and learning activities provided in Moodle.

Tutorials in this unit support your group work and assessment items. These tutorials are held both on campus at Mackay Ooralea and on-line via Zoom. You are strongly advised to attend these in order to be successful in the unit. While online tutorials will be recorded, these recordings are not intended to replace your active participation in live sessions. To support your success in this unit: head to the Moodle site regularly, keep up-to-date with the weekly content, use the forums and be an active participant in your group work and tutorials.

Assessment Tasks

1 Individual and Group Work on Health Initiatives

Assessment Type

Group Work

Task Description

Australia is a very diverse country. In future practice you will be dealing with patients from many different social backgrounds and cultures, therefore, it is important to have some understanding of such diversity in order for you to address your patients' needs. By week 4 of this unit, you will be developing an awareness of the lack of equity in terms of health outcomes and the barriers to accessing healthcare for those living in rural areas, for migrant families, Indigenous communities and people living with disabilities.

Your task for this assessment is to work in a group of 3-4 students to develop a set of initiatives that will help to improve access to healthcare for particular members of a given rural or remote Australian community. The task will include both an individual report and group summary.

You will be provided with a rural community with a population that includes Indigenous Australians, migrant families and community members with disabilities. Each group member will address one of these population groups (also listed below) and research barriers faced by that group in accessing healthcare and initiatives that have proven successful in overcoming these barriers. These initiatives can be sourced either nationally or internationally. You may need to use a problem-solving approach and adapt a successful health initiative sourced from one country or circumstance to 'fit' the community and subgroup you are working with.

Each team member will be allocated one of the following topics to address for the given community:

1. Improving access to healthcare for people in the community due to living in this rural or remote location.
2. Improving access to healthcare for your community members with disabilities.
3. Improving access to healthcare for Indigenous Australians in your given community.
4. Improving access to healthcare for migrant women and children in your given community.

Task Process

Work on this assessment will be during weeks 4 to 8. In week 4 you will be allocated to a group of students from different disciplines and will make initial contact with your group. You will arrange your first group meeting, where you will allocate roles and topics for individual reports. You will continue to work on this assessment item both individually and as a group, discussing and sharing ideas in weekly group meetings.

Information and guidance on working in groups and investigating the topics will be provided in tutorials in weeks 3 and 5. It is important that you attend these. You will be expected to take an active role in your team and attend on-line or face to face meetings with your group members. To obtain a group summary mark, you will need to contribute to the group and submit your individual report to your group. **Lack of contribution to group work by week 6 may result in you being removed from the group by the unit coordinator.** You will then be required to complete the remainder of the assessment alone. (Lack of contribution by a student will be identified by SPA results and consultation with tutor, unit coordinator and group members.)

This assessment is worth 40% of the final grade for the unit. It has 4 parts:

Part 1: INDIVIDUAL REPORT (15% of final grade)

- Each team member will individually prepare a report on one of the four topics listed above, as allocated in the initial group meeting. This part of the report will describe barriers to healthcare access for the particular population group and identify 2-3 possible initiatives to improve their access to healthcare, including examples of existing initiatives, adaptations and implementation strategies.
- Required word count: 500 +/- 10% per person. You will submit this work individually through the submission link on the unit's Moodle site.

Part 2: GROUP WORK - Summary Report (20% of final grade)

- This summary report is prepared by the group as a whole and will identify the five most suitable initiatives taken from the individual reports.

- The group will identify their rural community by location and population. Each member will have identified 2-3 initiatives in their individual report. This activity requires each of the individual reports to be shared within the group for evaluation. The group will create a rating criteria to evaluate all the initiatives. The criteria will then be used to rate each initiative. Consideration should be given to the appropriateness of the initiatives to the specified community groups. The group summary must describe the rating criteria used and submit the 5 initiatives chosen as the most suitable initiatives to implement in the community and the reason for their selection.
- The group summary will be submitted by *one group member only* and the mark and feedback will apply to each group member named on the front page of the submission.
- Each individual report must be included in the Appendix to the group summary.
- Required word count: 500 words +/- 10%. The appendix and any references and in-text citations are not included in the word count.

Parts 3 and 4: SELF AND PEER ASSESSMENT (SPA) (5% of final grade)

- To assess each member's contribution to the group work, you will take part in TWO self and peer assessments. You will receive your SPA form access via email in each of weeks 6 and 9. In confidence, each person within a group will score themselves and the other team members for their degree of contribution to the team work process. Each time you will be asked 10 questions concerning your own and your peers' participation as team members. The average of your assessment by your peers will form part of your mark for this part of the group assessment.
- Collectively parts 3 and 4 are worth 5% of the final mark for this unit.
- To be completed in Weeks 6 and 9.

Assessment Due Date

SPA 1 due Friday Week 6, 30/8/19. Individual assessment due Wednesday Week 7, 4/9/19. Group Assessment Summary due Friday Week 8, 13/9/2019. SPA 2 due Friday Week 9, 20/9/19. All due by 11:45pm AEST on the specified day.

Return Date to Students

Week 11 Monday (30 Sept 2019)

Weighting

40%

Minimum mark or grade

50%

Assessment Criteria

- Form (citation of sources, writing style, spelling, format, grammar, punctuation, word limit).
- Structure and organisation (clarity of expression, succinctness, logical sequencing of ideas, cohesiveness).
- Content (rationale for health initiative selected, health initiative related to identified barriers for that population group and theoretical aspects of the unit, credibility and viability of proposed health initiative established through sourced example, description of health initiative and implementation strategies outlined, prioritisation of information researched for inclusion, identification and application of selection criteria to identify 'best' health initiatives).
- Peer assessment of the team work process (dependability, task acceptance, timely productivity, contribution to team discussions and collaboration with team members).

More detailed marking criteria will be posted on the unit Moodle site.

Referencing Style

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

Submission

Online Group

Submission Instructions

The individual parts of the assignment should be uploaded to Moodle individually by each student. Each individual report must also be included in the appendix of the group summary. The group summary is to be submitted to Moodle by one group member only.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Collaborate with health care students demonstrating an understanding of professional and interprofessional relationships.
- Reflect on experiences to enhance your own personal and professional development.
- Apply knowledge of evidence-based practice to gather information effectively.
- Describe the impact of social determinants, disability and culture on the experience of illness and access to health care for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.
- Identify national and international health reform initiatives to improve the quality and equity of health care.

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Information Literacy
- Team Work
- Information Technology Competence
- Cross Cultural Competence
- Ethical practice

2 Reflective Report on Group Work

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

This assessment is completed by students individually and not as group work. As a health professional, your ability to work as part of a team is essential and will be highly valued by your future employer. Reflection will also be used throughout your career. In Assessment 1, you worked as a team member to complete the assessment task. In this assessment you are going to reflect on your experience of working within your team during Assessment 1. You will reflect on your role within the team and identify ways to improve your future contribution to a team dynamic. Guidance will be given in Week 7 tutorial, so it will be important for you to attend this.

Your reflection will focus on one particular aspect of your experience as an interprofessional group member in this unit, such as:

- An aspect of the group communication process
- An aspect of the group decision-making process or outcome
- An aspect of the group conflict resolution process or outcome
- Another aspect of your group work

Your reflection can be about a positive or negative experience. You will describe an incident and identify a key issue involved in that incident which you will then research. During your analysis of this issue you will demonstrate your theoretical knowledge, related experience and the ability to recognise your own preferences for working, assumptions and bias. Finally you will suggest a plan of action in the form of a series of steps or actions that you will take to improve your next group work experience in relation to the issue identified. Your reflection must address:

1. Description of your experience
2. Analysis, research and discussion of key issue related to experience, including recognition of personal contribution, assumption and bias
3. Action plan for future team work

APPENDIX

You will need to submit an appendix with your reflection to include the following forms.

1. Belbin's self-perception inventory for team role assessment
2. Team rules
3. Completed evaluation of team's processes and performance, including observations as examples where appropriate.
4. Completed rating scale for evaluating team meetings.
5. Completed student self-assessment sheet.

These documents will be on the unit Moodle site.

Each document can be referred to by number, or other means, within the reflective report itself if appropriate.

Other submission requirements:

- A suggested template for the reflection is available on the Unit Moodle site.
- The maximum word limit is 500 +/- 10%. The appendix, references and in-text citations are not included in the word count.
- Please submit your reflection as a .doc or .docx.

Assessment Due Date

Week 11 Friday (4 Oct 2019) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Exam Week Friday (25 Oct 2019)

Weighting

20%

Minimum mark or grade

50%

Assessment Criteria

- Form (citation of sources, writing style, spelling, format, grammar, punctuation, word limit).
- Structure and organisation (clarity of expression, succinctness, logical presentation of work).
- Original analysis and interpretation of a particular aspect of working in a team, related to own ideas and supported by literature.
- Identification of an appropriate action plan for future practice.

A more detailed marking criteria will be posted on the unit Moodle site.

Referencing Style

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

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Describe the principles underlying effective communication skills in health care settings demonstrating cultural sensitivity.
- Reflect on experiences to enhance your own personal and professional development.
- Apply knowledge of evidence-based practice to gather information effectively.
- Apply knowledge of legal and ethical issues that impact the provision of health care and best practice.

Graduate Attributes

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

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

50%

Details

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

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