



MEDS20015 Procedural Ultrasound for Point of Care (PoCUS)

Term 2 - 2019

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General Information

Overview

This unit aims to develop your knowledge and understanding of point of care ultrasound (PoCUS) during interventional procedures. To enrol in this unit you must have access to ultrasound facilities to undertake ultrasound scans in a clinical environment with appropriate supervision. You will use PoCUS to identify anatomical structures and pathology prior to procedures. You will learn to use PoCUS dynamically to guide treatment and procedures. You will learn ultrasound interventional techniques and skills to optimise ultrasound images for documentation. You will apply your knowledge in the university and clinical context to accurately perform and document ultrasound procedures.

Details

Career Level: *Postgraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 8*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 8

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Co-requisite: MEDS20009 Science and Instrumentation 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 2 - 2019

- Mixed Mode

Attendance Requirements

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

Residential Schools

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

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

Website

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

Class and Assessment Overview

Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 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. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: Pass/Fail

2. **Portfolio**

Weighting: Pass/Fail

Assessment Grading

This is a pass/fail (non-graded) unit. To pass the unit, you must pass all of the individual assessment tasks shown in the table above.

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 emails

Feedback

Zoom Tutorials.

Recommendation

Ongoing interactive zoom tutorials will be continued in a similar format. Students enjoyed the online interaction.

Feedback from Unit evaluation

Feedback

Residential School.

Recommendation

The students enjoyed the residential schools stating they were very useful due to the hands on clinical practise. Current residential school format will be continued as the students find the practical aspect of the unit essential for their skills.

Feedback from Unit evaluation

Feedback

Unit Content.

Recommendation

The students found the unit content very helpful and appropriate especially given the constant changes occurring in this new field. There should be a continuous process of ongoing review of the unit content in order to maintain current clinical practise to ensure validity.

Unit Learning Outcomes

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

1. Evaluate the benefits and limitations of utilising medical ultrasound guidance during a medical procedure
2. Apply medical ultrasound techniques to generate optimal visibility of the region of interest (ROI) for safe performance of a medical procedure
3. Apply safe medical ultrasound techniques to generate appropriate ultrasound images for documentation purposes.

The International Federation for Emergency Medicine (IFEM) Point of care curriculum guidelines

3.3 Demonstration of how to generate and optimise an image- 2 and 3

3.4 Demonstration of good practice in point-of-care ultrasound- 1.2 and 3

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

MEDS20015

Prescribed

Manual of Emergency and Critical Care Ultrasound

Edition: 2nd (2011)

Authors: Vicki E. Noble & Bret P. Nelson

Cambridge University Press

New York, New York, United States of America

ISBN: 978-0-521-17091-8

Binding: eBook

Additional Textbook Information

Paper copies can be purchased, if preferred, from the CQUni Bookshop here: <http://bookshop.cqu.edu.au> (search on the Unit code)

[View textbooks at the CQUniversity Bookshop](#)

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)
- Microphone and camera to attend the Zoom sessions

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 - Infection control - 15 Jul 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Infection Control	Course resources online. You may have already completed the infection quiz if you have taken MEDS20013. If you have completed this test you are still required to take this test for this unit MEDS20015.	Infection Control Online Quiz (Compulsory)

Week 2 - Vascular Access - Subclavian and External Jugular Vein - 22 Jul 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Vascular Access Cannulation of the Subclavian Vein Cannulation of the External Jugular Vein	Course resources online. Textbook Reading - Vascular Access Chapter 15 of the textbook: Noble V & E. & Nelson B. Manual of Emergency and Critical Care Ultrasound 2nd Ed. 2011.	Zoom Tutorial: Monday 19:00 AEST (for students in other time zones please convert this to your local time)
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Week 3 - Suprapubic Catheterisation and Bladder Drainage - 29 Jul 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Suprapubic Catheterisation and Bladder Drainage	Course resources online. Textbook Reading - Suprapubic Catheterisation and Bladder Drainage. Chapter 16.	

Week 4 - Foreign Bodies - 05 Aug 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Foreign Bodies and their Localisation	Course resources online. Textbook Reading - Foreign Bodies and Localisation. Chapter 16.	Zoom Tutorial: Monday 19:00 AEST (for students in other time zones please convert this to your local time)

Week 5 - Ascites and Paracentesis and Residential School - 12 Aug 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Ascites and Paracentesis Compulsory Online Induction required to be completed prior to Residential School.	Course resources online. Textbook Reading - Ascites and Paracentesis. Chapter 16.	Residential School Saturday 17th August 2019 09:00 -16:00 Sunday 18th August 2019 10:00 - 15.30 CQU Sydney Campus

Break Week - 19 Aug 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Time for a break.		

Week 6 - Pleural Effusion and Thoracentesis - 26 Aug 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Pleural Effusion and Thoracentesis	Course resources online. Textbook Reading - Pleural Effusion and Thoracentesis Chapter 16.	Zoom Tutorial: Monday 19:00 AEST (for students in other time zones please convert this to your local time)

Week 7 Abscess Drainage - 02 Sep 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Abscess Drainage	Course resources online. Textbook Reading - Abscess Drainage. Chapter 16.	

Week 8 - Joint Effusions and Arthrocentesis - 09 Sep 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Joint Effusions and Arthrocentesis	Course resources online. Textbook Reading - Joint Effusions and Arthrocentesis. Chapter 16.	Zoom Tutorial: Monday 19:00 AEST (for students in other time zones please convert this to your local time)

Week 9 - Regional Nerve Blocks - 16 Sep 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Regional Nerve Blocks	Course resources online. Textbook Reading - Regional Nerve Blocks. Chapter 16.	

Week 10 - Residential School - 23 Sep 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic

Zoom Tutorial: Monday 19:00 AEST
(for students in other time zones
please convert this to your local time)

Residential School

Course resources online.

Residential school
Saturday 28th September 2019
09:00 - 16:00
Sunday 29th September 2019
10:00 -15:30
CQU Sydney Campus

Week 11 - Lumbar Puncture - 30 Sep 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Lumbar Puncture	Textbook Reading - Lumbar Puncture. Chapter 16.	Practical Competency Assessments Due: Week 12 Friday (11 Oct 2019) 4:00 pm AEST Portfolio of clinical cases Due: Week 12 Friday (11 Oct 2019) 4:00 pm AEST

Week 12 - Portfolio due - 07 Oct 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Portfolio due Friday 17:00		Please have your portfolio uploaded by Friday 17:00 Practical Competency Assessments Due: Week 12 Friday (11 Oct 2019) 4:00 pm AEST Portfolio of clinical cases Due: Week 12 Friday (11 Oct 2019) 4:00 pm AEST

Exam Week - 21 Oct 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Results		Portfolio and assessments results returned by Friday 17:00

- 28 Oct 2019

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

Unit requirements are:

- One (1) compulsory infection control quiz in week 1.
- Seven (7) formative quizzes.
- There is a compulsory online induction required to be completed prior to attending residential school.
- There are two compulsory residential schools in weeks 5 and 10.
- Two (2) summative competency assessments in week 10.
- Opportunities for resits on the day will be available if your initial competency assessment in week 10 is not successful.
- Portfolio of four(4) clinical cases due in week 12.

Assessment Tasks

1 Practical Competency Assessments

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

In your professional life, you will come across difficult decision making regarding medical procedures. There is evidence that image-guided procedures have better outcomes for patients. Ultrasound is a modality that can aid in performing safe image-guided procedures as it is readily available, cheap, accessible and portable. However, it is operator dependent and training at a high level to use this technology is of paramount importance. Infection control and using an aseptic technique while performing the procedures is also important to reduce morbidity.

Practical competency assessments will be performed during week 1 (infection control) and the residential practical skills labs in week 10.

You will have the opportunity to receive formative feedback and attempt summative assessments at the residential schools.

There are two competency assessments:

Assessment 1.

There is one (1) infection control online quiz. The quiz will be open from Week 1 Monday 09:00 and close Week 1 Friday 17:00.

The questions are a mixture of short answer, matching, drag and drop, and true/false.

Students must obtain 100% marks in this quiz to PASS this assessment.

Multiple attempts are allowed. A Fail grade in this assessment will result in a Fail grade for the unit.

Assessment 2.

There are seven (7) formative assessment quizzes covering the following topics:

- Vascular access
- Ultrasound guided injections
- Pleural effusion
- Paracentesis
- Brachial plexus nerve blocks
- Femoral and Fascia Iliaca compartment nerve block
- Suprapubic catheterization and bladder drainage

These formative assessment quizzes will be open on Week 1 Monday and can be attempted any time till they close on Week 12 Friday at 17:00. For an optimum chance of success, you should attempt these quizzes after the relevant topic is covered during the course. You MUST attempt all the quizzes and secure 100% marks in each. Each quiz can be taken multiple times until all the answers are correct.

There are two (2) mandatory summative practical competency assessments, both of which MUST be passed to a "competency" level in order to pass the unit.

The mandatory regions of interest are:

- Vascular access
- Guided Injections

The assessment criteria and standards for the attainment of competency are outlined in documents available on the unit Moodle site.

Practical competency tests will take place at the second compulsory residential school. The residential school will be delivered on the Sydney campus.

Please note the following excerpt from the University Assessment of Coursework Procedures:

'...students who fail a single assessment task in a pass-fail unit, or who fail a pass-fail component of a graded unit will be deemed to have failed that unit'

([https://staffnet.cqu.edu.au/tools-resources/policies/Documents/Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\) \(current version - from Term 1, 2018\).pdf](https://staffnet.cqu.edu.au/tools-resources/policies/Documents/Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework) (current version - from Term 1, 2018).pdf))

Non- attendance will need to be supported by a Medical Certificate or equivalent.

A Pass/ Fail grade will be given.

A Fail grade in any of the assessments will result in a Fail grade for the unit.

Assessment Due Date

Week 12 Friday (11 Oct 2019) 4:00 pm AEST

Formative assessment quizzes are online. Summative competency assessment will be completed during second residential skills labs.

Return Date to Students

Exam Week Friday (25 Oct 2019)

Weighting

Pass/Fail

Minimum mark or grade

Pass/Fail

Assessment Criteria

A PASS grade for the summative assessments of any region will be based on competency criteria developed at CQUni by experienced clinical sonographers. Competency criteria reference documents are provided on the unit specific moodle site.

Competency will be focused on the correct knowledge for:

- Appropriate explanation of procedure and obtain informed consent
- Patient positioning
- Correct infection control technique
- Appropriate equipment for examination
- Correct patient details
- Correct choice of machine probe and presets
- Correct optimisation of image
- Correct optimisation of access for image
- Recognises anatomical relations
- Appropriate time for procedure with good patient care
- Ability to reduce image artifact
- Correct annotation
- Provides appropriate images
- Demonstrates the ability to integrate findings into the clinical care
- Ensures patient confidentiality
- Correct infection control
- Safe practice

Referencing Style

- [Vancouver](#)

Submission

Offline Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Evaluate the benefits and limitations of utilising medical ultrasound guidance during a medical procedure
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- Apply safe medical ultrasound techniques to generate appropriate ultrasound images for documentation purposes.

Graduate Attributes

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

- Ethical and Professional Responsibility

2 Portfolio of clinical cases

Assessment Type

Portfolio

Task Description

Ultrasound is a practical health profession, hence practical experience is vital to being able to develop the skills required to acquire and optimise an image, and safely perform a guided procedure. The clinical portfolio serves as a record of the experience that students have obtained during the unit.

You will collect Four (4) sets of documentation for an ultrasound study either done by yourself in clinical practice.

Each set will contain:

- Ultrasound images
- Formal report
- Self-evaluation of performance
- Each set of documents should be created in a unique folder on a USB (jpeg file)
- NO video files of any sort should be uploaded.

Assessment Due Date

Week 12 Friday (11 Oct 2019) 4:00 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Exam Week Friday (25 Oct 2019)

Portfolios will be marked by Friday of Exam Week

Weighting

Pass/Fail

Minimum mark or grade

Pass/Fail

Assessment Criteria

By the second residential school, each student will have a minimum of four cases in their portfolio. This will include a mix of cases to ensure exposure to a range of procedures and enhance understanding of image guided procedure advantages and limitations. Each case must be reviewed and signed by your clinical supervisor. You can collect these cases at the site of your clinical work or during the residential school labs.

Students will bring their clinical portfolio with them to the second residential school for review. This will include a hard copy of the portfolio template duly filled in and signed by the student and the supervisor, and a USB containing images (jpeg) obtained in each study. The USB will be retained for marking. Please make sure that patient privacy is adhered to by de-identifying all images.

Each case should address the following:

- A brief demographic of patient
- Clinical context
- Description of the procedure performed
- Most appropriate image
- Self-reflection

Referencing Style

- [Vancouver](#)

Submission

Offline Online

Submission Instructions

Bring all the documents of the portfolio on a USB.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

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Graduate Attributes

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

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