



OCCT14002 Specialisation in Occupational Therapy

Term 2 - 2021

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General Information

Overview

This unit builds upon the foundation knowledge and practice experience you have built throughout the occupational therapy course. The focus of this unit is to equip you to undertake autonomous, evidence-based practice as a new graduate in regional Australia. It is comprised of various modules which will advance your professional skills for independent practice. Each module will be offered in semi-block mode to enable immersion in a specialised area of clinical practice. The range of modules will be subject to resources including availability of experts to contribute. Depending on the number and scope of modules offered, there may be some choice in which modules you undertake. However, a compulsory module will focus on research and evidence-based practice in occupational therapy, and you will work on a research project that follows on from the Evidence Review you undertook in OCCT13008, and then further developed in OCCT14006.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 4*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 8

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Prerequisites: OCCT13008 (or OCC13005 and OCCT13006)

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 - 2021

- Bundaberg
- Rockhampton

Attendance Requirements

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

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. **Research Proposal**

Weighting: 50%

2. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 30%

3. **Presentation**

Weighting: 20%

4. **Case Study**

Weighting: Pass/Fail

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 Have Your Say

Feedback

Students highly valued the knowledge and resources they gained from the specialist intensive modules.

Recommendation

It is recommended that we continue to provide specialist intensive modules in the final term of the CB84 course to support student readiness for professional practice.

Feedback from Have Your Say; occupational therapy team reflections and discussions

Feedback

It is possible that requiring students to propose an RCT research protocol is represents an unrealistically high expectation at this undergraduate honours level. Students requested a review of the research content taught throughout the CB84 course to ensure that expectations in this unit reasonably reflect prior student learning and that additional classes are provided for new content e.g., sample size calculations.

Recommendation

A full review of research teaching is underway, with CB84 transitioning to the ALLH honours research units, commencing for 3rd year students in Term 2 2022. This means that OCCT14002 will be offered in its present format on only two more occasions. It is recommended that, for these offerings, extra classes be added to the Research Module for OCCT14002 to accommodate the content that students reported to be challenging.

Unit Learning Outcomes

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

1. Develop client-centered, evidence-based intervention plans for clients in specialty areas
2. Prepare research plans (including protocols and ethics applications) for projects that provide evidence to improve occupational therapy practice in specialist areas
3. Communicate evidence orally to a wide range of stakeholders to improve occupational therapy practice in emerging or specialist areas.

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Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes		
	1	2	3
1 - Research Proposal - 50%	•	•	
2 - Written Assessment - 30%		•	
3 - Presentation - 20%			•
4 - Case Study - 0%	•		

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes		
	1	2	3
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			

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

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Prescribed

Evidence-Based Practice Across the Health Professions

Edition: 3rd ed (2017)

Authors: Tammy Hoffman, Sally Bennett, Chris Del Mar

Elsevier

ISBN: 9780729542555

Binding: Paperback

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Supplementary

An occupational therapist's guide to home modification practice.

Edition: 2nd (2018)

Authors: Ainsworth, E., & de Jonge, D.

SLACK Inc.

Thorofare , NJ , USA

Binding: Paperback

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Supplementary

Introduction to Research: Understanding and applying multiple strategies

Edition: 5th ed (2016)

Authors: DePoy, E., & Gitlin, L.N.

Elsevier

New York , New York , USA

Binding: Paperback

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Supplementary

Pain: A textbook for health professionals

Edition: 2nd ed. (2014)

Authors: Van Griensven, H., Strong, J., & Unruh, A.M.

Churchill Livingstone Elsevier

Edinburgh , Scotland

Binding: Paperback

Additional Textbook Information

Both paper and eBook versions of the prescribed text can be purchased at the CQUni Bookshop here: <http://bookshop.cqu.edu.au> (search on the Unit code).

The supplementary texts are paper only.

[View textbooks at the CQUniversity Bookshop](#)

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)
- Microsoft office suite
- PowerPoint
- Zoom
- Adobe Acrobat Reader (or similar) software for viewing PDF documents.
- Pdf creator/scanner

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: [American Psychological Association 7th Edition \(APA 7th edition\)](#)

For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

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Schedule

Week 1 - 12 Jul 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Research & EBP Module 1 - Writing a research proposal - Conducting ethical research	O'Leary, Z. (2017). The Essential Guide to doing your research project (3rd ed). Thousand Oaks CA: Sage. Chapter 3.	
	DePoy, E., & Gitlin, L.N. (2016). <i>Introduction to Research: Understanding and applying multiple strategies</i> (5th ed). New York: Elsevier.	
	Portney, L., & Watkins, M. (2015). Asking the research questions (pp. 121-138) and Writing a Research Proposal (pp. 759-770). In <i>Foundations of clinical research</i> (3rd ed.) Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice-Hall Inc.	
	Talbot, L., & Verrinder, G. (2008). Turn a stack of papers into a literature review: Useful tools for beginners. <i>Focus on Health Professional Education: A Multidisciplinary Journal</i> , 10(1), 51.	

Week 2 - 19 Jul 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Research & EBP Module 2 - Presenting your research - Group meetings	Portney, L., & Watkins, M. (2015). Ethical issues in Clinical Research. In <i>Foundations of clinical research</i> (3rd ed.) (pp. 47-60). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice-Hall Inc.	
	Fitzgerald, M.H., Phillips, P.A., & Yule, E. (2006). The research ethics review process and ethics review narratives. <i>Ethics & Behavior</i> , 16(4), 377-395.	Meeting schedule to be posted on Moodle
	DePoy, E., & Gitlin, L.N. (2015). Research Ethics. In <i>Introduction to research: Understanding and applying multiple strategies</i> . Elsevier Health Sciences.	

Week 3 - 26 Jul 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Research & EBP Module 3
 - Q&A
 - Group meetings with Maria

Meeting schedule to be posted on Moodle

Week 4 - 02 Aug 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Advanced Home Modifications Module 1	<p>Ainsworth, E., & de Jonge, D. (2nd ed) (2018). <i>An occupational therapist's guide to home modification practice</i>. Thorofare, NJ: SLACK Inc. (Specific chapters will be nominated on Moodle.)</p> <p>Parts of the following documents as loaded onto Moodle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standards Australia. (2009). AS1428.1. Design for access and mobility – General requirements for access – New building work. Standards Australia. (1995). AS4299 – Adaptable Housing. Standards Australia. (1992). AS1428.2. Design for access and mobility – Enhanced and additional requirements – Buildings and facilities. 	

Week 5 - 09 Aug 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Advanced Home Modifications Module 2	As for Week 4	Home modifications quiz at end of Home Modifications Module.

Vacation Week - 16 Aug 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
No classes		

Week 6 - 23 Aug 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Research & EBP Module 4 - Group sessions - Q&A	See Weeks 1 and 2	Meeting schedule to be posted on Moodle

Week 7 - 30 Aug 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Pain Module 1	<p>Scanlan, J.N., & Novak, T. (2015). Sensory approaches in mental health: A scoping review. <i>Australian Occupational Therapy Journal</i>, 62, 277-285.</p> <p>Czyzewski et al. (2016). Maintenance of pain in children with functional abdominal pain. <i>Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology & Nutrition</i>, 62, 393-398.</p> <p>Van Griensven, H., Strong, J., & Unruh, A.M. (2014). <i>Pain: A textbook for health professionals</i> (2nd ed.). Churchill Livingstone Elsevier, Edinburgh. (Textbook in OT storerooms): Chapter 1- Introduction to pain pp. 1-8 Chapter 6- Neurophysiology of pain pp. 77-90 Chapter 7- Assessing pain pp. 91-114.</p>	<p>Research Protocol Due: Week 7 Monday (30 Aug 2021) 5:00 am AEST</p>

Week 8 - 06 Sep 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Dementia Module 1	A full reading list is available on Moodle.	

Week 9 - 13 Sep 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Pain Module 2	See additional readings on Moodle.	Pain quiz at end of Pain Module.

Week 10 - 20 Sep 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Dementia Module 2	See additional readings on Moodle.	Dementia quiz at end of Dementia Module. Ethics Application Due: Week 10 Monday (20 Sep 2021) 5:00 am AEST

Week 11 - 27 Sep 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
No classes - Focus on developing presentation		Draft of the PowerPoint slides for conference presentation due midnight Friday 1st October.

Week 12 - 04 Oct 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Research & EBP Module - Feedback provided on PowerPoint and further research discussions (group meetings).		Meeting schedule to be posted on Moodle

Review/Exam Week - 11 Oct 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Conference Day		PowerPoint presentation slides due before 9.00 am on the day of the Conference. 20% Conference Presentation to take place at the scheduled time during the conference, anticipated to be on Friday 15th October. Conference Presentation Due: Review/Exam Week Friday (15 Oct 2021) 9:00 am AEST

Term Specific Information

This unit will be delivered via a combination of on-campus classes, online classes, and small group meetings via Zoom. Use Moodle to stay up to date with weekly information.

Assessment Tasks

1 Research Protocol

Assessment Type

Research Proposal

Task Description

This assignment involves developing a detailed research proposal (or protocol) for your research project. A protocol is detailed plan for your research project, including a research question and details of the objectives, research design, methodology, and budget to be used. A **Research Proposal Template** is provided to support development of your

protocol. The grades are allocated for the following components:

STATEMENT OF THE RESEARCH PROBLEM [5 marks]

STATEMENT OF THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDY [5 marks]

DEFINITION OF KEY TERMS [2.5 marks]

LITERATURE REVIEW [25 marks]

METHODS Section [30 marks] (see below)

Statement of design

Subjects

Instruments/Materials

Procedure

Data man/analysis

Timeline

Budget

Budget Justification

SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS [5 marks]

SIGNIFICANCE AND CONTRIBUTION TO KNOWLEDGE [10 marks]

PRESENTATION AND REFERENCES [7.5 marks]

INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION [10 marks]

Assessment Due Date

Week 7 Monday (30 Aug 2021) 5:00 am AEST

Submit in Word document via Moodle

Return Date to Students

Week 9 Monday (13 Sept 2021)

Weighting

50%

Minimum mark or grade

50/100 (50%)

Assessment Criteria

A detailed marking rubric is provided in Moodle. The assignment is graded out of 100 marks, and is worth 50% of the grade for this Unit. While completed as a assignment in pairs, 10 marks (5%) are allocated to individual reflections.

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 7th Edition \(APA 7th edition\)](#)

Submission

Online Group

Submission Instructions

Each student should submit their own copy of the assignment and include their individual reflection.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Develop client-centered, evidence-based intervention plans for clients in specialty areas
- Prepare research plans (including protocols and ethics applications) for projects that provide evidence to improve occupational therapy practice in specialist areas

Graduate Attributes

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

2 Ethics Application

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

This assignment involves completion of an ethics application that relates to your research proposal. A template will be provided. The application is completed in pairs and must be passed (minimum 50%) to complete the Unit.

Assessment Due Date

Week 10 Monday (20 Sept 2021) 5:00 am AEST

Submit through Moodle.

Return Date to Students

Week 12 Monday (4 Oct 2021)

Weighting

30%

Minimum mark or grade

15/30 (50%)

Assessment Criteria

A detailed marking rubric is available on Moodle. The assignment is marked out of 30 and is worth 30% of the marks for the Unit in the following sections:

Researchers (0.5 marks)
Project Details (11 marks)
Funding and Finance (1 mark)
Other Approvals (1 mark)
Recruitment of Participants (4 marks)
Consent (6 marks)
Information protection (4 marks)
Dissemination of Results (2 marks)
Declarations (0.5 marks)

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 7th Edition \(APA 7th edition\)](#)

Submission

Online Group

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Prepare research plans (including protocols and ethics applications) for projects that provide evidence to improve occupational therapy practice in specialist areas

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Team Work
- Ethical practice

3 Conference Presentation

Assessment Type

Presentation

Task Description

In your research project team you will develop and deliver a conference presentation on the topic of your research project to a group of your student peers and professional partners during the graduate student conference. You must pass this component of the Unit to pass the Unit overall.

Assessment Due Date

Review/Exam Week Friday (15 Oct 2021) 9:00 am AEST

The PowerPoint file should be submitted through Moodle before the conference commences.

Return Date to Students

Results will be released to students upon certification of grades

Weighting

20%

Minimum mark or grade

10/20 (50%)

Assessment Criteria

The presentation will be graded out of 20% using the following criteria:

Overall Structure and content of presentation [6 marks]

Presentation quality [4 marks]
Questions (N.B. Individual mark)[4 marks]
Presentation Style (N.B. Individual mark) [6 marks]

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 7th Edition \(APA 7th edition\)](#)

Submission

Online Group

Submission Instructions

The PowerPoint file should be submitted through Moodle before the conference commences.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Communicate evidence orally to a wide range of stakeholders to improve occupational therapy practice in emerging or specialist areas.

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Team Work
- Information Technology Competence

4 Case Studies

Assessment Type

Case Study

Task Description

Each of the three (3) specialist modules will be examined using a different case study. This will occur on the final day of each module. Approximately five (5) short answer questions will relate to the content taught in the module, and each of the case studies will be graded out of five (5) marks. You must obtain 7.5 out of 15 marks (50%) overall to obtain a passing mark for this pass/fail assessment piece.

Assessment Due Date

Return Date to Students

Weighting

Pass/Fail

Minimum mark or grade

You must obtain 7.5 out of 15 marks (50%) to obtain a passing mark for this pass/fail assessment piece. You must pass this assessment to obtain a pass for the Unit overall.

Assessment Criteria

No Assessment Criteria

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 7th Edition \(APA 7th edition\)](#)

Submission

Offline

Submission Instructions

Assessments will be collected at the end of each module, in person or via email.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Develop client-centered, evidence-based intervention plans for clients in specialty areas

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking

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