

In Progress

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PMSC28005 Prescribing for Primary Healthcare Practice

Term 3 - 2025

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All details in this unit profile for PMSC28005 have been officially approved by CQU University and represent a learning partnership between the University and you (our student). The information will not be changed unless absolutely necessary and any change will be clearly indicated by an approved correction included in the profile.

General Information

Overview

This unit is designed to equip primary healthcare paramedics with the essential knowledge and skills required for effective medication prescribing across diverse clinical settings. It covers the foundational aspects of pharmacology, including pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, drug interactions, and rational medication use. Additionally, it focuses on interpreting and applying prescribing guidelines, navigating legal, cultural and ethical considerations, and ensuring compliance with professional standards. You will also learn to critically assess patient information, make evidence-based prescribing decisions, and cultivate effective communication and collaboration skills vital for interprofessional practice. This comprehensive unit provides a well-rounded foundation for primary healthcare paramedics seeking to excel in medication prescribing, ultimately improving patient care and outcomes.

Details

Career Level: *Postgraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 8*

Credit Points: 12

Student Contribution Band: 8

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.25

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

PMSC20013 - Primary Healthcare 2 as a pre-requisite 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 3 - 2025

No offerings for PMSC28005

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 Postgraduate 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

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](#).

Unit Learning Outcomes

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

1. Evaluate the knowledge of pharmacology, including the principles of pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, drug interactions, and adverse reactions, while applying the rational use of medications in diverse and cross-cultural healthcare contexts
2. Interpret and apply local and international prescribing guidelines, standards, and legislation, while navigating legal, cultural, and ethical considerations associated with prescribing, and ensuring adherence to professional and regulatory standards
3. Critically analyse patient assessments, clinical presentations, and available evidence from local, global, and cross-cultural perspectives to make safe, effective, and evidence-based prescribing decisions
4. Demonstrate effective communication and collaboration skills necessary for interprofessional prescribing practice, to provide holistic, culturally sensitive, patient-centred care.

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes

 N/A Level	 Introductory Level	 Intermediate Level	 Graduate Level	 Professional Level	 Advanced Level
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Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes			
	1	2	3	4
1 - Online Quiz(zes) - 30%	•	•		
2 - Written Assessment - 30%		•	•	
3 - Presentation - 40%			•	•

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes			
	1	2	3	4
1 - Knowledge				
2 - Communication				
3 - Cognitive, technical and creative skills				
4 - Research				
5 - Self-management				
6 - Ethical and Professional Responsibility				
7 - Leadership				
8 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures				

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

Information for Textbooks is not yet available.

The textbooks have not yet been finalised.

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

Referencing Style

Information for Referencing Style has not been released yet.

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Teaching Contacts

Information for Teaching Contacts has not been released yet.

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Assessment Tasks

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Academic Integrity Statement

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