



PSIO12001 *Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy 1*

Term 1 - 2019

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Corrections

Unit Profile Correction added on 07-03-19

Additional PASS/FAIL Hurdle

In order to PASS PSIO12001 Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy 1 you are required to attend 8 hours of observational placement in a health clinic and/or hospital. This may be scheduled as one 8 hour block over one day or two 4 hours blocks over two days. To minimise the impact on your studies this may be scheduled outside of Term time. This placement will be organised by the Clinical Education Coordinator within the Physiotherapy Team at Central Queensland University. A detailed schedule will be released during the Term once all facilities have confirmed their availability.

General Information

Overview

This unit will provide you with an introduction to the assessment and treatment of musculoskeletal conditions in the lower limb, pelvis and lumbar spine for clients across the lifespan. This unit will focus on the development of an evidence based, problem solving approach to common clinical presentations. The completion of this unit will enable you to apply effective clinical reasoning and to integrate and apply both specific and generic physiotherapeutic skills that underpin client-centred assessment and management.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 2*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 8

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

To enrol in PSIO12001 Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy 1 you must be enrolled into the CB85 course and have completed the following pre-requisites: PSIO11004 Foundations of Physiotherapy Practice 1 PSIO11003 Foundations of Physiotherapy Practice 2 BMSC11007 Medical Anatomy and Physiology 1 BMSC11008 Medical Anatomy and Physiology 2
Co-requisite: ALLH12008 Functional Anatomy and Biomechanics

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 - 2019

- 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. **Online Quiz(zes)**

Weighting: 20%

2. **Group Work**

Weighting: 30%

3. **Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs)**

Weighting: 50%

4. **On-campus Activity**

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

The teaching staff have been praised for their passion, commitment to education and knowledge.

Recommendation

The teaching staff should, where possible, remain consistent in future years, or, if new staff are required, they at least need to be passionate and committed.

Feedback from Have Your Say

Feedback

Students would like more case studies and opportunities to practice their clinical reasoning skills

Recommendation

Additional case studies will be put in the practical manual with additional notes pages for students to facilitate their learning.

Feedback from Have Your Say

Feedback

The practical assessment felt rush and students didn't have enough time to explain all the information they have learnt.

Recommendation

The Objective Structured Clinical Exam is a structured practical assessment designed to assess students technical and clinical reasoning skills and is consistent with other Australian and New Zealand Universities.

Feedback from Have Your Say

Feedback

The students enjoyed the Practical Manual but suggested it could be improved.

Recommendation

The teaching staff have asked all students for direct feedback to improve the practical book and changes will be made based on this feedback for 2019.

Unit Learning Outcomes

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

1. Identify and discuss the clinical presentation of common musculoskeletal conditions
2. Identify and discuss assessment and treatment techniques for common musculoskeletal conditions, while identifying clinical indicators of serious pathology
3. Design and demonstrate an assessment of a client and interpret and analyse the findings
4. Design and demonstrate safe and effective physiotherapy interventions
5. Demonstrate acceptable professional and ethical behaviours consistent with a physiotherapy practitioner.

The Learning Outcomes and Assessment tasks have been mapped against and aligned with the Australian Physiotherapy Council's Physiotherapy Practice Thresholds.

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes				
	1	2	3	4	5
1 - Online Quiz(zes) - 20%	•	•			
2 - Group Work - 30%	•	•			
3 - On-campus Activity - 0%					•
4 - Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs) - 50%			•	•	•

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes				
	1	2	3	4	5
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 - Group Work - 30%	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
3 - On-campus Activity - 0%	•							•		
4 - Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs) - 50%	•	•	•	•			•	•		

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

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Prescribed

Brukner & Khan's Clinical Sports Medicine: Volume 1 Injuries

Edition: 5th (2017)

Authors: Brukner, P., Clarsen, B., Cook, J., Cools, A., Crossley, K. Hutchinson, M., McCrory, P., Bahr, R., & Khan, K.

McGraw Hill Education

Sydney , NSW , Australia

ISBN: 9781743761380

Binding: Hardcover

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Prescribed

Musculoskeletal Examination and Assessment: A handbook for therapists

Edition: 5th (2018)

Authors: Petty, N. & Ryder D.

Elsevier

Sydney , NSW , Australia

ISBN: 9780702067174

Binding: Paperback

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Supplementary

Principles of Musculoskeletal Treatment and Management: A handbook for therapists

Edition: 3rd (2018)

Authors: Petty, N. & Barnard, K.

Elsevier

Sydney , NSW , Australia

ISBN: 9780702067198

Binding: Paperback

Additional Textbook Information

The supplementary textbook titled "Principles of Musculoskeletal Treatment and Management: A handbook for therapists" is a prescribed textbook for PSIO13007 Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy 3 in Third Year. There could be a financial benefit to purchasing both "Musculoskeletal Examination and Assessment: A handbook for therapists" and "Principles of Musculoskeletal Treatment and Management: A handbook for therapists" as a bundle package.

Paper copies can be purchased at 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)

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: [American Psychological Association 6th Edition \(APA 6th edition\)](#)

For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

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Schedule

Week 1 - 11 Mar 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Unit Introduction Structuring a patient interview Understanding red flags and the impact of musculoskeletal physiotherapy practice	N/A	N/A

Week 2 - 18 Mar 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Clinical reasoning Neurological testing	Petty & Ryder (2018). Chapter 3. 'Physical Examination' pp 35 Petty & Ryder (2018). Chapter 4. 'Clinical reasoning and Assessment' pp 122 Brukner and Khan (2017). Chapter 17. Treatment of Sports Injuries pp 258-259	Confirm groups for presentation

Week 3 - 25 Mar 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Introduction to exercise prescription Re-visit the musculoskeletal assessment	Brukner and Khan (2017) Chapter 10 'Training programming and prescription' pp 139	N/A

Week 4 - 01 Apr 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Management of acute injuries Re-visit the musculoskeletal treatment	Brukner and Khan (2017). Chapter 17. Treatment of Sports Injuries pp 239	N/A

Week 5 - 08 Apr 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Examination of the hip region	Petty and Ryder (2018) Chapter 3 'Physical Examination' pp 35 Petty and Ryder (2018) Chapter 14 'Examination of the hip region' pp 366 Brukner and Khan (2017) Chapter 28 'Hip pain' pp 593	N/A

Vacation Week - 15 Apr 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
N/A	N/A	N/A

Week 6 - 22 Apr 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Examination of the knee region	Petty and Ryder (2018). Chapter 15. 'Examination of the Knee', pp 389 Brukner and Khan K (2017). Chapters 35-37	First Online Quiz (10%) Due: Tuesday 23rd April 9am (location TBC. Please see Moodle for updates).

Week 7 - 29 Apr 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic

Examination of the ankle region	Petty and Ryder (2018). Chapter 16 'Examination of the Foot and Ankle', pp 418 Brukner and Khan (2017). Chapters 40-42	Group Work Presentation (30%) Due: Week 7 Friday (3 May 2019) 9:00 am AEST
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Week 8 - 06 May 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Examination of the foot	Petty and Ryder (2018). Chapter 16 'Examination of the Foot and Ankle' pp 419 Brukner and Khan (2017). Chapter 43 'Foot pain' pp 937	N/A

Week 9 - 13 May 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Assessment of the lumbar spine	Petty and Ryder (2018) Chapter 12 'Examination of the lumbar spine' pp 327 Brukner and Khan (2017) Chapter 29 'Low back pain' pp 521	Reminder to complete the 'Have your say' Unit evaluations.

Week 10 - 20 May 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Examination of the sacroiliac joint and buttock region	Brukner & Khan (2017). Chapter 30 'Buttock pain' p567 Petty and Ryder (2018). Chapter 13 'Examination of the pelvis' p349	Reminder to complete the 'Have your say' Unit evaluations.

Week 11 - 27 May 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Differentiation of lumbar and pelvis pain	N/A	Second Online Quiz (10%) Due: Tuesday 28th May 9am (location TBC. Please see Moodle for updates). Reminder to complete the 'Have your say' Unit evaluations.

Week 12 - 03 Jun 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
OSCE preparation	N/A	Reminder to complete the 'Have your say' Unit evaluations.

Review/Exam Week - 10 Jun 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
N/A	N/A	OSCE (50%) - will be scheduled in either Exam Week 1 or Exam Week 2. See Moodle for updates. Reminder to complete the 'Have your say' Unit evaluations.

Exam Week - 17 Jun 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
N/A	N/A	OSCE (50%) - will be scheduled in either Exam Week 1 or Exam Week 2. See Moodle for updates. Reminder to complete the 'Have your say' Unit evaluations.

Assessment Tasks

1 Online Quizzes (20%)

Assessment Type

Online Quiz(zes)

Task Description

There are two online quizzes that will be held on-campus (Rockhampton and Bundaberg only) and delivered via the Moodle platform:

- **Quiz 1** in Week 6 **Tuesday 23rd April 9am** (10% of unit grade) - covering content from weeks 1-5 inclusive of all lectures, practicals, and required readings.
- **Quiz 2** in Week 11 **Tuesday 28th May 9am** (10% of unit grade) - covering content from weeks 6-10 inclusive of all lectures, practicals, and required readings.

Both quizzes will consist of up to 20 questions, and will have a time limit of 50 minutes. The questions will be identical for all students but the order in which they appear will be randomly generated by a computer, so that the quizzes will appear differently for each student. Access to books, notes, websites (other than the quiz) and use of other electronic devices are prohibited during the quiz. The use of a mobile phone is not permitted for this assessment. Both of these quizzes may be scheduled outside of normal class hours.

The quizzes will consist of some or all of these categories:

- Multiple choice questions.
- Fill in the missing word(s) questions.
- Questions relating to multimedia material (e.g. images, videos).
- Short answer questions

Number of Quizzes

2

Frequency of Quizzes

Other

Assessment Due Date

Return Date to Students

Results will be accessible on Moodle within two weeks of the submission date.

Weighting

20%

Assessment Criteria

All questions will be marked numerically and an overall percentage mark will be awarded.

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 6th Edition \(APA 6th edition\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

The online quizzes will be held on-campus and delivered via the Moodle platform.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Identify and discuss the clinical presentation of common musculoskeletal conditions
- Identify and discuss assessment and treatment techniques for common musculoskeletal conditions, while identifying clinical indicators of serious pathology

Graduate Attributes

- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Information Technology Competence
- Ethical practice

2 Group Work Presentation (30%)

Assessment Type

Group Work

Task Description

You will work in a group of three students to develop a formal oral presentation appraising **one (1) assessment OR treatment** technique relevant to a chosen musculoskeletal condition taught in MSK1.

The presentation must include a background to the technique, an appraisal of the literature investigating the technique, and a clinical take home message (see Moodle for specific details).

The presentation will be a maximum of 10 minutes with 5 minutes of questions. All group members must participate in the oral presentation.

The oral presentations will be scheduled in Week 7 on Friday 3rd May from 9:00am. A timetable for the presentations will be released during term. You are required to wear your clinical uniform.

Assessment Due Date

Week 7 Friday (3 May 2019) 9:00 am AEST

Presentations will start at 9:00am

Return Date to Students

Results will be accessible on Moodle within two weeks of completion.

Weighting

30%

Assessment Criteria

The assessment rubric for this assessment task is based on the Australian Standards for Physiotherapy, the Accreditation Standard set by the Australian Physiotherapy Council, and The Assessment of Physiotherapy Practice Instrument. These quality frameworks are mapped against the CQUniversity Graduate Attributes and are intended to give a holistic understanding of standards expected for the assessment task.

Detailed marking criteria will be available on the unit Moodle site, and will be based on the following rubric categories:

- Overall presentation (20%)
- Background (25%)
- Critical evaluation of the technique (30%)
- Take home message (25%)

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 6th Edition \(APA 6th edition\)](#)

Submission

Offline

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Identify and discuss the clinical presentation of common musculoskeletal conditions
- Identify and discuss assessment and treatment techniques for common musculoskeletal conditions, while identifying clinical indicators of serious pathology

Graduate Attributes

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

3 Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) (50%)

Assessment Type

Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs)

Task Description

The Objective Structured Clinical Exam (OSCE) is intended to assess your theoretical knowledge and practical application of physiotherapy assessment, treatment and clinical reasoning. The OSCE will be held in either Exam Week 1 or Exam Week 2. A timetable for the OSCE will be published on Moodle during term. The OSCE will be based on two (2) written clinical scenarios (simulated patients) and will last approximately 60 minutes (i.e. 30 min preparation time and 30 min examination time). You will be given 30 minutes before the formal OSCE to prepare for both clinical scenarios. When the

OSCE commences you will be given 15 minutes to complete each clinical scenario. Your performance on each clinical scenario will be assessed by a different examiner (i.e. you will be examined by two examiners - one per clinical scenario). For each scenario you will be required to plan, discuss and perform relevant aspects of physiotherapy assessment, treatment and overall management.

You may be requested to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the presenting condition, including relevant pathophysiology, pathoanatomy and symptomatology.
- Identify and act upon any precautions and/or contraindications to assessment and/or treatment.
- Demonstrate knowledge and clinical reasoning in the selection of assessment, treatment and/or overall management.
- Demonstrate clear, effective and thorough communication.
- Demonstrate safe and effective application of clinical assessment, treatment and/or overall management.
- Explain and interpret the findings of a clinical assessment and/or treatment, including progression and regression of selected treatment techniques.

All material relevant to musculoskeletal physiotherapy assessment and treatment covered in the following pre-requisite and co-requisite units is also examinable in the OSCE: Foundations of Physiotherapy Practice 1 (PSIO11004), Foundations of Physiotherapy Practice 2 (PSIO11003), Functional Anatomy and Biomechanics (ALLH12008). During your examination you should be attired in your full clinical uniform. If you are required to be a 'simulated patient' for another student's examination please bring additional clothes suitable for a clinical assessment.

Assessment Due Date

The Practical Assessment (OSCE) will be held in either Exam Week 1 or Exam Week 2.

Return Date to Students

Results will be accessible on Moodle within two weeks following completion.

Weighting

50%

Minimum mark or grade

In order to PASS the OSCE you must: 1) PASS the PASS/FAIL component of Risk Management/Safety for each of the two clinical scenarios, and 2) achieve 50% or higher for each of the two clinical scenarios. Refer to 'Assessment Criteria' for further details.

Assessment Criteria

The assessment rubric for this assessment task is based on the Australian Standards for Physiotherapy, the Accreditation Standard set by the Australian Physiotherapy Council, and The Assessment of Physiotherapy Practice Instrument. These quality frameworks are mapped against the CQUniversity Graduate Attributes and are intended to give a holistic understanding of standards expected for the assessment task.

Detailed marking criteria will be available on the unit Moodle site, and will be based on the following rubric categories:

- Professional Behaviour (5%)
- Communication (15%)
- Anatomical Knowledge (5%)
- Clinical Reasoning (20%)
- Selection, application and interpretation of assessment (30%)
- Selection, application and interpretation of treatment/management (25%)
- Risk Management/Safety (PASS/FAIL)

In order to PASS the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) you must:

1) achieve a PASS result for the PASS/FAIL component of Risk Management/Safety for each of the two clinical scenarios (i.e. PASS for clinical scenario one and PASS for clinical scenario two).

AND

2) achieve 50% or higher in the graded component for each of the two clinical scenarios (i.e. a minimum of 50% for clinical scenario one and a minimum of 50% for clinical scenario two).

If you do not meet the above criteria for each clinical scenario, you will be eligible for one opportunity to re-sit the entire OSCE assessment task, provided you have:

1) achieved an overall grade equal to, or higher than 44.5% for your OSCE.

AND

2) achieved 49.5% or higher for each of the assessment items that have been completed and graded at the time of the OSCE.

OSCE re-sit conditions:

- 1) If you meet the eligibility criteria for a re-sit, you will be given only one re-sit opportunity to pass the OSCE.
- 2) The re-sit will be assessed by up to two examiners and will be of an equivalent format to the original assessment task.
- 3) Where possible, the re-sit will be conducted within two weeks from the release of grades.
- 4) The assessment criteria of the re-sit will be identical to the original OSCE.
- 5) If you pass the re-sit you will receive a grade of exactly 50% for the OSCE (i.e. 25% of the Unit grade), irrespective of your achievement for the graded component. This is to ensure equity to those students who only had one attempt.

If you do not meet the requirements to be offered a re-sit, you will receive your original grade and may be offered a supplementary assessment in line with CQUniversity Policy.

If you do not PASS the re-sit, you will receive a grade equal to your re-sit OSCE grade and may be offered a supplementary assessment in line with CQUniversity Policy.

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 6th Edition \(APA 6th edition\)](#)

Submission

No submission method provided.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Design and demonstrate an assessment of a client and interpret and analyse the findings
- Design and demonstrate safe and effective physiotherapy interventions
- Demonstrate acceptable professional and ethical behaviours consistent with a physiotherapy practitioner.

Graduate Attributes

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

4 Attendance Hurdle

Assessment Type

On-campus Activity

Task Description

A minimum attendance rate of 85% for all scheduled tutorial and practical sessions is required to PASS this unit. This minimum attendance requirement is recommended by the Australian Physiotherapy Council. The monitoring of attendance will take into consideration legitimate requests for absence, such as those outlined in the CQUniversity Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework) document, and these will not be counted as absence for the purpose of this attendance requirement.

Assessment Due Date

Attendance rate will be determined at the end of term (i.e. Week 12)

Return Date to Students

Attendance rate will be determined at the end of term (i.e. Week 12)

Weighting

Pass/Fail

Minimum mark or grade

In order to be eligible to PASS this unit, you must achieve a PASS for the Attendance Hurdle. To PASS the Attendance Hurdle you must attend at least 85% of all scheduled tutorials/practicals for this unit.

Assessment Criteria

Your attendance at each scheduled practical session will be recorded by the tutor using an attendance spreadsheet. The

monitoring of attendance will take into consideration legitimate requests for absence, such as those outlined in the CQUniversity Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework) document, and these will not be counted as absence for the purpose of this attendance requirement.

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 6th Edition \(APA 6th edition\)](#)

Submission

No submission method provided.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Demonstrate acceptable professional and ethical behaviours consistent with a physiotherapy practitioner.

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- 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