



PSIO12005 Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy 2

Term 2 - 2023

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General Information

Overview

In this unit you will develop your skills in the examination, assessment, treatment and management of patients with musculoskeletal conditions in the upper limb, head, cervical and thoracic spine for clients across the lifespan. You will increase your knowledge of the theory and research underpinning physiotherapy practice, including the use of self-management, education strategies, electrotherapeutic agents, and outcome measures. Completion of this unit will enable you to effectively clinically reason and integrate 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 PSIO12005 Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy 2 you must be enrolled into the CB85 course and have completed the following pre-requisites: PSIO12001 Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy 1 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 2 - 2023

- 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. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 30%

3. **On-campus Activity**

Weighting: Pass/Fail

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

Weighting: 50%

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 Verbal feedback

Feedback

Students found the teaching team very supportive, knowledgeable, and passionate about the topic and tertiary education.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the teaching team remain consistent for future iterations of this unit.

Feedback from SUTE feedback

Feedback

Students found the rubric for the scientific poster difficult to follow.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the teaching team consider the rubric for the scientific poster assignment.

Unit Learning Outcomes

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

1. Identify and discuss 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 the 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 - Written Assessment - 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 - Written Assessment - 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: Injuries, Volume 1

Edition: 5th ed (2017)

Authors: Brukner P, Clarsen B, Cook J, Cools A, Crossley K, Hutchinson M, McCrory P, Bahr R, and Khan K
McGraw-Hill

Sydney , New South Wales , Australia

ISBN: 9780070998131

Binding: Hardcover

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Prescribed

Musculoskeletal Examination and Assessment: A Handbook for Therapists

Edition: 5th ed (2018)

Authors: Petty N and Ryder D

Elsevier

London , UK

ISBN: 9780702067174

Binding: Paperback

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Supplementary

Orthopedic Physical Assessment

Seventh Edition (2020)

Authors: Magee, D. & Manske, R.

Elsevier

St Louis St Louis , Missouri , United States of America

ISBN: 9780323749510

Binding: Hardcover

[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: [Vancouver](#)
For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

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Schedule

Week 1 - 10 Jul 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Unit Introduction Cervical Spine Region	Petty, N. & Ryder, D. (2018). 'Chapter 6: Examination of the upper cervical region' p168 Petty, N. & Ryder, D. (2018). 'Chapter 7: Examination of the upper cervicothoracic region' p208 Brukner, P. & Khan, K. (2017). 'Chapter 23: Neck Pain' p347	N/A
Week 2 - 17 Jul 2023		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Understanding Headaches Revisiting the Neurological Assessment	Petty, N. & Ryder, D. (2018). 'Chapter 6: Examination of the upper cervical region' p168 Petty, N. & Ryder, D. (2018). 'Chapter 7: Examination of the upper cervicothoracic region' p208 Brukner, P. & Khan, K. (2017). 'Chapter 23: Neck Pain' p347	N/A
Week 3 - 24 Jul 2023		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Temporomandibular Joint	Petty, N. & Ryder, D. (2018). Chapter 5 "Examination of the temporomandibular region" p146	N/A
Week 4 - 31 Jul 2023		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Thoracic Spine Region	Petty, N. & Ryder, D. (2018). 'Chapter 8: Examination of the thoracic region' p231 Brukner, P. & Khan, K. (2017). 'Chapter 28: Thoracic and chest pain' p507	N/A
Week 5 - 07 Aug 2023		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Shoulder Region 1	Petty, N. & Ryder, D. (2018). 'Chapter 9: Examination of the shoulder region' p249 Brukner, P. & Khan, K. (2017). 'Chapter 24. Shoulder Pain' p377	Assessment 1: (10%) Online Quiz 1 Due: Week 5 Monday (7 Aug. 2023) 8:00 am AEST
Vacation Week - 14 Aug 2023		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
N/A	N/A	N/A
Week 6 - 21 Aug 2023		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Shoulder Region 2 and Differentiation	Petty, N. & Ryder, D. (2018). 'Chapter 9: Examination of the shoulder region' p249 Brukner, P. & Khan, K. (2017). 'Chapter 24. Shoulder Pain' p377	Assessment 2: Scientific Poster (30%) Due: Week 6 Friday (25 Aug 2023) 4:30 pm AEST
Week 7 - 28 Aug 2023		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Elbow Region	Petty, N. & Ryder, D. (2018). 'Chapter 10: Examination of the elbow region' p271 Brukner, P. & Khan, K. (2017). 'Chapter 25. Elbow and arm pain' p439	N/A

Week 8 - 04 Sep 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Hand and Wrist Region	Petty, N. & Ryder, D. (2018). 'Chapter 11: Examination of the wrist and hand' p299 Brukner, P. & Khan, K. (2017). 'Chapter 26: Wrist pain' p463 and 'Chapter 27: Hand and Finger Pain' p489	N/A

Week 9 - 11 Sep 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Mobilisation with Movement (MWM)	Brukner, P., & Khan, K. (2017). Clinical Sports Medicine. (5th Ed.) Sydney: McGraw-Hill. Pg 250-253 Petty, N. & Ryder, D. (2018). The SNAG information is spread throughout the text book. Pages: 100-113, 227, 205, 206, & 242. This information can be found on p469 under "Sustained natural apophyseal glides"	N/A

Week 10 - 18 Sep 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Upper Limb Exercise Prescription	Brukner, P., & Khan, K. (2017). Chapter 10 Training Programming and Prescription p139	N/A

Week 11 - 25 Sep 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Revision and Evidence of Electrophysical Agents	N/A	Assessment 1: (10%) Online Quiz 2 Due: Week 11 Monday (25 Sep. 2023) 8:00 am AEST

Week 12 - 02 Oct 2023

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

Review/Exam Week - 09 Oct 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Objective Structured Clinical Exam (OSCE) Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th October	N/A	Assessment 3: (50%) Objective Structured Clinical Exam (OSCE) - will be scheduled for Exam Week 1 or 2. See Moodle for detailed timetable during the term.

Exam Week - 16 Oct 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
N/A	N/A	Assessment 3: (50%) Objective Structured Clinical Exam (OSCE) - will be scheduled for Exam Week 1 or 2. See Moodle for detailed timetable during the term.

Assessment Tasks**1 Assessment 1: Online quizzes (20%)****Assessment Type**

Online Quiz(zes)

Task Description

There are two 50-minute supervised online quizzes that will be held on campus (Rockhampton and Bundaberg only) at the pre-specified time and delivered via the Moodle platform. 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 order of questions 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 item. The preference is for a laptop over a tablet and to use the Google Chrome web browser. Each quiz is supervised by a staff member and must be completed in person on either the Rockhampton or Bundaberg campuses at the specified time.

- Quiz 1 in Week 5 Monday 7th August (10% of unit grade). The supervised quiz will commence at 8am. This assessment will cover content from weeks 1-4 inclusive of all lectures, practicals, and required readings.
- Quiz 2 in Week 11 Monday 25th September (10% of unit grade). The supervised quiz will commence at 8am. This assessment will cover content from weeks 5-10 inclusive of all lectures, practicals, and required readings.

Each quiz will consist of up to 20 questions, and 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
- Clinical case studies

Weighting: 20% of your final mark (10% from each online quiz - the average score of both quizzes will be used for this assessment item).

Late Arrivals: *You should aim to arrive at least 15-minutes prior to the official assessment commencement time. In the extraordinary circumstance that you are late you may be permitted late entry to your assessment of up to 10 minutes after the official assessment commencement time. The period of lateness will be deducted from your overall assessment time. If you are denied access to the assessment due to lateness (i.e. arriving beyond the permitted late entry period), you should make an online application for an extension request (which may or may not be granted in line with CQU policy). If your application for deferred assessment is denied, you will receive a score of zero percent (0%) for your assessment item.*

Number of Quizzes

2

Frequency of Quizzes

Other

Assessment Due Date

See Task Description for dates and times of each quiz.

Return Date to Students

Quiz questions will be marked within 2 weeks and students will receive an overall percentage mark out of 100%.

Weighting

20%

Assessment Criteria

Quiz questions will be marked to provide a raw score with students awarded an overall percentage mark.

Referencing Style

- [Vancouver](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Identify and discuss 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
- Information Technology Competence
- Ethical practice

2 Assessment 2: Scientific Poster (30%)

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

You will develop a Scientific Poster appraising the literature on one (1) assessment technique relevant to a chosen musculoskeletal condition of the upper limb, TMJ, cervical, or thoracic spine (covered in MSK2). A list of example assessment techniques will be provided in Moodle. The Scientific Poster must be presented on one PowerPoint Slide (Page Size A1 - portrait) including tables, figures, and referencing (in-text and reference list). The Scientific Poster will include a background to the assessment technique, an appraisal of the current literature, and a take home message.

Weighting: 30% of your final mark.

Format: You are required to use Powerpoint (see Moodle for instructions) and submit your Powerpoint file and a PDF file for your submission. A PowerPoint template will be provided in Moodle for your use.

Referencing: Vancouver Referencing Style

Assessment Due Date

Week 6 Friday (25 Aug 2023) 4:30 pm AEST

Please submit both a Powerpoint and PDF File (i.e., 2 separate files)

Return Date to Students

Week 8 Friday (8 Sept 2023)

Students will receive feedback within two weeks of their submission as per CQUniversity policy.

Weighting

30%

Assessment Criteria

The assessment rubric for this assessment task is based on the Practice Thresholds for Physiotherapy set by the Australian Physiotherapy Council, and The Assessment of Physiotherapy Practice Instrument. These quality frameworks are mapped against the CQUniversity Graduate Attributes, and 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 evidence (30%)
- Take home message (25%)

Referencing Style

- [Vancouver](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

You must upload your assignment in a Powerpoint file and a PDF file to Moodle.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Identify and discuss 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
- Information Technology Competence
- Cross Cultural Competence
- Ethical practice

3 Assessment 4: Attendance Hurdle (Pass/Fail)

Assessment Type

On-campus Activity

Task Description

A minimum attendance rate of 85% for practical sessions is required in order to be eligible to PASS this unit. This minimum attendance requirement is recommended by the Australian Physiotherapy Council and thus has been integrated as a requirement into the CB85 Physiotherapy course. If there is a genuine reason for being absent, you must inform the unit coordinator as soon as possible and submit a medical certificate or other supporting documentation via email within five days of missing the session so that your absence does not count towards your attendance rate.

The monitoring of attendance will take into consideration legitimate requests for absence such as those outlined in the Assessment Policy and Procedure (5.21 and 5.22) (e.g. medical or allied health, compassionate, misadventure and exceptional circumstances). You will be notified by the unit coordinator when you reach the 85% threshold. If you require a prolonged absence (>3 sessions) for a health-related condition, you will be required to have a face-to-face discussion with the unit coordinator and head of course to discuss your progression in the unit.

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

To PASS the attendance hurdle you must attend at least 85% of the scheduled tutorial/practical classes for this unit.

Assessment Criteria

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

Referencing Style

- [Vancouver](#)

Submission

Offline

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- 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
- Information Technology Competence
- Cross Cultural Competence
- Ethical practice

4 Assessment 3: Objective Structured Clinical Examination (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 based on two (2) written clinical scenarios (simulated patients). The OSCE will last 50 minutes, including 20 minutes to prepare for both clinical scenarios and 15 minutes for each clinical scenario. Your performance on each clinical scenario will be assessed separately but included in the same rubric.

For each clinical scenarios you will be required to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the presenting condition(s), 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: Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy 1 (PSIO12001), Foundations of Physiotherapy Practice 1 (PSIO11004), Foundations of Physiotherapy Practice 2 (PSIO11003), Functional Anatomy and Biomechanics (ALLH12008), Medical Anatomy and Physiology 1 (BMSC11007), and Medical Anatomy and Physiology 2 (BMSC11008).

During your examination you need to be attired in your full clinical uniform. You will likely be required to be a 'simulated patient' for a fellow student, therefore please bring appropriate clothing suitable for a clinical assessment.

Late Arrivals: You should aim to arrive at least 15-minutes prior to the official assessment commencement time. In the extraordinary circumstance that you are late you may be permitted late entry to your assessment of up to 10 minutes after the official assessment commencement time. The period of lateness will be deducted from your overall assessment time. If you are denied access to the assessment due to lateness (i.e. arriving beyond the permitted late entry period), you should make an online application for an extension request (which may or may not be granted in line with CQU policy). If your application for deferred assessment is denied, you will receive a score of zero percent (0%) for your assessment item.

Assessment Due Date

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.

Return Date to Students

Students will receive feedback within two weeks of their submission as per CQUniversity policy.

Weighting

50%

Minimum mark or grade

In order to PASS the OSCE you must: 1) achieve a PASS result for the PASS/FAIL component of Risk Management/Safety, and 2) achieve greater than 50% for the graded component.

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:

- Risk Management/Safety (PASS/FAIL)
- Communication (20%)
- Selection, application and interpretation of assessment (50%)
- Selection, application and interpretation of treatment/management (30%)

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,

AND

2) achieve 50% or higher in the graded component.

If you do not meet the requirements to PASS the OSCE, you may be offered a supplementary assessment in line with CQUniversity Policy.

Referencing Style

- [Vancouver](#)

Submission

No submission method provided.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Design and demonstrate an assessment of the 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
- Information Technology Competence
- Cross Cultural Competence
- 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