



PSYC20060 Psychopathology and Formulation II

Term 2 - 2021

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General Information

Overview

This unit is the second of two units which focus on mental disorders across the lifespan and case formulation. In this unit you will explore mental disorders most prevalent in adulthood. A problem-based learning approach will be used, providing you with the opportunity to engage in self-reflective practice and synthesise your knowledge and application of mental disorder classification, diagnosis, and case formulation. The study of mental disorders will involve exploration of genetic, biological, psychological, and social factors. The role of these factors will be considered in the development of mental disorders and possible intervention pathways. You will employ professional communication skills in a socially and culturally responsive manner to develop and present your case formulations.

Details

Career Level: *Postgraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 9*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 10

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Students must be enrolled in CL68 Master of Professional Psychology

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

- Online

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 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. **Presentation**

Weighting: 40%

2. **Reflective Practice Assignment**

Weighting: 20%

3. **Online Test**

Weighting: 40%

4. **Learning logs / diaries / Journal / log books**

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 Student feedback

Feedback

Include a focus on broader literature, beyond the DSM.

Recommendation

Weekly topics will include the relevant DSM chapter, as well as a summary of recent research in the area. Key papers related to each chapter will be included in the reading list.

Feedback from Student feedback

Feedback

The practical approach to learning case formulations, involving class interaction and group work, was a valuable learning experience.

Recommendation

Continue to integrate practical activities into weekly content so that students have the chance to practice these skills, and apply the knowledge they are learning.

Feedback from Student feedback

Feedback

Weekly content should be uploaded one week prior to the lecture to allow students time to prepare.

Recommendation

Weekly content, including lecture notes and slides, to be uploaded to Moodle one week prior to the lecture.

Feedback from Unit coordinator

Feedback

Students need more specific instructions about what is expected in terms of assignment content, but also written expression and overall presentation of work.

Recommendation

Allocate time early in delivery of the unit to go over the assessment criteria for each assessment piece, including expectations about the standard of written work expected at the post-graduate level.

Unit Learning Outcomes

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

1. Demonstrate advanced knowledge of mental disorder diagnostic criteria related to mental health issues experienced in adulthood
2. Apply relevant theoretical frameworks to case formulation for mental health disorders experienced during adulthood
3. Employ professional communication skills in a socially and culturally responsive manner.

Learning outcomes are drawn from core competencies stated by the Psychology Board of Australia (PsychBA), program of study criteria as stated by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC), and specifications for study at level 9 as indicated by the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF).

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

PSYC20060

Prescribed

Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders

Fifth Edition (2013)

Authors: American Psychiatric Association

American Psychiatric Association

Arlington , Virginia , United States

ISBN: 978-0-89042-555-8

Binding: Paperback

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Supplementary

Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association

Seventh edition (2019)

Authors: American Psychological Association

American Psychological Association

Washington , District of Columbia , United States

ISBN: 978-1-4338-3216-1

Binding: Paperback

[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 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
Introduction and Term Overview Mood Disorders and Case Formulation	Readings are posted in weekly tab on Moodle	Allocation of topics for Diagnostic Handouts and Psychoeducation Presentations

Week 2 - 19 Jul 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Anxiety Disorders and Somatic Symptom Disorder	Readings are posted in weekly tab on Moodle	

Week 3 - 26 Jul 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Post-traumatic Stress Disorder and Substance Related and Addictive Disorders	Readings are posted in weekly tab on Moodle	

Week 4 - 02 Aug 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Toward Clinical and Cultural Competence	Readings are posted in weekly tab on Moodle	

Week 5 - 09 Aug 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Personality Disorders	Readings are posted in weekly tab on Moodle	

Vacation Week - 16 Aug 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Week 6 - 23 Aug 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Schizophrenia Spectrum and other Psychotic Disorders	Readings are posted in weekly tab on Moodle	First Reflection due Monday 23rd August 2021 11.45PM AEST.

Week 7 - 30 Aug 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Neurocognitive Disorders	Readings are posted in weekly tab on Moodle	

Week 8 - 06 Sep 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Sexual and Gender Disorders	Readings are posted in weekly tab on Moodle	

Week 9 - 13 Sep 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Sleep Disorders	Readings are posted in weekly tab on Moodle	

Week 10 - 20 Sep 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Review of course content - we may cover a new disorder, or spend more time on a disorder that we have already discussed. The content for this week will be decided by the class with the Unit Coordinator the week before (Week 9).	Revision for Online Test Readings relative to the chosen content for this week will be posted in Moodle	Second Reflection due Monday 20th September 2021 11.45PM AEST.

Week 11 - 27 Sep 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Review of course content - we may cover a new disorder, or spend more time on a disorder that we have already discussed. The content for this week will be decided by the class with the Unit Coordinator the week before (Week 10).	Revision for Online Test Readings relative to the chosen content for this week will be posted in Moodle	

Week 12 - 04 Oct 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Online Test	No readings this week	
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Review/Exam Week - 11 Oct 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Exam Week - 18 Oct 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Logbook Due: Exam Week Friday (22 Oct 2021) 11:45 pm AEST

Assessment Tasks

1 Diagnostic Handout and Psychoeducation Presentation

Assessment Type

Presentation

Task Description

Diagnostic Handout: (marked out of 25)

You will be required to develop two diagnostic handouts - one for your colleagues and another that would be helpful to provide to a client. Handouts are to be at least one A4 page, but no more than two. A list of references must be included (whilst in APA 7 format, the list does not need to be double line spacing or size 12 font). The aim of this task is to facilitate both your, and your fellow students, learning in conjunction with developing some practical and helpful resources for your professional practice.

Individual student topics will be randomly chosen by the Head of Course in Week 1 and provided to students. Topics will be chosen from the disorders covered in this unit this term.

Psychoeducation Presentation: (marked out of 15)

You will be required to deliver one psychoeducation presentation (10 to 15 min). You will use the knowledge gathered throughout the term to demonstrate how you would provide psychoeducation to an adult regarding a particular disorder. You may use tools/resources already constructed to aid your presentation if you wish. You will record your presentation and students will be required to watch each other's presentations in their own time, and provide feedback for each other using a feedback form that we will develop together in Week 1.

Individual student topics will be randomly chosen by the Head of Course in Week 1 and provided to students. Topics will be chosen from the disorders covered in this unit this term.

Assessment Due Date

Return Date to Students

Feedback will be provided to students within a week of delivering their handouts/presentations.

Weighting

40%

Assessment Criteria

Assessment criteria for Diagnostic Handout will be out of 25 marks:

Quality and usefulness of handout for target audience (including clarity, layout and presentation, and readability) - 8 marks

Explains diagnosis clearly - 5 marks

Evidence of critical thinking and synthesis of information - 6 marks

References - 6 marks

Assessment criteria for Psychoeducation Presentation will be out of 15 marks:

Deliver psychoeducation in a manner that would be appropriate to the intended client - 4 marks

Evidence of critical thinking and synthesis of information (e.g. diagnostic features, client, treatment options) - 5 marks

Presentation within time limit - 2 marks

Style of delivery - 2 marks

References - 2 marks

Referencing Style

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

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

Upload through Assessment portal on Moodle

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Demonstrate advanced knowledge of mental disorder diagnostic criteria related to mental health issues experienced in adulthood
- Employ professional communication skills in a socially and culturally responsive manner.

Graduate Attributes

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

2 Reflective practice

Assessment Type

Reflective Practice Assignment

Task Description

You will be required to engage in reflective practice throughout the term in relation to your learning and consider how it relates to components of your practice framework. You will be required to write two reflections (each to be 800 to 1,000 words in length). These should include clear and critical consideration of each stage of reflective practice, and tie your reflections to practice framework. It is expected any feedback provided in Term 1 (PSYC20054) will be incorporated to show growth in your work.

An Information Sheet and Marking rubric will be provided on Moodle in Week 1.

Assessment Due Date

Reflective task 1 is due in Week 6 and Reflective task 2 is due in Week 10.

Return Date to Students

Feedback and grade will be uploaded through Moodle

Weighting

20%

Assessment Criteria

Demonstrated clear consideration of each stage of reflective practice - 6 marks

Tied reflection to components of practice framework - 2 marks

Demonstrated critical reflection, including reflexivity (critical reflection of self) - 3 marks

High quality academic writing - 5 marks

Adherence to APA 7 standards - 4 marks

Each reflective task item is worth 10%. The complete Reflective Practice Assessment is worth 20% of your overall unit grade.

Referencing Style

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

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

Upload through Assessment portal on Moodle

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Employ professional communication skills in a socially and culturally responsive manner.

Graduate Attributes

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

3 Online Test

Assessment Type

Online Test

Task Description

You will be required to complete an online test during normal class time in week 12. All content covered in this unit is to be considered when reviewing for this test.

Question format may be a vignette/scenario or direct question. Responses will be drawn from five possible options.

Assessment Due Date

Return Date to Students

Quiz will be marked immediately through moodle

Weighting

40%

Assessment Criteria

The marks awarded for questions will range from one to five, depending on the type of question.

Referencing Style

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

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

Online test will automatically close after time allowed or when student completes all questions - whichever comes first.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Demonstrate advanced knowledge of mental disorder diagnostic criteria related to mental health issues experienced in adulthood
- Apply relevant theoretical frameworks to case formulation for mental health disorders experienced during adulthood

Graduate Attributes

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

4 Logbook

Assessment Type

Learning logs / diaries / Journal / log books

Task Description

You are required to complete your electronic logbook as required throughout the term. Your logbook will be checked during individual supervision sessions throughout the term. You must submit a copy of your electronic logbook via the assessment portal on Moodle by Friday of Week 14.

Assessment Due Date

Exam Week Friday (22 Oct 2021) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students**Weighting**

Pass/Fail

Assessment Criteria

No Assessment Criteria

Referencing Style

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

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

You will be required to complete throughout the term and have available for checking at your individual supervision sessions. Please submit a copy of your electronic logbook via the assessment portal on Moodle by Friday of Week 14.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Apply relevant theoretical frameworks to case formulation for mental health disorders experienced during adulthood

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