



SPCH13010 *Dysphagia across the Lifespan*

Term 1 - 2019

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Corrections

Unit Profile Correction added on 07-03-19

The topic 'Interprofessional Collaboration with Children with Swallowing Difficulties' will be held in week 11 and not week 10.

General Information

Overview

This unit will advance your competency in the assessment, analysis, planning and treatment of swallowing disorders across the lifespan. You will consider the aetiology, diagnosis and treatment of swallowing in the context of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) framework. Evidence based practice will provide the foundation for your learning in all stages of diagnosis and treatment.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 3*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 8

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Pre-requisites ALLH11009 Research Methods for Health Professionals or ALLH12007 Research Methods for Health Professionals
ALLH12006 Evidence Based Practice for Allied Health
SPCH12007 Speech Pathology Work-Integrated Learning 2
SPCH12003 Functional Anatomy of the Head, Neck and Thorax

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

- 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. **Practical Assessment**

Weighting: 50%

2. **Practical Assessment**

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 Student feedback.

Feedback

More opportunities for practical experience in class.

Recommendation

Assessment for this unit will ensure regular scaffolded practical-based activities are incorporated into classroom learning activities.

Feedback from Student feedback.

Feedback

Extend paediatric component of unit to longer than four weeks and deliver material immediately after finishing the adult component.

Recommendation

The unit coordinator will review the time allocation of topics in this unit to increase opportunities for practical and theoretical learning in paediatric dysphagia. This will not impact on time allocated for the adult component of the unit as there is room for flexible management of topics in the second half of the unit.

Unit Learning Outcomes

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

1. Describe the mechanism of a safe swallow and its variation across the lifespan
2. Analyse swallowing behaviour using both formal and informal assessment techniques, and make appropriate recommendations for the management and rehabilitation of a swallowing disorder
3. Provide information and counselling to clients and others, as appropriate, about the swallowing disorder and its implications for safety, nutrition, and hydration
4. Work ethically, making independent decisions within an interprofessional team.

Range of Practice Area:

- Adult - swallowing
- Paediatric - swallowing

Competency-based Occupational Standards for Speech Pathology (CBOS, 2011):

- Unit 1 Assessment - Elements 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 (adult and paediatric) to entry-level
- Unit 2 Analysis and Interpretation - Elements 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 (adult and paediatric) to entry-level
- Unit 3 Planning evidence based speech pathology intervention - Elements 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7 (paediatric and adult) to entry-level
- Unit 4 Implementation of speech pathology practice - Elements 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6 (paediatric and adult) to entry-level
- Unit 5: Planning, Providing and managing speech pathology services - Elements 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.5, 5.6 and 5.8 to entry-level
- Unit 6: Professional and Supervisory Practice - Elements 6.1 to novice level and 6.2 to entry-level
- Unit 7 Lifelong learning and reflective practice - 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4 to entry-level

Competency Assessment in Speech Pathology (COMPASS) Generic Professional Competencies

- Unit 1 Reasoning - Units 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 (adult and paediatric) to entry-level
- Unit 2 Communication - Units 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 (adult and paediatric) to entry-level
- Unit 3 Learning - Units 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4 (adult and paediatric) to entry-level
- Unit 4 Professionalism - Units 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 (adult and paediatric) to entry-level

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 - Practical Assessment - 50%	•	•	•	•
2 - Practical Assessment - 50%	•	•	•	•

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes			
	1	2	3	4
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 - Practical Assessment - 50%	•	•	•	•			•	•		
2 - Practical Assessment - 50%	•	•	•	•	•			•		

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

SPCH13010

Prescribed

Clinical Management of Swallowing Disorders

Edition: 4th (2018)

Authors: Thomas Murray, Ricardo L. Carrau & Karen Chan

Plural Publishing

San Diego , CA , United States

ISBN: 978-59756-934-7

Binding: Hardcover

Additional Textbook Information

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

O Week - 04 Mar 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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**Introduction to Course -
Wednesday 6 March 2019
1pm-5pm**

- Discussion of SPCH13010 unit assessment requirements

Introduction to Dysphagia

- What is Dysphagia?
- The typical swallow - practical listening to swallow
- Prevalence of dysphagia
- Classification of dysphagia
- Causes of dysphagia
- The dysphagia team

Murry et al (2018). Clinical management of swallowing disorders (4th ed). San Diego, CA: Plural Publishing.
Chap 1. Introduction to and epidemiology of swallowing disorders.
Chap 2. Anatomy and function of the swallowing mechanism.
Chap 5. Clinical evaluation of swallowing disorders.

Unit Reading Preparation:

Speech Pathology Australia Clinical Guidelines-Dysphagia.
Cichero, J., & Murdoch, B.E. (2006) Dysphagia: Foundation, Theory and Practice. Chichester, England: Wiley & Sons.
Chap 2. Swallowing from Infancy to Old Age.
Seikel, J.A., Drumwright, D.G., & King D.W. (2016). Anatomy and Physiology for Speech Language and Hearing (5th ed). Cengage Learning:Clifton Park, New York, US.
Chap 8. Physiology of Mastication and Deglutition.
Chap 11. Neuroanatomy pp.655-675.

Week 1 - 11 Mar 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Assessment of Dysphagia in Adults <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case history taking • Oromotor examination techniques • Introduction to the clinical swallow assessment • Instrumental assessment - VFSS/FEES • HRM-High Resolution Manometry (Pharyngeal & Oesophageal) • Aged swallow characteristics 	<p>Murry et al. (2018). Clinical management of swallowing disorders (4th ed). Plural Publishing: San Diego, CA.</p> <p>Chap 6. Instrumental evaluation of swallowing disorders.</p>	

Week 2 - 18 Mar 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Clinical Swallow Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Oromotor examination • The clinical swallow assessment • Review of Instrumental assessment Introduction to swallowing treatment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texture modified diet/fluids • Compensatory swallowing strategies • Documentation of the dysphagic adult 	<p>Murry et al. (2018). Clinical management of swallowing disorders (4th ed). Plural Publishing: San Diego, CA.</p> <p>Chap 7. Treatment of swallowing disorders</p> <p>Chap 8. Nutrition and diets</p> <p>Cichero, J. & Murdoch B.E. (Eds) Dysphagia: Foundation, theory and practice.</p> <p>Chap 11. Improving swallowing function: Compensation (pp 319-334)</p>	

Week 3 - 25 Mar 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Investigation of treatment strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free water protocol • Swallowing compensatory strategies • Texture modified diets/fluids • Swallowing rehabilitation • Respiratory Muscle Strength Training (RMST) for swallowing rehabilitation • Biofeedback in swallowing therapy - using sEMG • Oral hygiene • Xerostomia 	<p>Murry et al. (2018). Clinical management of swallowing disorders (4th ed). Plural Publishing: San Diego, CA.</p> <p>Chap 7. Treatment of swallowing disorders</p> <p>Chap 8. Nutrition and diets</p> <p>Cichero, J.A.Y. & Murdoch B.E. (Eds) Dysphagia: Foundation, theory and practice.</p> <p>Chap 12. Swallowing rehabilitation</p>	

Week 4 - 01 Apr 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Review of entry level clinical competence skills

- The oromotor examination
- Clinical swallow assessment
- Case study examples reflecting a variety of clinical presentations
- Adults and palliative care
- Overview of impact of laryngectomy and tracheostomy on swallowing

Murry et al. (2018). Clinical management of swallowing disorders (4th ed). Plural Publishing: San Diego, CA.

Chap 11. Surgical treatment and prosthetic management of swallowing disorders

Review relevant chapters on compensatory and rehabilitative swallowing techniques

Formative Assessment - Video Fluoroscopic Swallow Study (VFSS).

This activity, in the form of a problem based learning task, will assist your understanding of adult dysphagia in preparation for the summative adult swallowing simulation assessment in week 7.

Week 5 - 08 Apr 2019**Module/Topic****Review of entry level clinical competence skills**

- The oromotor examination
- Clinical swallow assessment
- Case study examples reflecting a variety of clinical presentations
- Documentation requirements

Chapter

Murry et al. (2018). Clinical management of swallowing disorders (4th ed). Plural Publishing: San Diego, CA.

Review relevant chapters on compensatory and rehabilitative swallowing techniques

Events and Submissions/Topic**Vacation Week - 15 Apr 2019****Module/Topic****Chapter****Events and Submissions/Topic**

Use this time for preparation for the (50%) adult swallowing simulation.

Week 6 - 22 Apr 2019**Module/Topic****Chapter****Events and Submissions/Topic****Practical session**

- Case study examples reflecting a variety of clinical presentations in acute, sub-acute, aged care and community settings
- Documentation

You should be reviewing your readings and conducting independent research to deepen your knowledge and understanding of the topics covered in preparation for the clinical practice you'll be participating in and to help you prepare for your swallow simulation assessment.

This week's class begins with a quiz (30 mins) on compensatory & rehabilitative swallowing treatment techniques. This will help to consolidate your knowledge & prepare you for your simulation assessment. The format will be in a series of questions requiring short written answers.

Also this week, you will use case examples to hone your clinical swallow assessment skills. These cases will be set in different settings e.g acute, sub-acute, palliative, aged care etc so you can compare different approaches that might be utilised depending on the setting.

We will also look at a format for documenting the findings of the assessment. You will be set up in small groups and take turns role playing each case example with as much reality as possible. Bring your stethoscope and penlite torch or Throat Scope.

Week 7 - 29 Apr 2019**Module/Topic****Chapter****Events and Submissions/Topic**

(50%) Adult Clinical Swallow Assessment Simulation and Written Recommendations Due: Week 7 Friday (3 May 2019) 6:00 pm AEST

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Treatment Strategies

- Identifying the key concerns
 - Oral facial techniques
 - Alternative feeding techniques
 - Transitional feeding techniques
- Interprofessional collaboration with infants with swallowing difficulties**

Evans Morris, S. & Dunn Klein, Marsha (2000). Pre-feeding Skills. Texas: Proed Inc. Chapters 3, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17.

Puntill-Sheltman J. & Taylor H. (2010) Treatment for infants and children. In M.E. Groher & M.A. Crary. Dysphagia: Clinical management in adults and children. Missouri: Mosby Elsevier.

Murray, T., Carrau, R.L. & Chan, K. (2018) Clinical Management in Swallowing Disorders. San Diego, USA: Plural Publishing. Chapter 10, pp187-199.

Week 11 - 27 May 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Integrating strategies for children with specific needs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consideration of school delivered mealtimes• Development of meal management plans• Working with families and schools• To eat or not to eat??• Advocacy and safety in school settings• Saliva management• Consumer decision making - introduction to ethical issues	Arvedson, J.C. (2013) Feeding children with cerebral palsy and swallowing difficulties. European Journal of Clinical Nutrition. 67, 509-512.	
	Evans Morris, S. & Dunn Klein, Marsha (2000). Pre-feeding Skills. Texas: Proed Inc. Chapters 21-25.	

Week 12 - 03 Jun 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Review		

Review/Exam Week - 10 Jun 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
(50%) Paediatric Viva Schedule - Part A.		
You will be required to attend the viva assessment as scheduled on Moodle.		(50%) Paediatric Simulation Assessment and Treatment Due: Review/Exam Week Monday (10 June 2019) 6:00 pm AEST

Exam Week - 17 Jun 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
(50%) Paediatric Viva Schedule - Part B.		
You will be required to attend the viva assessment as scheduled on Moodle.		

Term Specific Information

Jenni-Lee Rees is the course coordinator and teaches the adult component of this unit during weeks 0 - 6. She can be contacted via email on j.rees2@cqu.edu.au

Judy Broadhurst teaches the paediatric component in weeks 8 - 12 and can be contacted via email on j.broadhurst@cqu.edu.au

Jenni-Lee and Judy ensure this unit contains a large experiential component to deepen your learning experience. Active participation in scaffolded and supported simulated clinical settings using a variety of case scenarios is strongly encouraged. You will find activities both challenging and rewarding as your clinical skills and reasoning grow.

Assessment Tasks

1 (50%) Adult Clinical Swallow Assessment Simulation and Written Recommendations

Assessment Type

Practical Assessment

Task Description

(50%) Adult Swallowing Simulation

Full criteria will be posted on Moodle.

You will be required to complete:

- A real time clinical swallow simulation (role play) using a previously unseen case based scenario which includes a client/carer interview, clinical assessment of the client and subsequent reflection and feedback of results to client and/or carer. Actors are used to simulate the role of the client.
- A written summary (overall impression) of your findings and plan/recommendations for holistic ongoing management. Clinical documentation guidelines and format apply. Appropriate writing conventions, including accurate spelling, grammar, and punctuation, with demonstrated cohesion, clarity, and organisation will be required.

The simulation assessment:

Times will be scheduled for each student and will occur in Week 7.

You can bring the following items to your assessment:

- Blank note paper
- Black pen
- Own stethoscope and penlight torch or Throat Scope
- Oromotor/swallow checklist
- Documentation checklist

All checklists brought into the assessment must be approved by the assessor at the beginning of the simulation assessment.

All written information provided at the beginning of the assessment, notes made during the simulation assessment and approved checklists must be submitted to the assessor prior to leaving the examination room.

Assessment Due Date

Week 7 Friday (3 May 2019) 6:00 pm AEST

Individual simulation assessment sessions will occur across the day in Week 7 - schedule TBA.

Return Date to Students

Week 9 Friday (17 May 2019)

Students will be emailed practical feedback for ongoing learning purposes regarding their individual simulation assessment results.

Weighting

50%

Minimum mark or grade

Students must achieve a PASS (50%) in both the Adult and Paediatric Swallow Simulation Assessments in order to pass this unit.

Assessment Criteria

Each student will be assessed individually using different case studies. Actors are used to simulate the role of the client.

A marking rubric for the simulation assessment will be available on Moodle. The following criteria will form the rubric:

SIMULATION:

Structure and Organisation

- Clearly and logically explain the purpose and intent of the assessment based on the presenting information with a clear hypothesis of expected findings that are contextual and holistic
- Clarity of expression, succinctness, logical sequences; cohesion during verbal and written reporting
- Independently able to manage the client/carer, equipment and clinical environment

Content

- Identification of pertinent information from the interview including: physical, behavioural, motor, oral-motor, sensory, environmental and key risk factors
- Independent interpretation of information gained from the case history and clinical assessment, and ability to draw appropriate and accurate conclusions about the client's presenting dysphagia
- Understanding of anatomical and physiological factors impacting on client's presentation

Summary and Recommendations

- Highlights the most important information, in all relevant areas (e.g. communication and feeding) succinctly and clearly links this information to feed back to the client demonstrating evidence based recommendations which are holistic, client-centered, appropriate and practical
- Evidence of self learning evident during reporting using an evidence based practice approach and reflective practice to all aspects of client care
- Uses well ordered, clear, logical, grammatical and professional verbal and written language following clinical documentation guidelines

You MUST PASS BOTH the Adult and Paediatric simulation assessments in order to pass this unit.

Referencing Style

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

Submission

Offline

Submission Instructions

The simulation's written summary and recommendations must be submitted prior to leaving the examination room.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Describe the mechanism of a safe swallow and its variation across the lifespan
- Analyse swallowing behaviour using both formal and informal assessment techniques, and make appropriate recommendations for the management and rehabilitation of a swallowing disorder
- Provide information and counselling to clients and others, as appropriate, about the swallowing disorder and its implications for safety, nutrition, and hydration
- Work ethically, making independent decisions within an interprofessional team.

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking

- Information Literacy
- Cross Cultural Competence
- Ethical practice

2 (50%) Paediatric Simulation Assessment and Treatment

Assessment Type

Practical Assessment

Task Description

This assessment is divided into two sections:

- **Simulation Assessment A, and**
- **Simulation Assessment B**

You must complete BOTH sections of the viva.

Simulation Assessment A (the focus of this simulation is on Learning Outcomes 2 and 4)

- **Reflect on a case based history provided to you at the beginning of the simulation and identify gaps in your information (30 minutes); and**
- **Complete a real time interview with a simulated carer to obtain additional information (30 minutes); and**
- **Watch a real time video of a child with swallowing difficulties; and**
- **Provide verbal feedback to the assessor about your initial impressions; and**
- **Provide a written summary and initial impressions. Clinical documentation guidelines and format will be required.**

Simulation Assessment B (the focus of this simulation is on Learning outcomes 1, 3 and 4)

- **Submit a therapy plan (which you have completed in your own time) to the assessor at the beginning of Simulation Assessment B. Clinical documentation guidelines and format will be required.**
- **Demonstrate reflective practice skills in discussing your plan with the assessor; and**
- **Demonstrate two (2) therapy techniques specific to the client's needs; and**
- **Answer five (5) clinical dysphagia questions**

The Simulation Assessments will occur during the review and exam weeks. You will be assessed individually utilising different clinical situations.

You can bring the following items to your assessment:

- **Blank note paper**
- **Black pen**
- **Own stethoscope and penlight torch or Throat Scope**
- **Oral peripheral and swallowing checklists**
- **Developmental checklists**
- **Documentation checklist**

Written information provided at the beginning of the assessment must be submitted to the assessor prior to leaving the examination room.

Assessment Due Date

Review/Exam Week Monday (10 June 2019) 6:00 pm AEST

Simulation Assessment A will occur in Review/Exam Week and Simulation Assessment B will occur in Exam Week. The written therapy plan will need to be submitted at the commencement of Simulation Assessment B.

Return Date to Students

Exam Week Friday (21 June 2019)

Student results and feedback will be posted through Moodle.

Weighting

50%

Assessment Criteria

The following criteria will form the rubric:

- Identify the risk factors and key features of the situation (10 marks)
- Accurately analyse the video of the child eating/drinking (10 marks)
- Manage the dynamic therapy situation in a professional, family-centred manner throughout both vivas (10 marks)
- Develop an evidence-based treatment plan consistent with the observations of the child and information obtained from the carer (15 marks)
- Provide evidence-based resources for the carer in a logical and coherent manner (5 marks)
- Demonstrate two evidence based treatment techniques (20 marks)
- Facilitate active participation by the carer and provide feedback on their responses (10 marks)
- Demonstrate knowledge in the assessment and treatment of paediatric dysphagia through your responses to 5 questions (20 marks)

You MUST PASS BOTH the Adult and Paediatric simulation assessments in order to pass this unit.

You will receive a mark out of 100. This mark will form 50% of the grade for SPCH13010.

Referencing Style

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

Submission

Offline Online

Submission Instructions

The simulation assessment components occur offline. The written therapy plan will need to be submitted online by the commencement of Simulation Assessment B.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Describe the mechanism of a safe swallow and its variation across the lifespan
- Analyse swallowing behaviour using both formal and informal assessment techniques, and make appropriate recommendations for the management and rehabilitation of a swallowing disorder
- Provide information and counselling to clients and others, as appropriate, about the swallowing disorder and its implications for safety, nutrition, and hydration
- Work ethically, making independent decisions within an interprofessional team.

Graduate Attributes

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