



PSYN8840

Neuropsychological Disorders

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School of Psychological Sciences

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General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

Admission to MClinNeuro or MClinPsych

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit is designed as an introduction to common neuropsychological disorders including disorders of memory, adaptive functions, perception, praxis and language. Models of normal and abnormal function and case examples of dysfunction are presented. This unit is designed to provide insight into how neuropsychological disorders typically manifest. It provides students with an understanding of how functions such as memory, adaptive abilities, perception, praxis and language are typically disrupted as a result of neurological dysfunction. The unit relates to material taught in psychological assessment, professional practice, neuroanatomy and neuropsychopathology.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

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

ULO1: Demonstrate understanding of the difference between psychological and neuropsychological assessment.

ULO2: Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of the ways in which acquired brain damage can disrupt cognitive functioning

ULO3: Demonstrate knowledge of the key characteristics of neuropsychological disorders, and how to identify these in a clinical setting

ULO4: Appropriately interpret neuropsychological test results including base rate analysis

ULO5: Demonstrate skills and responsibility in ethical practice

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Essay	10%	Yes	Week 13
Interpretation of clinical data	20%	No	22/03/22
Assessment Title Interpretation of neuropsychological test results.	20%	No	03/05/22
Open book 90 minute examination	50%	No	31/05/22
Case conference class participation	0%	Yes	31/05/22

Essay

Assessment Type ¹: Essay

Indicative Time on Task ²: 10 hours

Due: **Week 13**

Weighting: **10%**

This is a hurdle assessment task (see [assessment policy](#) for more information on hurdle assessment tasks)

Short essay demonstrating knowledge derived from Ethics Workshop

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrate skills and responsibility in ethical practice

Interpretation of clinical data

Assessment Type ¹: Case study/analysis

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **22/03/22**

Weighting: **20%**

In 1750 words students are required to interpret and report on clinical data

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrate understanding of the difference between psychological and neuropsychological assessment.
- Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of the ways in which acquired brain damage can disrupt cognitive functioning
- Demonstrate knowledge of the key characteristics of neuropsychological disorders, and how to identify these in a clinical setting
- Appropriately interpret neuropsychological test results including base rate analysis

Assessment Title Interpretation of neuropsychological test results.

Assessment Type ¹: Case study/analysis

Indicative Time on Task ²: 24 hours

Due: **03/05/22**

Weighting: **20%**

Description In 1750 words, students are required to interpret and analyse test results

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrate understanding of the difference between psychological and neuropsychological assessment.
- Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of the ways in which acquired brain damage can disrupt cognitive functioning
- Demonstrate knowledge of the key characteristics of neuropsychological disorders, and how to identify these in a clinical setting
- Appropriately interpret neuropsychological test results including base rate analysis

Open book 90 minute examination

Assessment Type ¹: Examination

Indicative Time on Task ²: 32 hours

Due: **31/05/22**

Weighting: **50%**

Open book of six short answers questions in 90 minutes

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrate understanding of the difference between psychological and neuropsychological assessment.
- Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of the ways in which acquired brain damage can disrupt cognitive functioning
- Demonstrate knowledge of the key characteristics of neuropsychological disorders, and how to identify these in a clinical setting
- Appropriately interpret neuropsychological test results including base rate analysis

Case conference class participation

Assessment Type ¹: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 0 hours

Due: **31/05/22**

Weighting: **0%**

This is a hurdle assessment task (see [assessment policy](#) for more information on hurdle assessment tasks)

Case conference class participation

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrate understanding of the difference between psychological and neuropsychological assessment.
- Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of the ways in which acquired brain damage can disrupt cognitive functioning
- Demonstrate knowledge of the key characteristics of neuropsychological disorders, and how to identify these in a clinical setting
- Appropriately interpret neuropsychological test results including base rate analysis

¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

Lectures and workshops

Policies and Procedures

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- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies\)](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

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The Writing Centre

[The Writing Centre](#) provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- [Workshops](#)
- [Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader](#)
- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
- [Complete the Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and Support

Macquarie University offers a range of [Student Support Services](#) including:

- [IT Support](#)
- [Accessibility and disability support](#) with study
- Mental health [support](#)
- [Safety support](#) to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- [Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues](#)

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