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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
140cp at 1000 level or above including ((MEDI103 or MEDI1400) and (MEDI206 or MEDI2400))

Corequisites

Co-badged status
Unit description
This unit is the capstone unit within the Bachelor of Clinical Science. It aims to prepare MQ students to become lifelong learners in a connected world and take responsibility for their own learning and professional development needs. It adopts an enactivist approach where students learn to identify learning opportunities as they arise in work or life situations and take appropriate actions. In line with this approach, the unit provides work-integrated learning experience in a health-related context with placements undertaken in a range of settings. You will be supported in performing professional activities as relevant to your placements and reflecting on your performance for improvement. You will also have opportunities to build skills necessary to apply for jobs, form professional networks and develop a foundation for continuing professional development. Students will have the opportunity to commence their PACE placement either prior to or during the teaching period.

Visit Employability Connect for important information on this unit including required preparation and closing dates for PACE activities.

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:

UL01: Effectively communicate your professional capabilities to potential colleagues and employers.
UL02: Identify further developmental needs and implement appropriate lifelong learning strategies to meet them.
UL03: Reflect on the process of the placement and the learning experience.
UL04: Apply knowledge and employ effective presentation techniques to develop and present a career-focused professional portfolio.

General Assessment Information
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Grade descriptors and other information concerning grading are contained in the Macquarie University Assessment Policy.

All final grades are determined by a grading committee, in accordance with the Macquarie University Assessment Policy, and are not the sole responsibility of the Unit Convenor.

Students will be awarded a final grade and a mark which must correspond to the grade descriptors specified in the Assessment Procedure (clause 128).
To pass this unit, you must demonstrate sufficient evidence of achievement of the learning outcomes, meet any ungraded requirements, and achieve a final mark of 50 or better.

**Students will be required to complete the 70 hour placement to meet the unit learning outcomes.** According to the [Work Integrated Learning Policy (WIL)](https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offerings/157808/unit_guide/print), students will be responsible for:

1. completing any preparation obligations for the WIL experience in accordance with University and WIL partners’ requirements;
2. meeting the expectations of professional behaviour;
3. observance of reasonable directions from the WIL partner/organisation;
4. maintaining satisfactory performance and progression during the WIL experience; and
5. contacting the University promptly should an issue or incident occur during the WIL experience.

Further details for each assessment task will be available on iLearn.

**Late Submissions**

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, a 5% penalty (OF THE TOTAL POSSIBLE MARK) will be applied each day a written assessment is not submitted, up until the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a grade of ‘0’ will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. Submission time for all written assessments is set at 11.55pm. A 1-hour grace period is provided to students who experience a technical concern.

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For any late submissions of time-sensitive tasks, such as scheduled tests/exams, performance assessments/presentations, and/or scheduled practical assessments/labs, students need to submit an application for Special Consideration.
Special Consideration

If you are unable to complete an assessment task on or by the specified date due to circumstances that are unexpected, unavoidable, significantly disruptive and beyond your control, you may apply for special consideration in accordance with the Special Consideration Policy. Applications for special consideration must be supported by appropriate evidence and submitted via ask.mq.edu.au.

Assessment Tasks

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<th>Weighting</th>
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<td>Placement Reflective Report</td>
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<td>40%</td>
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Cover Letter

Assessment Type 1: Professional writing
Indicative Time on Task 2: 10 hours
Due: Week 3
Weighting: 20%

Students will develop a cover letter to address a specific role and identify personal skills that align with the Graduate Capabilities.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Effectively communicate your professional capabilities to potential colleagues and employers.
- Identify further developmental needs and implement appropriate lifelong learning strategies to meet them.
- Apply knowledge and employ effective presentation techniques to develop and present a career-focused professional portfolio.

Elevator Pitch

Assessment Type 1: Media presentation
Indicative Time on Task 2: 7 hours
Due: **Week 6**  
Weighting: **15%**

Development and presentation of a personalised elevator pitch aimed at a potential future employer.

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Effectively communicate your professional capabilities to potential colleagues and employers.
- Apply knowledge and employ effective presentation techniques to develop and present a career-focused professional portfolio.

**Placement Reflective Report**  
**Assessment Type 1:** Work-integrated task  
**Indicative Time on Task 2:** 15 hours  
**Due:** **Week 11**  
**Weighting:** **25%**

This task is comprised of 2 components:

1) A reflective report on the PACE activities and how it relates to the professional development activities and the graduate capability statements. Students are required to maintain a Log Book throughout the PACE placement which can be drawn upon to complete this task.

2) PACE Engagement Assessment to be completed by the host supervisor. Supervisors will evaluate and provide feedback on student professionalism and engagement with activities during the placement, as signed off by the placement supervisor.

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Identify further developmental needs and implement appropriate lifelong learning strategies to meet them.
- Reflect on the process of the placement and the learning experience.

**Graduation Portfolio**  
**Assessment Type 1:** Portfolio  
**Indicative Time on Task 2:** 20 hours  
**Due:** **Week 13**  
**Weighting:** **40%**
Graduation portfolio that demonstrates attainment of graduate capabilities through submission of reflections and an oral summary.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Effectively communicate your professional capabilities to potential colleagues and employers.
- Identify further developmental needs and implement appropriate lifelong learning strategies to meet them.
- Reflect on the process of the placement and the learning experience.
- Apply knowledge and employ effective presentation techniques to develop and present a career-focused professional portfolio.

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**

As a student enrolled in this unit, you will engage in a range of online and face-to-face learning activities, including work-integrated learning (placement which accounts for the majority of the contact hours within this unit), online modules, videos and lectures. Details can be found on the iLearn site for this unit.

**Recommended Readings**

There is no textbook for this unit.

Additional readings to support the completion of your assessments can be accessed through the library.

**Technology Used**

Active participation in the learning activities throughout the unit will require students to have access to a tablet, laptop or similar device. Students who do not own their own laptop computer may borrow one from the university library.
Unit Schedule

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Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://policies.mq.edu.au). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- 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). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central](https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the search tool.

**Student Code of Conduct**

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: [https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct](https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct)

**Results**

Results published on platform other than eStudent, (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

**Academic Integrity**

At Macquarie, we believe academic integrity – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free online writing and maths support, academic skills development and wellbeing consultations.

**Student Support**

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit [http://students.mq.edu.au/support/](http://students.mq.edu.au/support/)

**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**
- **Student Advocacy** provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via [AskMQ](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit [http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/).

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Inclusion and diversity

Social inclusion at Macquarie University is about giving everyone who has the potential to benefit from higher education the opportunity to study at university, participate in campus life and flourish in their chosen field. The University has made significant moves to promote an equitable, diverse and exciting campus community for the benefit of staff and students. It is your responsibility to contribute towards the development of an inclusive culture and practice in the areas of learning and teaching, research, and service orientation and delivery. As a member of the Macquarie University community, you must not discriminate against or harass others based on their sex, gender, race, marital status, carers' responsibilities, disability, sexual orientation, age, political conviction or religious belief. All staff and students are expected to display appropriate behaviour that is conducive to a healthy learning environment for everyone.

Professionalism

In the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences, professionalism is a key capability embedded in all our courses.

As part of developing professionalism, students are expected to attend all small group interactive sessions including clinical, practical, laboratory, work-integrated learning (e.g., PACE placements), and team-based learning activities. Some learning activities are recorded (e.g., face-to-face lectures), however you are encouraged to avoid relying upon such material as they
do not recreate the whole learning experience and technical issues can and do occur. As an adult learner, we respect your decision to choose how you engage with your learning, but we would remind you that the learning opportunities we create for you have been done so to enable your success, and that by not engaging you may impact your ability to successfully complete this unit. We equally expect that you show respect for the academic staff who have worked hard to develop meaningful activities and prioritise your learning by communicating with them in advance if you are unable to attend a small group interactive session.

Another dimension of professionalism is having respect for your peers. It is the right of every student to learn in an environment that is free of disruption and distraction. Please arrive to all learning activities on time, and if you are unavoidably detained, please join activity as quietly as possible to minimise disruption. Phones and other electronic devices that produce noise and other distractions must be turned off prior to entering class. Where your own device (e.g., laptop) is being used for class-related activities, you are asked to close down all other applications to avoid distraction to you and others. Please treat your fellow students with the utmost respect. If you are uncomfortable participating in any specific activity, please let the relevant academic know.