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## General Information

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### Credit points

10

### Prerequisites

(PHTY800 or PHTY8100) and (PHTY801 or PHTY8101) and (PHTY802 or PHTY8102) and (MEDI915 or MEDI8105 or PHTY803 or PHTY8103)

### Corequisites


### Co-badged status


### Unit description

Within this unit you will develop the knowledge and skills required by physiotherapists to assess and treat clients of all ages with common musculoskeletal conditions of the spine. Through the application of clinical reasoning, and the principles of evidence-based and person-centred care you will implement safe and effective physiotherapy management strategies specific to an individual presenting with musculoskeletal disorders of the spine.

## 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](https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates)
Learning Outcomes

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

**ULO1:** Describe common musculoskeletal conditions of the cervical, thoracic and lumbosacral spine, and the pelvis; and the principles of, and efficacy for, physiotherapy treatment of these conditions. (Scientist and Scholar)

**ULO2:** Competently screen for serious spinal pathologies and describe the appropriate course of action for those suspected of having such pathology. (Clinical Practitioner)

**ULO3:** Apply the biopsychosocial model to effectively and efficiently assess individuals with musculoskeletal conditions of the spine, including a comprehensive history and physical examination and screening for predictors of persistent pain and disability. (Clinical Practitioner)

**ULO4:** Analyse assessment findings to form a diagnosis using the model of diagnostic triage to form prioritised list of problems in impairments, activity limitations and participation restrictions. (Clinical Practitioner)

**ULO5:** Communicate effectively with people with spinal pain to provide appropriate information about their diagnosis and prognosis, and to select a treatment which considers the individual's preferences and expectations. (Clinical Practitioner)

**ULO6:** Competently develop and implement a safe and effective person-centred physiotherapy plan that addresses the individual's goals and preferences, utilises evidence-based practice, considers cultural and social factors, and is evaluated using appropriate outcome measures. (Clinical Practitioner)

General Assessment Information

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.

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.

**Assessment Tasks**

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**Quiz 1**

Assessment Type: Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task: 10 hours
Due: Week 14-16
Weighting: 20%

This quiz includes short and long answer questions on all unit content
On successful completion you will be able to:

- Describe common musculoskeletal conditions of the cervical, thoracic and lumbosacral spine, and the pelvis; and the principles of, and efficacy for, physiotherapy treatment of these conditions. (Scientist and Scholar)
- Competently screen for serious spinal pathologies and describe the appropriate course of action for those suspected of having such pathology. (Clinical Practitioner)
- Apply the biopsychosocial model to effectively and efficiently assess individuals with musculoskeletal conditions of the spine, including a comprehensive history and physical examination and screening for predictors of persistent pain and disability. (Clinical Practitioner)
- Analyse assessment findings to form a diagnosis using the model of diagnostic triage to form prioritised list of problems in impairments, activity limitations and participation restrictions. (Clinical Practitioner)
- Communicate effectively with people with spinal pain to provide appropriate information about their diagnosis and prognosis, and to select a treatment which considers the individual’s preferences and expectations. (Clinical Practitioner)
- Competently develop and implement a safe and effective person-centred physiotherapy plan that addresses the individual’s goals and preferences, utilises evidence-based practice, considers cultural and social factors, and is evaluated using appropriate outcome measures. (Clinical Practitioner)

Clinical Simulation Exam 2

Assessment Type 1: Clinical performance evaluation
Indicative Time on Task 2: 18 hours
Due: Week 14-16
Weighting: 30%

You will simulate physiotherapy management of a musculoskeletal condition of the spine based on a case scenario

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Describe common musculoskeletal conditions of the cervical, thoracic and lumbosacral spine, and the pelvis; and the principles of, and efficacy for, physiotherapy treatment of
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Assessment Type 1: Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task 2: 10 hours
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Mastery register

Assessment Type ¹: Clinical performance evaluation
Indicative Time on Task ²: 9 hours
Due: 5pm Friday Week 13
Weighting: 0%
This is a hurdle assessment task (see assessment policy for more information on hurdle assessment tasks)

The mastery register for PHTY8105 is a list of key skills in which competence is considered to be a requirement for the assurance of quality physiotherapy practice for registration. You must demonstrate a minimum level of competence in these skills as a condition of passing this unit by achieving 60% completion of the mastery register in order to successfully complete the unit.

On successful completion you will be able to:

• Competently screen for serious spinal pathologies and describe the appropriate course of action for those suspected of having such pathology. (Clinical Practitioner)
• Apply the biopsychosocial model to effectively and efficiently assess individuals with musculoskeletal conditions of the spine, including a comprehensive history and physical examination and screening for predictors of persistent pain and disability. (Clinical Practitioner)
• Competently develop and implement a safe and effective person-centred physiotherapy plan that addresses the individual’s goals and preferences, utilises evidence-based practice, considers cultural and social factors, and is evaluated using appropriate outcome measures.(Clinical Practitioner)

Clinical Simulation Exam 1

Assessment Type ¹: Clinical performance evaluation
Indicative Time on Task ²: 18 hours
Due: Week 7
Weighting: 30%

You will simulate physiotherapy assessment of a musculoskeletal condition of the spine based on a case scenario.

On successful completion you will be able to:
• Describe common musculoskeletal conditions of the cervical, thoracic and lumbosacral spine, and the pelvis; and the principles of, and efficacy for, physiotherapy treatment of these conditions. (Scientist and Scholar)

• Competently screen for serious spinal pathologies and describe the appropriate course of action for those suspected of having such pathology. (Clinical Practitioner)

• Apply the biopsychosocial model to effectively and efficiently assess individuals with musculoskeletal conditions of the spine, including a comprehensive history and physical examination and screening for predictors of persistent pain and disability. (Clinical Practitioner)

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 readings, online modules, videos and lectures. Details can be found on the iLearn site for this unit.

Unit materials and readings
There is no compulsory textbook for this unit. Weekly readings will come from journal articles and a range of textbook chapters. Most weekly readings will be available as full text articles through the library including Leganto. Weekly readings will be listed on iLearn. A number of weekly consolidation resources will be provided. Some will be marked compulsory while others are optional useful resources that interested students can choose to use to deepen and broaden their knowledge.

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.

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:
Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit 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
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/.

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.