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Department of Linguistics

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General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

Admission to MClinAud and CAUD8109 and CAUD8110

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

In this unit you will learn about challenges of diagnoses and management of complex disorders such as Tinnitus, Auditory Neuropathy Spectrum Disorder and other developmental disorders such as auditory processing disorders. The unit explores current debates in the literature on disorders with conflicting views on their pathophysiology and management. The disorders included here require diagnoses and management strategies that go beyond the conventional audiological test battery and often mandate multidisciplinary approaches.

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: Describe upper brainstem and cortical auditory pathway and physiology, its' related disorders, and pathophysiology, and apply their knowledge to design appropriate audiological test battery and management (Capability 1 Scientist & Scholar)

ULO2: Perform and appropriately modify the audiological test battery for site-of-lesion assessment as part of a broader assessment used in complex cases (Capability 2 Practitioner)

ULO3: Explain and synthesize the hearing health needs of ethnically diverse

populations, including Indigenous Australians, along with the current literature and policy on managing prevalent hearing disorders (Capability 3 Citizen)

ULO4: Apply advanced audiological knowledge of assessments and rehabilitation principles to formulate and communicate, in oral and written formats in culturally appropriate language, to implement person-centered health care (Capability 2 Practitioner)

ULO5: Design appropriate management for complex clients, including multidisciplinary approaches and consideration of the clients' needs and goals and current evidence (Capability 4 Professional)

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.

For example:

Number of days (hours) late	Total Possible Marks	Deduction	Raw mark	Final mark
1 day (1-24 hours)	100	5	75	70
2 days (24-48 hours)	100	10	75	65
3 days (48-72 hours)	100	15	75	60
7 days (144-168 hours)	100	35	75	40
>7 days (>168 hours)	100	-	75	0

Late submission of time sensitive tasks, such as timetabled tests/exams, scheduled performance assessments/presentations, scheduled practical assessments/labs, will be addressed by the unit convenor in a Special consideration application.

Special Consideration

If you are unable to complete an assessment task on or by the specified date due 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.

Use of Generative AI and AI-assisted Technologies

Students may use Generative AI, in the development of an assessment task answer as long as they ensure that the final submission is their own work. They should include a statement indicating the use of this technology when submitting their assignment. See below for examples.

Declaration of Generative AI and AI-assisted technologies used in assessment tasks

Statement:

During the preparation of this assessment task, I used [NAME TOOL / SERVICE] in order to [REASON]. After using this tool/service, I reviewed and edited the content of my assessment task to ensure it is my own work. I have clearly acknowledged in my assessment task the work of others where appropriate.

Name:

Example 1

During the preparation of this assessment task, I used ChatGPT in order to see how it would structure a presentation on classroom design. After using ChatGPT, I reviewed the content of my task and am confident that it is my own work. I have clearly acknowledged in my assessment task the work of others where appropriate.

Name:

Example 2:

During the preparation of this assessment task, I used Scholarcy in order to summarise the article “Genre in Three Traditions” by Sunny Hyon. After using Scholarcy, I reviewed the content of my task and am confident that it is my own work. I did not copy and paste any content directly into my assessment task. I have clearly acknowledged in my assessment task the work of others where appropriate.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due	Groupwork/Individual	Short Extension	AI Approach
Multidisciplinary report	40%	No	09/10/2026	Individual and Group	No	Open
Mastery Register	30%	Yes	19/10/2026	Individual	No	Observed
Final Exam	30%	No	Exam time	Individual	No	Observed

Multidisciplinary report

Assessment Type ¹: Professional task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 28 hours

Due: **09/10/2026**

Weighting: **40%**

Groupwork/Individual: Individual and Group

Short extension ³: No

AI Approach: Open

You will work in small groups with other graduate health professional students, and complete a multidisciplinary patient report based on a complex case.

You will also complete an individual component focusing on complex audiological disorders.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Describe upper brainstem and cortical auditory pathway and physiology, its' related disorders, and pathophysiology, and apply their knowledge to design appropriate audiological test battery and management (Capability 1 Scientist & Scholar)
- Perform and appropriately modify the audiological test battery for site-of-lesion assessment as part of a broader assessment used in complex cases (Capability 2 Practitioner)
- Apply advanced audiological knowledge of assessments and rehabilitation principles to formulate and communicate, in oral and written formats in culturally appropriate language, to implement person-centered health care (Capability 2 Practitioner)
- Design appropriate management for complex clients, including multidisciplinary approaches and consideration of the clients' needs and goals and current evidence (Capability 4 Professional)

Mastery Register

Assessment Type ¹: Practice-based task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 30 hours

Due: **19/10/2026**

Weighting: **30%**

Groupwork/Individual: Individual

Short extension ³: No

AI Approach: Observed

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

You will demonstrate key clinical skills and knowledge at a level of competence aligned with accreditation standards and in line with patient safety.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Perform and appropriately modify the audiological test battery for site-of-lesion assessment as part of a broader assessment used in complex cases (Capability 2 Practitioner)
- Apply advanced audiological knowledge of assessments and rehabilitation principles to formulate and communicate, in oral and written formats in culturally appropriate language, to implement person-centered health care (Capability 2 Practitioner)
- Design appropriate management for complex clients, including multidisciplinary approaches and consideration of the clients' needs and goals and current evidence (Capability 4 Professional)

Final Exam

Assessment Type ¹: Examination

Indicative Time on Task ²: 25 hours

Due: **Exam time**

Weighting: **30%**

Groupwork/Individual: Individual

Short extension ³: No

AI Approach: Observed

The exam aims to cover the majority of the material provided in this unit, with a focus on the diagnosis and interdisciplinary management of clinical cases or different populations.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Describe upper brainstem and cortical auditory pathway and physiology, its' related disorders, and pathophysiology, and apply their knowledge to design appropriate

audiological test battery and management (Capability 1 Scientist & Scholar)

- Perform and appropriately modify the audiological test battery for site-of-lesion assessment as part of a broader assessment used in complex cases (Capability 2 Practitioner)
- Explain and synthesize the hearing health needs of ethnically diverse populations, including Indigenous Australians, along with the current literature and policy on managing prevalent hearing disorders (Capability 3 Citizen)
- Apply advanced audiological knowledge of assessments and rehabilitation principles to formulate and communicate, in oral and written formats in culturally appropriate language, to implement person-centered health care (Capability 2 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
- [Academic Success](#) 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.

³ An automatic short extension is available for some assessments. Apply through the [Service Connect Portal](#).

Delivery and Resources

In class consolidation workshops are scheduled and iLearn has the unit schedule mapped with weekly plan.

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) (<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) (<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>

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 connect.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/>

Academic Success

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

- [Ask a Study Coach](#)
- [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 the [Service Connect Portal](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <https://students.mq.edu.au/support/technology/service-desk>.

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.

Artificial Intelligence

Macquarie University recognises that artificial intelligence (AI), especially generative AI, is rapidly reshaping education and the modern workplace. As AI becomes increasingly accessible, the University and your teaching staff are committed to preparing you to use these tools effectively, ethically, and with strong professional judgment. Rather than restricting technology, the emphasis is on helping you understand when and how AI can be used to enhance productivity, support learning, and reflect real-world professional practice. Across your degree, we will support you to develop the critical thinking, adaptability, and values-based decision-making skills required to navigate evolving AI tools responsibly, including acknowledging their use appropriately. You should always appropriately acknowledge when you have used AI tools within assessment tasks, including which AI tools you have used and how you have used them. To provide clarity, Macquarie University uses a simple, two-tiered approach to AI in assessment: AI Open assessments allow you to fully incorporate AI, reflecting authentic tasks where AI would normally be used in professional settings. Observed with AI Optional assessments involve tasks where you either demonstrate essential knowledge without technology or show how you apply AI under supervision. Across both categories, the goal is to ensure you build foundational knowledge, exercise sound judgment, and engage with AI in ways that uphold ethical, cultural, and university values.

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.

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