General Information

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Credit points
4

Prerequisites
CHIR896

Corequisites
CHIR904

Co-badged status

Unit description
This is the second of two practical units in which students attend the department's Outpatient Clinics as chiropractic interns. In this unit students become responsible for patient management and care under the guidance of the clinic supervisors.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates

Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate an ability to take a chiropractic clinical history, perform the relevant physical examination, order any necessary radiographs, refer for any other necessary evaluation in order to provisionally diagnose the patient's condition and carry out safe and effective
chiropractic management of a patient (as taught by the Department) within the allocated time.

2. Demonstrate an ability to educate patients in the aims and objectives of the proposed care including a rehabilitation program.

3. Demonstrate accurate and appropriate clinical record keeping skills.

4. Demonstrate an understanding of effective administrative structures required for the running of a chiropractic clinic.

5. Demonstrate satisfactory competency in the ongoing assessments and attendance criteria for the clinic internship. Demonstrate ability to meet quotas as determined by the Department with respect to patient consultation requirements as set out in the Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia Inc (CCEA) Standards for First Professional Award Programs in Chiropractic Guidelines (Appendix 1 in Clinic Manual) inclusive of radiography quotas set by the Department with respect to the number of diagnostic radiographs produced and reports written. Demonstrated compliance to all requirements for the unit as described in the Clinic Manual.

General Assessment Information

Students must also complete all minimum required patient treatment numbers, x-ray numbers, x-ray report numbers, community service hours, attendance hours and fieldwork hours in order to pass this unit.

All supplementary examinations will be in a VIVA format

Clinic Internship II will be awarded pass/fail grades only. In order to achieve a PASS grade, a student must attain a minimum aggregate overall raw mark of 70% across the assessments and satisfactory attendance along with completion of all unit requirements as outlined in the 2014 Clinic Manual. If any of these components are not met by the designated time as stipulated in the Clinic Manual a student will receive a FAIL grade for this unit.

Assessment Tasks

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Clinical Competency on NP

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Full clinical competency assessment is to be undertaken on a patient that is new to the student. The student performance will be assessment and marked by a Clinic Supervisor.

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Clinical Exam DVD format

Due: Week 13
Weighting: 25%

Clinical Competency standardised case presented in a DVD format to students. Standardised case, marked by clinical examiners.

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Ongoing Clinical Assessments

Due: **week 13**
Weighting: **15%**

Each clinical assessment is repeated twice and marked by two individual Clinic Supervisors. Assessment is undertaken on clinic patients as per the Clinic Manual timeframe.

No time extension to complete OCAs is permitted without approval from Director of Clinics upon submission of request due to special circumstances.

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Competency VIVA format

Due: **Week 13 TBC**
Weighting: **30%**

Students will be assessed by one internal and one external examiner on a case presented in written form and present their answers to questions verbally.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

- Demonstrate accurate and appropriate clinical record keeping skills.
Demonstrate an understanding of effective administrative structures required for the running of a chiropractic clinic.

Additional Assessments
Due: Week 13
Weighting: 0%

X – Rays Taken 30
X – Ray reports completed 60

Adequate clinical progression with respect to treatments delivered as deemed satisfactory by the Director of Clinics: 300 treatments consisting of a minimum of 50 New patients. In addition to all other requirements as set out in the clinic manual.

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Letter Writing
Due: Week 13
Weighting: 10%

Students will electronically submit a sample letter outlining a mock report of findings for a patient that has presented to them that they wish to refer to a specialist medical practitioner.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
• Demonstrate accurate and appropriate clinical record keeping skills.

Delivery and Resources
Lecture 1hr Mon 10am -11am
2 X 4hr Treating shift
1 X 4hr Reception shift
Placement attendance opportunity

Fieldwork attendance opportunity

Attendance at Clinic shifts, placement locations and fieldwork events is expected over a 12 month calendar period and does not follow academic semester calendar.

**Policies and Procedures**

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central. Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:


The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the Learning and Teaching Category of Policy Central.

**Student Code of Conduct**

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: [https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/)

**Results**

Results shown in iLearn, 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](http://ask.mq.edu.au).

**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/)

**Learning Skills**

Learning Skills ([mq.edu.au/learningskills](http://mq.edu.au/learningskills)) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- **Workshops**
- **StudyWise**
- **Academic Integrity Module for Students**
Student Enquiry Service
For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

Equity Support
Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

IT Help
For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities
PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills
Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen fields.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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• Additional Assessments

PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience, of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

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PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability

Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

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PG - Effective Communication

Our postgraduates will be able to communicate effectively and convey their views to different social, cultural, and professional audiences. They will be able to use a variety of technologically supported media to communicate with empathy using a range of written, spoken or visual formats.

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PG - Engaged and Responsible, Active and Ethical Citizens

Our postgraduates will be ethically aware and capable of confident transformative action in relation to their professional responsibilities and the wider community. They will have a sense of connectedness with others and country and have a sense of mutual obligation. They will be able to appreciate the impact of their professional roles for social justice and inclusion related to national and global issues.

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PG - Capable of Professional and Personal Judgment and Initiative

Our postgraduates will demonstrate a high standard of discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgment. They will have the ability to make informed choices and decisions that reflect both the nature of their professional work and their personal perspectives.

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