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General Information

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4

Prerequisites
Admission to MDisabilityStud and permission by special approval

Corequisites

Co-badge status

Unit description
This unit provides an in-depth examination of the major orientation and mobility theories and approaches necessary for delivering complex Orientation and Mobility services to people with multiple disabilities including vision impairment. This is an elective that is only available to Guide Dogs NSW/ACT sponsored students.

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. Identify best practice service delivery and duty of care approaches in complex client cases
2. Explain the legal and ethical obligations of orientation and mobility service delivery
3. Use advanced electronic and sonar-based technology involved in providing orientation and mobility services to complex client-cases
4. Specify approaches required to meet the orientation and mobility needs of clients experiencing a broad range of vision loss and multi-disabling medical conditions
5. Describe the concept of risk management and its importance to complex client service delivery

6. Critically appraise and analyse related professional literature

### Assessment Tasks

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**Critical review**

**Due:** 21/04/2017  
**Weighting:** 20%

The purpose of this assessment is to develop a critical approach to the literature that defines the field of orientation and mobility.

Your assessment should be presented in the APA style of writing and referencing. The word count for this assessment is 1500 words.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

- Explain the legal and ethical obligations of orientation and mobility service delivery
- Specify approaches required to meet the orientation and mobility needs of clients experiencing a broad range of vision loss and multi-disabling medical conditions
- Describe the concept of risk management and its importance to complex client service delivery

**Research paper**

**Due:** 05/05/2017  
**Weighting:** 50%

The purpose of this assessment is to demonstrate an understanding of the specific orientation and mobility topic you have chosen by applying and integrating literature sources.

Your assessment should be presented in the APA style of writing and referencing. The word count for this assessment is 2500 words.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

- Identify best practice service delivery and duty of care approaches in complex client
Describe the concept of risk management and its importance to complex client service delivery
• Critically appraise and analyse related professional literature

Skill competency demonstration
Due: During on campus session
Weighting: 30%

The purpose of this assessment is to demonstrate the capacity to engage with an audience in a way that is meaningful, and facilitates good information exchange. Students will work in small groups to construct and then present on a topic during the on campus session:

Groups and choice of topics will be negotiated early in the semester.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
• Identify best practice service delivery and duty of care approaches in complex client cases
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• Critically appraise and analyse related professional literature

Delivery and Resources
All resources will be provided to the student.

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:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

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

https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offerings/78572/unit_guide/print
Student Support

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

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (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
- Ask a Learning Adviser

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://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.

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:

**Learning outcomes**

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**Assessment tasks**

- Critical review
- Research paper

**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.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcomes**

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**Assessment tasks**

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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.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcome**
- Critically appraise and analyse related professional literature

**Assessment tasks**
- Critical review
- Skill competency demonstration

**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.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcomes**
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**Assessment task**
- Skill competency demonstration

**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.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcome**
- Explain the legal and ethical obligations of orientation and mobility service delivery

**Assessment task**
- Skill competency demonstration
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.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcomes**

- Identify best practice service delivery and duty of care approaches in complex client cases
- Explain the legal and ethical obligations of orientation and mobility service delivery
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