**Course specification**

**Description: Placement A - Theory in Practice**

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**Academic group:** FOSCI  
**Academic org:** FOS005  
**Student contribution band:** 1  
**ASCED code:** 090513

**STAFFING**
Examiner: Graeme Senior

**REQUISITES**
Pre-requisite: PSY4020 and PSY8040 Co-requisite: COU8372

**SYNOPSIS**
This course is taught in parallel with COU8372 (Placement A - Practicum) and constitutes the formal lecture and training component of this placement. It is designed to provide the necessary theoretical and practical skills to be applied in the practicum. Emphasis is placed on critical evaluation and utilisation of the clinical research literature to develop the statistical and rational methods necessary to generate treatment and assessment plans.

**OBJECTIVES**
At the end of the placement, students will be able to demonstrate counselling and assessment competencies. Actual content of the placement will include such skills as being able to:

1. formulate questions to guide further intervention;
2. plan, and evaluate assessment protocols;
3. plan, and evaluate counselling protocols.

**TOPICS**

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<td>Specific goals for assessment and intervention skills to be arranged between student and supervisors. See Practicum Guidelines.</td>
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TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

Directed reading as assigned by the students' supervisors. Students will also consult relevant Psychological Journals.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

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ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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NOTES

1. Refer to the Examiner for information about these due dates.
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IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

1. Attendance requirements:
   To maximize their chances of satisfying the objectives of the course, students must attend and actively participate in the placement.

2. Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
   To complete each assessment satisfactorily, students must (i) attend and participate in the mid-placement interview and be judged as making satisfactory progress by the students' supervisors to gain the 1 mark for that assessment item and (ii) be assessed as having satisfactorily achieved the predetermined criteria for each placement objective in the Final Placement Evaluation.

3. Penalties for late submission of required work:
   Students must complete the practicum requirements as specified in their contract. Failure to do so will result in a Fail grade.
4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
   To receive a passing grade in this course, students must obtain a Satisfactory standard on the Final Placement Evaluation.

5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
   As P is the only passing grade available for this course, all students who are qualified for a passing grade will be given a grade of P. Other students will be given either a Failing grade or an Incomplete grade.

6 Examination information:
   There is no examination in this course.

7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
   There will be no Deferred or Supplementary examinations in this course.

8 University Regulations:
   Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm or in the current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

9 A contract will be drawn up between the Singapore supervisor representing the university, the community supervisor and the student regarding supervisory and placement requirements.

10 Assessment 1 is the Mid-Placement Interview with supervisors in the setting to determine the student's progress.

11 Assessment 2 is the Final Placement Evaluation from the community supervisor based on predetermined criteria for each placement objective.