Description: Ethical and Professional Practice

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STAFFING
Examiner: Lucille Douglas
Moderator: Nola Passmore

REQUISITES
Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in Program BSCH in Psychology major (12302)

RATIONALE
There are a number of ethical and professional issues that are common to the various specialised fields of psychological practice whether they be in clinical psychology, counselling psychology, neuro-psychology, educational psychology, forensic psychology, or other important area. In all such fields psychologists are exposed to a variety of clinical issues, as well. These issues can include, but are not limited to: assessment and report writing, client and therapist relationship, exposure to various clinical disorders such as mood disorders, anxiety disorders and personality disorders, and also the impact of life events (death, illness etc). In addition it is also recognised that psychologists need to be aware of ethical codes of conduct and how guidelines affect the daily practice of psychology in Australia, as well as international and cross-cultural professional practice.

SYNOPSIS
This course is designed to introduce the student to a number of issues involved in the professional practice of psychology. Various issues such as assessment and report writing, working with various clinical populations, and following ethical guidelines will be reviewed. Students must be able to access WebCT.

OBJECTIVES
On successful completion of this course students will be able to:

1. demonstrate an awareness of the issues that influence psychological professional practice (Ethics Analysis Assignment and Ethics Test Case Vignettes);
2. relate basic skills of psychological practice to underlying theory and to concepts of professionalism (Essay).
TOPICS

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<td>The Psychologist in the Workplace</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.


STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

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NOTES

1. Case Vignettes

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

1. Attendance requirements:
   It is the students' responsibility to attend and participate appropriately in all activities
   (such as workshops and the on-line discussion group) scheduled for them, and to study
   all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance
   of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and
   administration. Participation in on-campus workshops is a mandatory requirement of
   Psychology Honours, and PSY4020. The skills components of this course will be across
   several compulsory workshops to be held on campus. If circumstances prevent a student
   from attending a workshop, the student will either fail the course or be required to repeat
   the course in the next year.

2. Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
   To complete each of the assessment items satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50%
   of the marks available for each assessment item.

3. Penalties for late submission of required work:
   If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval then a penalty of
   5%, up to a maximum reduction of 25% of the total marks available for the assignment
   will apply for each working day late.

4. Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
   To be assured of receiving a passing grade a student must submit all of the weighted
   assessment items and achieve at least 50% of the available weighted marks for each of
   those items. Students who do not qualify for a Passing grade may, at the discretion of the
   Examiner, be assigned additional work to demonstrate to the Examiner that they have
   achieved the required standard.

5. Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
   The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate of
   the marks (or grades) obtained for each of the summative items in the course.

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

7. Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
   There will be no deferred or supplementary examinations for 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

CRICOS: QLD 00244B | NSW 02225M

ASSESSMENT NOTES

9 The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the despatch date, if requested by the Examiner.

10 Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be produced within 24 hours if required by the Examiner.