

BEHV 7004 ASSESSMENT: PSYCHOLOGICAL PRACTICE

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 102359

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Description This unit will provide students with the skills to psychologically assess and diagnose a range of psychological disorders in adults and in children that are presented in psychological practice. This unit will be complemented by 102400 Assessment: Cognitive Functions in the second semester which will focus more on cognitive assessments. Upon completion of this unit, students will have an understanding of a range of assessment tools, their psychometric qualities, application and utility in a psychological practice. They will also develop skills in applying and interpreting assessment tools and how those tools may aid diagnostic and therapeutic processes.

School Psychology

Discipline Psychology

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 1 10cp

Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Restrictions

Restricted to Postgraduate students with an APAC accredited 4 year psychology sequence.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Define the principle of clinical assessment.
2. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of assessment application at diagnostic and therapeutic levels.
3. Compare a range of different assessment tools, their psychometric properties and application
4. Apply knowledge of assessment tools across a range of diagnostic and therapeutic contexts
5. Demonstrate skills in conducting and interpreting assessment.
6. Formulate and appropriately communication assessment results to clients and other professionals.

Subject Content

Principles of Clinical Assessment
 Assessing Mood Disorders and Self-Harm Risk
 Assessing Anxiety Disorders
 Assessing Child Behavioural and Emotional Functioning
 Assessing OCD and Related Disorders
 Assessing Personality and Aptitudes
 Assessing Chronic Pain and Physical Disability
 Assessing Trauma & Related Disorders

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Item	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task
Interview: Assessment	30 minutes	30	Y	Individual
GP Assessment Report	2,000 words	20	Y	Individual
Final Exam: Short-answer Questions Exam	2 hours	50	Y	Individual

Teaching Periods