

# CMPL 7005 CHRONIC AND COMPLEX DISORDERS IN CHINESE MEDICINE

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 401137

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**Description** This unit will enable practitioners to extend their clinical reasoning skills to chronic and complex conditions seen in contemporary Chinese Medicine clinical practice. The unit will analyse specific cases and conditions which present a range of complex and contradictory signs and symptoms making diagnosis and treatment challenging. Senior practitioners of both acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine will present their own clinical experience and assist students to understand their diagnostic and treatment processes.

**School** Health Sciences

**Discipline** Traditional Chinese Medicine

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 2 10cp

**Level** Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

**Incompatible Subjects** NATS 7005 - Chinese Medicine Specialties AND CMPL 7011 - Dermatology in Chinese Medicine

## Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in 4716 Master of Chinese Medicine (or Master of Health Science (Traditional Chinese Medicine) and/or Master of Health Science (Acupuncture)

## Learning Outcomes

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

1. Analyse the clinical reasoning processes central to Chinese medicine practice.
2. Evaluate the uses and relative efficacy of different TCM theories used to guide Chinese medicine diagnosis in practice.
3. Apply the use of different treatment strategies/principles for approaching complex cases.
4. Apply Chinese medicine clinical reasoning to a range of complex disorders.
5. Assess the strengths and weaknesses of Chinese medicine practice and research in relation to complex and chronic disorders.
6. Able to construct acupuncture and herbal prescriptions to apply in modern clinical conditions.

## Subject Content

1. Introduction to clinical reasoning
2. Examination of 'complex cases' from Chinese Medicine (CM) history
3. Case histories drawn from actual contemporary practice which focus on:
  - The impact of pharmaceutical drugs on The body
  - long term Progression of disease
  - multiple diseases coexisting
  - The role of biomedical investigative tests to assist CM Diagnosis

- interaction of biomedical & CM treatments

4. Cases drawn from a range of specialties:

- Dermatology
- gastrointestinal disease
- Autoimmune disease
- Paediatrics
- liver disease
- Respiratory illness
- cardiovascular disease

## 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
Case study	2,000 words	35	N	Individual
Essay	2,500 words	35	N	Individual
Online participation		10	N	Individual
Class tests	20 minutes on each workshop	20	N	Individual

Teaching Periods