

HLTH 7026 PROFESSIONAL INTERNSHIP IN HEALTH

Credit Points 40

Legacy Code 401368

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Description This unit provides students with the opportunity to translate the content of the postgraduate program to the context of the workplace through an integrated workplace internship. This experience will allow the student to develop the necessary skills and competencies expected of high performing health professionals. The Internship enables a focused opportunity to work in contemporary healthcare settings with leaders and managers from a variety of professions. Students will also engage in coursework with a focus on creating an portfolio that revisits all content learned throughout their courses to critically assess their learning journey and learning outcomes. This process will teach students how to systematically self-reflect in deep and transformative ways, engaging with theory and knowledge acquired and developed through their studies to design and create a portfolio of their skills and competencies through a social capital framework. The unit will culminate in a presentation of the results of their internship project in a research and practice seminar.

School Health Sciences

Discipline Health, Not Elsewhere Classified.

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 2 40cp

Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in a post-graduate program and have a GPA of 5.5 or greater. Students enrolled in the Master of Public Health or Master of Health Science must have successfully completed 80 credit points. Permission is required for enrolment. Students must submit a CV and cover letter to the subject Coordinator detailing their previous professional experience/background and what they wish to achieve in the internship, including preferred areas of work in health.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Critique peer-reviewed literature and identify gaps in current knowledge and practice
2. Demonstrate good analytical skills, strong problem-solving skills and a logical approach to achieving outcomes
3. Plan, manage and deliver a comprehensive applied project or set of related tasks relevant to the health work place.
4. Demonstrate the ability to work cooperatively and effectively within a team environment displaying positive and constructive work behaviours to achieve common goals.
5. Engage in self-analysis to identify factors relevant to supporting life-long learning and ethical professional practice
6. Articulate and implement the principles of reflective practice in personal and professional settings
7. Evaluate personal strengths and their applications to leadership and participation in professional teams
8. Assess ones own capabilities in doing and knowing based on evidence of experience and practice

Subject Content

1. Professional experience in selected workplace
2. The reflective practice: Reporting and responding; relating; reasoning; and reconstructing
3. Social capital, habitus, field and practice ? using Bourdieu's social capital theory to self-reflect

Special Requirements

Legislative pre-requisites

Special Requirements - NSW Health Legislative Prerequisites

Student Compliance Information for all Health-Related Placements

Prior to enrolling in this subject, students must have submitted a Student Undertaking Form and undertake to apply for a National Police Check, which is required to be submitted before placement, and a Working with Children Check Student Declaration. Use the link to the Special Requirements webpage below for more information.

To be eligible to enrol in this subject and complete any required health-related placements or experiences, students must meet Western Sydney University program requirements as well as any special, legislated, or policy-mandated requirements.

Western Program Requirements

Visit the Special Requirements webpage for details about your program.

Special Requirements (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/enrolment/special_requirements/)

Mandatory NSW Health student placement policy requirements

To be able to undertake placement in any NSW Health facility you must be assessed as compliant with NSW Health student placement policy in the first year of your program, regardless of when you expect to go on your first placement. Access and read the NSW Student Compliance Information Booklet.

NSW Student Compliance Information Booklet (https://issuu.com/uwspublications/docs/wsu_student_compliance_booklet_2020_v6/)

Please ensure that you

1. Find your existing National Police Check or apply for one
2. Gather documentary evidence of your vaccination history
3. Print and complete all relevant NSW Health forms relevant to the campus you are enrolled at or online enrolment requirements
4. Follow booklet instructions on how to have your compliance documents assessed by NSW health staff.

International students have additional requirements; the link to the booklet will inform you of these requirements.

School Requirements

Contact your School for further details regarding your School's requirements, if any, such as

- If you live outside of NSW or Australia and need to meet your state, territory or country's compliance requirements
- If you need to meet different state, territory or country compliance requirements.
- NSW Working with Children Check (WWCC) or other state equivalent, valid for your entire program.

- Current approved first aid certificate valid for your entire program
- approved program providers can be found at the Government Training website
- <http://training.gov.au> (<http://training.gov.au/>)
- Other non-health related requirements.

Student Compliance Resources are also available on the Placements Hub web page (NSW students only)

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/learning_futures/home/placements_hub/placements_hub/student_compliance (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/learning_futures/home/placements_hub/placements_hub/student_compliance/)

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
Self-Assessment	800 words	10	N	Individual
Essay	1,000 words	10	N	Individual
Portfolio	3,000 words	40	N	Individual
Presentation	15 minutes	10	N	Individual
Professional Placement Performance	2,500 words	30	N	Individual

Teaching Periods

Autumn

Parramatta - Victoria Rd

Day

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View timetable (https://classregistration.westernsydney.edu.au/even/timetable/?subject_code=HLTH7026_22-AUT_PS_D#subjects)

Spring

Online

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