

# MEDI 3008 MORTUARY PRACTICE

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 301394

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**Description** This subject introduces the student to processes and techniques used in a forensic mortuary context. Students will undertake activities that prepare them for clinical placement with an operational forensic mortuary setting, which includes a brief placement within a NSW Forensic and Analytical Science Service (FASS) facility or NSW Organ and Tissue Donation Service. Student must have demonstrated full compliance with NSW Health placement requirements in the first year of their candidature before enrolling in this subject and 301128 Advanced Mortuary Practice. This subject, together with completion of 301128 Advanced Mortuary Practice is essential for graduates of this course seeking employment as a forensic mortuary technician with FASS.

**School** Science

**Discipline** Pathology

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

Check your fees via the Fees ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current\\_students/fees/](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/fees/)) page.

**Level** Undergraduate Level 3 subject

**Co-requisite(s)** NATS 2004

## Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in 3733 Bachelor of Medical Science (Forensic Mortuary Practice) and successfully completed 120 credit points.

## Learning Outcomes

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

1. Apply principles of safe work practice
2. Demonstrate knowledge of key Acts, policies and procedures directly related to a forensic mortuary facility
3. Reflect on the role of the forensic mortuary technician
4. Demonstrate professional behaviours, communication skills and self management
5. Apply beginning level skills in forensic mortuary practices
6. Appraise practice experiences and skills
7. Produce industry relevant documentation for forensic mortuary practice

## Subject Content

Professional attitudes and behaviour  
 Professional roles and relationships  
 Professional communication skills  
 Legislative requirements related to practice  
 Professional ethics  
 Safe work practices  
 Scope of mortuary practice  
 Forensic mortuary practice skills

## Special Requirements

Legislative pre-requisites

To be eligible to enrol in a subject and attend a health-related placement in your program, students must meet Western Sydney University program requirements and Special Legislative Requirements to be assessed in their first year of study against the following.

1. National Criminal History Check: Students must have a current (expiring 3 years from date of issue) check valid for their entire program. A valid National Criminal history check must be an Australia wide check, include the student's full name matching their Student ID card and date of birth and not have any offences listed. If a student has a criminal history identified on their check, they must provide a Clinical Placement Authority Card (CPAC) or conditional letter from the NSW HealthShare Employment Screening and Review Unit [https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/careers/student\\_clearance/Documents/appendix-10-student-application.pdf](https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/careers/student_clearance/Documents/appendix-10-student-application.pdf) International students must additionally have a translated International Police Check or statutory declaration.
2. A NSW Working with Children Check (WWCC) clearance letter issued under the category of volunteer valid for their entire program.
3. A current approved first aid certificate valid for their entire program. Approved provider courses can be found at <http://training.gov.au> (<http://training.gov.au/>).
4. A completed vaccination/immunisation card with all serology results containing expiry dates and currency must be maintained by the student to ensure compliance for their entire course.
5. NSW Undertaking/Declaration form.
6. Completed any additional health forms required (such as NSW Health Code of Conduct, Health Student Undertaking/Declaration and Tuberculosis (TB) Assessment Tool).
7. Relevant Local Health District specific documentation as requested.

Contact your School for further details. Resources are also available on the Placement Hub ([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/)) website.

## 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.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Reflection	500 words each	30	N	Individual	N
Report	5-10 pages double spaced	20	N	Group	N
Professional Placement Performance	7-14 hours of placement at a forensic mortuary facility	S/U	Y	Individual	Y
Final Exam	2 hrs	50	Y	Individual	Y

Teaching Periods

## 1st Half (2025)

### Campbelltown

#### On-site

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