

REHA 1004 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE 1

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 400907

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Description This subject introduces students to the principles of professional practice. Students will be provided with learning opportunities through a variety of experiential and community engagement activities that will begin to develop their skills and competence. Professional competencies addressed include communication, documentation, reflection and professional and ethical behaviour. A professional practice placement is incorporated in this subject. Students will complete practice hours in accordance with World Federation of Occupational Therapy accreditation guidelines.

School Health Sciences

Discipline Occupational Therapy

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 2 10cp

Check your fees via the Fees (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/fees/) page.

Level Undergraduate Level 1 subject

Pre-requisite(s) REHA 2006 People Environments and Occupations COMM 1007 Communication in Health

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in 4663 Bachelor of Health Science/Master of Occupational Therapy or 4711 Bachelor of Occupational Therapy. This subject is profession-specific, preparing students to practice as an occupational therapist and not relevant as an elective for non-occupational therapy students.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Apply the principles of safe work practices to occupational therapy work contexts
2. Educate others on a task appropriate to professional practice
3. Describe the role of the occupational therapist in language suitable for a client
4. Conduct an interview and record findings in a format appropriate for entry into health records
5. Demonstrate professional behaviours and self management in a practice setting
6. Reflect on their practice experience using a structured format

Subject Content

1. Professional attitudes and behaviour
2. Professional roles and relationships
3. Professional communication skills
4. Legislative requirements related to practice
5. Professional ethics
6. Preparation for practice context
7. Safe work practices
8. Equipment used by occupational therapist

Special Requirements

Legislative pre-requisites

Special Requirements - NSW Health Legislative Prerequisites Pre-requisites

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://www.westernsydney.edu.au/placements_hub/placements_hub/student_compliance/)

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.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Professional Task	600 words	40	N	Individual	Y
Case Study	2,000 words	50	N	Individual	Y
Professional Placement Performance	40 hours practice placement	10	Y	Individual	Y

Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025)

Campbelltown

On-site

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View timetable (https://classregistration.westernsydney.edu.au/odd/timetable/?subject_code=REHA1004_25-AUT_CA_1#subjects)