

WELF 7011 FURTHER CLINICAL STUDIES (ART THERAPY)

Credit Points 20

Legacy Code 101785

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Description This subject aims to develop clinical practice skills to the level required for professional registration. The subject involves 375 hours of clinical placement working under the guidance of a clinical supervisor. It will involve group supervision of casework and in-depth discussion of issues arising from placements.

School Social Sciences

Discipline Counselling

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 20cp

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

Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Pre-requisite(s) WELF 7001

Equivalent Subjects LGYA 1491 - Further Clinical Studies

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in program 4595 Master of Art Therapy.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Integrate theoretical knowledge and practical skills in order to effectively work with clients in the placement setting.
2. Demonstrate ability to reflect critically upon one's clinical work through observation, documentation and case study analysis.
3. Participate appropriately and effectively as a member of an agency or clinical team as demonstrated through consistent professional conduct inclusive of ethical, legal and cross-cultural considerations.
4. Achieve an appropriate standard of professional and clinical practice for a graduating clinician in art therapy through completion of required number of supervised placement hours.
5. Apply an intrapersonal and interpersonal understanding of the therapeutic relationship in art therapy to clinical practice.

Subject Content

- Continuing art therapy practice and associated activities in approved settings for the required number of hours in order to reach 750 total hours for the clinical year.
- Examination of the ways in which the philosophies, approaches to practice and management structures of the setting affect the work of the trainee therapist.
- Working as part of a team alongside experienced professionals.
- Working with clients/ participants with the support of clinical supervision
- Observation, documentation, enquiry and reflection in relation to one's art therapy practice.

- Further development of clinical skills in practice: therapeutic and counselling skills, establishing a therapeutic contract and maintaining the frame of therapy, observation of appropriate professional boundaries, adherence to ethical practices, engagement with participants, assessment of issues and planning of therapeutic approach, use of supervision, presentation skills, report writing, record keeping.

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
Participation	Continuous	S/U	Y	Individual	Y
Professional Placement Performance	Continuous	S/U	Y	Individual	Y
Presentation	20 minutes	S/U	N	Individual	N
Case Study	4000 words	S/U	Y	Individual	Y

Teaching Periods

2nd Half (2025)

Parramatta - Victoria Rd

On-site

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View timetable (https://classregistration.westernsydney.edu.au/odd/timetable/?subject_code=WELF7011_25-2H_PS_1#subjects)