



UNSW Course Outline

PSYC7235 Professional and Ethical Practice (Clinical) 5 - 2023

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Year : 2023
Term : Term 3
Teaching Period : T3
Delivery Mode : In Person
Delivery Format : Standard
Delivery Location : Kensington

General Course Information

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Is a multi-term course? : No
Faculty : Faculty of Science
Academic Unit : School of Psychology
Delivery Mode : In Person
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Delivery Location : Kensington
Campus : Sydney
Study Level : Postgraduate
Units of Credit : 6

Useful Links

[Handbook Class Timetable](#)

Course Details & Outcomes

Course Description

PEP5 (Clinical) follows from earlier PEP courses and provides ongoing training as part of the

practical component of the clinical program. At this stage candidates are expected to develop further autonomy in their clinical practice. In PEP5 candidates are required to complete a supervised placement in one external field placement setting of at least 167 hours. Activities undertaken during placement typically include client work, supervision, placement administrative responsibilities and client preparations. Placement hours typically extend beyond the standard term period. Additional hours may also be required to demonstrate sufficient clinical competencies. This is a Workplace Integrated Learning (WIL) course.

Course Aims

The aim of the course is to further develop and strengthen the Clinical Psychology competencies of candidates, which is achieved through the active participation in client work and regular supervision at one external placement setting, and training through clinical workshops.

Relationship to Other Courses

PSYC7234 Professional and Ethical Practice (Clinical) 4 is a pre-requisite for this course.

Course Learning Outcomes

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CL01 : Demonstrate knowledge and application of psychological theory in clinical assessments and diagnosis
CL02 : Demonstrate knowledge and application of psychological theory in case conceptualisation and selection of evidence-based interventions
CL03 : Actively integrate individual perspectives and cultural considerations into all aspects of client care.
CL04 : Demonstrate skillful delivery of evidence based interventions including effective engagement and taking a collaborative and responsive approach.
CL05 : Apply knowledge of psychometric methods to correctly select, administer, score and interpret common psychometric tests.
CL06 : Demonstrate counselling skills and communicate effectively in verbal and non-verbal forms with clients and other professionals.
CL07 : Demonstrate self-awareness, reflectivity and cognitive flexibility in client work.
CL08 : Demonstrate respect for and commitment to the scientific method through evidence based practice.
CL09 : Demonstrate knowledge of ethical and professional codes, standards and guidelines, and commitment to their application.
CL010 : Demonstrate professionalism and accountability in all areas of professional activities including concern for welfare of others, responsiveness to supervision and timely approach to clinical work. * The level of competencies demonstrated in each of the course learning outcomes above should be at a level consistent with the stage of clinical training. The expected level of competency gradually increases as clinical training progresses.

Course Learning Outcomes	Assessment Item
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CLO1 : Demonstrate knowledge and application of psychological theory in clinical assessments and diagnosis	• Professional and ethical practice at external field placement • Field Placement documentation • Active participation in workshops
CLO2 : Demonstrate knowledge and application of psychological theory in case conceptualisation and selection of evidence-based interventions	• Professional and ethical practice at external field placement • Field Placement documentation • Active participation in workshops
CLO3 : Actively integrate individual perspectives and cultural considerations into all aspects of client care.	• Professional and ethical practice at external field placement • Field Placement documentation • Active participation in workshops
CLO4 : Demonstrate skillful delivery of evidence based interventions including effective engagement and taking a collaborative and responsive approach.	• Professional and ethical practice at external field placement • Field Placement documentation • Active participation in workshops
CLO5 : Apply knowledge of psychometric methods to correctly select, administer, score and interpret common psychometric tests.	• Professional and ethical practice at external field placement • Field Placement documentation • Active participation in workshops
CLO6 : Demonstrate counselling skills and communicate effectively in verbal and non-verbal forms with clients and other professionals.	• Professional and ethical practice at external field placement • Field Placement

	documentation • Active participation in workshops
CL07 : Demonstrate self-awareness, reflectivity and cognitive flexibility in client work.	• Professional and ethical practice at external field placement • Field Placement documentation • Active participation in workshops
CL08 : Demonstrate respect for and commitment to the scientific method through evidence based practice.	• Professional and ethical practice at external field placement • Field Placement documentation • Active participation in workshops
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Learning and Teaching Technologies

Moodle - Learning Management System | Microsoft Teams | Zoom

Learning and Teaching in this course

Following on from PEP4, the clinical workshop and clinical supervision in this course will provide

further practical training in clinical skills of assessment, case formulation and treatment. Trainees will continue to assess and treat clients in one external field placement setting, informed by relevant theoretical models and adopting evidence-based approaches.

Teaching in PEP5 is delivered via supervision and feedback on clinical practice on external placement and via content delivered in training workshops.

1. Registration and Compliance

Trainees must ensure that they have current provisional/general registration with the Australia Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) for the entire placement period (and for the duration of enrolment in the program). Trainees may also be doing clinical work in NSW Health settings as an adjunct to the Psychology Clinic placement, and are required to have completed NSW Health Bulk Compliance checks and obtained full or temporary verification with NSW Health for placement in public health settings.

2. External (field) Placement

Trainees continue to complete their external field placement. Typically, each field placement is organised to be 40 days long and completed by attending two days per week for a period of 20 weeks. Some variation of the typical placement program may be negotiated on a case-by-case basis, e.g. one day per week for 40 weeks.

3. Logbooks

Throughout the program, trainees should be keeping a professional log of all relevant practical work completed. A digital excel version of the logbook can be found on the clinic Teams site and completed logbooks from the entire placement should be uploaded as one pdf file on to [InPlace](#) at the completion of the placement. Each page of the logbook must be signed by your placement Supervisor as endorsement of the activities completed. Please discuss with your supervisors the frequency of which they would like these logs to be reviewed and signed (no less frequently than once a fortnight).

Your logbook records should include all practical clinical work, attendance at special workshops, weekly professional practice meetings, intake duty, liaison with other professionals associated with casework, and individual/group supervision sessions. It is your responsibility to keep track of the number of hours of practical work you have done and to be able to establish the validity of your entries. In addition to being a necessary part of your assessment, you will find your personal log of professional activities and experience extremely helpful when compiling job applications in the future.

4. Field Placement Documentation

Trainees are required to submit, where relevant, copies of their Supervision Contract, Mid and End Placement Review Reports and copies of their signed placement logbooks to the Placement Coordinator as soon as these documents have been completed and signed off by the relevant supervisors. Trainees are also required to submit a copy of the Mid-Placement Trainee Self-

Evaluation Form to their supervisors at least one week prior to the Mid Placement Review meeting.

NB – please consult the *Guidelines for the Completion of Field Placements* for more information about completing field placements.

Additional Course Information

All candidates MUST maintain Provisional/General Psychologist registration with AHPRA for the duration of the course.

Assessments

Assessment Structure

Assessment Item	Weight	Relevant Dates
Professional and ethical practice at external field placement Assessment FormatIndividual	33%	Start DateAt the start of field placement Due DateAt the end of field placement
Field Placement documentation Assessment FormatIndividual	33%	Start DateNot Applicable Due DateWhen documents become available
Active participation in workshops Assessment FormatIndividual	34%	Start DateWorkshop should have been completed in T1 Due DateWorkshop should have been completed in T1

Assessment Details

Professional and ethical practice at external field placement

Assessment Overview

You will need to demonstrate satisfactory professional and ethical practice on placement at one external placement site, including a variety of direct client work, attendance at scheduled supervision and completion of all administrative duties to a satisfactory level. See the Professional Practice Guidelines document for further information. Your clinical and professional competencies will be formally assessed by your placement supervisor(s) at mid and end placement review periods using standardised Clinical Psychology competency assessment rating tools. Feedback will be given by your supervisor(s) through supervisor reports and discussed during review meetings.

All assessments use competency-based standards. You must receive satisfactory on all assessment items to pass the course.

Assignment submission Turnitin type

Not Applicable

Field Placement documentation

Assessment Overview

You are required to submit, where relevant, copies of your Supervision Contract, Mid and End Placement Review Reports (for both adult and child work) and Trainee Self-Assessments through the UNSW InPlace system. You will also need to log all your placement activities in InPlace and forward these entries to your primary supervisor for verification.

All assessments use competency-based standards. You must receive satisfactory on all assessment items to pass the course.

Assignment submission Turnitin type

Not Applicable

Active participation in workshops

Assessment Overview

You must attend and actively participate in 80% of workshops to ensure that you are consistently working towards achieving the professional graduate competencies for specialised areas of practice as per the APAC Accreditation Standards. Any absence must be accompanied by a medical certificate or other reason for absence. Additional self-study material and assessment tasks may be assigned by the Course Convenor to ensure you have covered any material missed as a result of being absent from workshops or meetings.

All assessments use competency-based standards. You must receive satisfactory on all assessment items to pass the course.

Assignment submission Turnitin type

Not Applicable

General Assessment Information

All assessments use competency-based standards. You must receive satisfactory on all assessment items to pass the course. **A candidate whose grade awarded is unsatisfactory (i.e., the course is failed), none of the client hours accrued during this course will be counted towards the final number of clinical hours required.**

Should a candidate fail any course (including Professional and Ethical Practice), they will be permitted to re-enrol in that course at the discretion of the Program Director. Should the candidate fail the course the second time, the Program Director will recommend that their place in the program be terminated. That is, a candidate may only attempt each course twice as a maximum.

Grading Basis

Satisfactory

Requirements to pass course

Must be satisfactory across all assessment items.

Course Schedule

Attendance Requirements

Not Applicable - as no class attendance is required

General Schedule Information

This course has a combination of workshops and placement activities within an external field placement setting. **Given the professional training nature of the course, teaching and placement activities can occur outside of the standard term dates and times. Please check the specific dates and times of activities in the Course Schedule carefully.**

Combined MPSych(Clin)/PhD candidates enrolled in PSYC7234 in Term 2, 2023, should complete all workshops under PSYC7235 in Term 2, 2023.

Course Resources

Course Evaluation and Development

All candidates will have the opportunity to provide feedback via the UNSW MyExperience survey. Candidates will also be invited to provide feedback while on placement through their supervisors and Clinic Director.

Staff Details

Position	Name	Email	Location	Phone	Availability	Equitable Learning Services Contact	Primary Contact
Convenor	Chien Gooi	c.gooi@unsw.edu.au	MAT805	9065 7754		Yes	No
	Shane Vassallo	s.vassallo@unsw.edu.au	MAT804	9065 7756		Yes	Yes
Lecturer	Anagha Aery	a.aery@unsw.edu.au	MAT824	9065 7759		Yes	No

Other Useful Information

Academic Information

Upon your enrolment at UNSW, you share responsibility with us for maintaining a safe, harmonious and tolerant University environment.

You are required to:

- Comply with the University's conditions of enrolment.
- Act responsibly, ethically, safely and with integrity.
- Observe standards of equity and respect in dealing with every member of the UNSW community.
- Engage in lawful behaviour.

- Use and care for University resources in a responsible and appropriate manner.
- Maintain the University's reputation and good standing.

For more information, visit the [UNSW Student Code of Conduct Website](https://student.unsw.edu.au/conduct).

Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

Referencing is a way of acknowledging the sources of information that you use to research your assignments. You need to provide a reference whenever you draw on someone else's words, ideas or research. Not referencing other people's work can constitute plagiarism.

Further information about referencing styles can be located at <https://student.unsw.edu.au/referencing>

Academic integrity is fundamental to success at university. Academic integrity can be defined as a commitment to six fundamental values in academic pursuits: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, responsibility and courage. At UNSW, this means that your work must be your own, and others' ideas should be appropriately acknowledged. If you don't follow these rules, plagiarism may be detected in your work.

Further information about academic integrity, plagiarism and the use of AI in assessments can be located at:

- The [Current Students site](https://student.unsw.edu.au/current-students),
- The [ELISE training site](https://student.unsw.edu.au/elise), and
- The [Use of AI for assessments](https://student.unsw.edu.au/use-of-ai) site.

The Student Conduct and Integrity Unit provides further resources to assist you to understand your conduct obligations as a student: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/conduct>

Submission of Assessment Tasks

Penalty for Late Submissions

UNSW has a standard late submission penalty of:

- 5% per day,
- for all assessments where a penalty applies,
- capped at five days (120 hours) from the assessment deadline, after which a student cannot submit an assessment, and
- no permitted variation.

Any variations to the above will be explicitly stated in the Course Outline for a given course or assessment task.

Students are expected to manage their time to meet deadlines and to request extensions as early as possible before the deadline.

Special Consideration

If circumstances prevent you from attending/completing an assessment task, you must officially apply for special consideration, usually within 3 days of the sitting date/due date. You can apply by logging onto myUNSW and following the link in the My Student Profile Tab. Medical documentation or other documentation explaining your absence must be submitted with your application. Once your application has been assessed, you will be contacted via your student email address to be advised of the official outcome and any actions that need to be taken from

there. For more information about special consideration, please visit: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/special-consideration>

Important note: UNSW has a “fit to sit/submit” rule, which means that if you sit an exam or submit a piece of assessment, you are declaring yourself fit to do so and cannot later apply for Special Consideration. This is to ensure that if you feel unwell or are faced with significant circumstances beyond your control that affect your ability to study, you do not sit an examination or submit an assessment that does not reflect your best performance. Instead, you should apply for Special Consideration as soon as you realise you are not well enough or are otherwise unable to sit or submit an assessment.

Faculty-specific Information

Additional support for students

- [The Current Students Gateway](#)
- [Student Support](#)
- [Academic Skills and Support](#)
- [Student Wellbeing, Health and Safety](#)
- [Equitable Learning Services](#)
- [UNSW IT Service Centre](#)
- Science EDI Student [Initiatives](#), [Offerings](#) and [Guidelines](#)