REHA 4012 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROJECT

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 401122

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Description The aim of this subject is for students to critically apply their knowledge of professional theory, practice, research and evaluation skills to the investigation of an occupational therapy professional issue of interest or concern. Students will apply unobtrusive research methods to investigate their chosen topic. Students develop an extensive knowledge of their chosen topic and critically analyse the implications of their findings in terms of theory, policy and contemporary health care practice. Students will synthesise their findings into a scholarly research project report and present their findings at a professional-level capstone student conference.

School Health Sciences

Discipline Occupational Therapy

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 2 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 4 subject

Pre-requisite(s) HLTH 3005

Incompatible Subjects REHA 7014 - Occupational Therapy Project

Restrictions Students must be enrolled in program 4711 Bachelor of Occupational Therapy. This is a specialty subject offered as a compulsory core subject of the occupational therapy program. It is profession specific, preparing students to practice as an occupational therapist and not relevant as an elective for non-occupational therapy students.

Assumed Knowledge

Knowledge of issues and concerns relevant to the occupational therapy profession and occupational therapy clients and consumers. This knowledge will ideally have been gained in part by undertaking several fieldwork experiences in preceding years of the program.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Formulate a problem to investigate that is relevant to occupational therapy theory, practice or reasoning.
2. Search for and critique a wide range of literature relating to a specific investigative problem.
3. Critically examine a range of unobtrusive research methods which may be suitable for investigating the problem and prepare a plan of the project.
4. Analyse ethical issues associated with the conduct of unobtrusive research.
5. Apply unobtrusive research methods of data collection and analysis appropriate to the project.
6. Synthesise information into an investigative project report that reflects a critical examination of the topic, with recommendations related to future occupational therapy practice, theory, national and international policy.
7. Present a professional standard conference abstract and presentation.
8. Work collaboratively and in a self-directed manner with other students to complete the above objectives.

Subject Content

1. Contemporary and topical issues relating to occupational therapy practice, theory and professional reasoning.
2. Unobtrusive research methods eg. critical literature review, thematic analysis of public documents, theoretical analysis of case study populations.
3. Ethics of research using unobtrusive methods.
4. Project management skills.
5. Professional Communication skills ? professional and scholarly writing, professional conference presentation skills, abstract writing.
6. Capstone student conference ? preparation and involvement.

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
Report	2,500 words	50	N	Individual
Proposal	750 words	20	N	Individual
Presentation	15 minutes	30	N	Group

Teaching Periods

Autumn (2024)

Campbelltown

On-site

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