

NATS 3003 ADVANCED MORTUARY PRACTICE

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 301128

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Description This subject further develops skills in a forensic mortuary practice. Students will undertake a placement within a NSW Forensic and Analytical Science Service (FASS) facility or NSW Organ and Tissue Donation Service. This subject, together with completion of 301127 Mortuary Practice is essential for graduates of this course seeking employment as a forensic technician with FASS.

School Science

Discipline Medical Science

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 3 subject

Pre-requisite(s) MEDI 3008 - Mortuary Practice

Co-requisite(s) NATS 3006

Restrictions

Successful completion of 120 credit points. Students must be enrolled in 3733 BMedSc (Forensic Mortuary Practice).

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Apply principles of safe work practice
2. Evaluate the roles of and relationships between professional groups in forensic mortuary contexts
3. Demonstrate professional behaviours, communication skills and self management
4. Demonstrate competency in forensic mortuary practices
5. Appraise and explain the impact of forensic mortuary practices on disciplines within the organisation (e.g Coroner, Pathologists and Social Work) and community (e.g grieving families)
6. Plan and compose appropriate documentation required as part of daily duties of a forensic mortuary technician
7. Critique specialised postmortem techniques and procedures

Subject Content

- professional attitudes and behaviour
- professional Roles and relationships
- professional communication skills
- Legislative requirements related to practice
- professional ethics
- Safe work practices
- forensic mortuary practice skills
- Reconstructive mortuary techniques

Special Requirements

Legislative pre-requisites

Special Requirements - NSW Health Legislative Prerequisites

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)

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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
Portfolio	2,500 words	30	N	Individual	N
Professional Placement	30-35 hours per week for 2 weeks (total 60-70 hrs)	S/U	Y	Individual	Y
Presentation	10 minutes plus 5 min question time	25	N	Individual	N
Intra-session Exam	Up to 60 minutes	25	N	Individual	N
Report	1,000 words	20	N	Individual	N

Teaching Periods

2nd Half (2025)

Campbelltown

Hybrid

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View timetable (https://classregistration.westernsydney.edu.au/odd/timetable/?subject_code=NATS3003_25-2H_CA_3#subjects)