

REHA 4020 PODIATRIC PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE STUDIES

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 401119

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Description This subject will introduce students to the principles of professional development and appropriate requirements to function as a registered podiatrist. As podiatrists may work as a primary provider, as part of a multidisciplinary team, in the public or private health care setting, they require extensive knowledge of many aspects of the management of a practice or business. During seminars, students will be introduced to a number of principles specific to professional, ethical and legal issues associated with working as a podiatrist, and practice and workplace administrative policies and procedures.

School Health Sciences

Discipline Podiatry

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 2 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 4 subject

Pre-requisite(s) REHA 4018

Incompatible Subjects REHA 7023 - Podiatric Professional Practice Studies

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in 4708 Bachelor of Podiatric Medicine. The subject is Podiatry specific

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Analyse the ethical, legal and socio-demographic issues associated with the practice of podiatry
2. Apply principles of business, employment, taxation, and health and safety relating to health care practice
3. Critically analyse the medicolegal requirements and responsibilities for podiatry practice including the requirements of government departments
4. Communicate professionally within the context of employment and practice as a podiatrist including job applications and resumes
5. Build a relationship with government departments, professional associations and companies related to the practice of podiatry
6. Critically review a specific area of clinical practice focusing on evidence-based practice

Subject Content

1. Types of Podiatry Practice
 - Private practice - Business plans; Employment/Contracting; Taxation; Practice management
 - public health practice
 - podiatric research
 - podiatric surgery

- Working overseas
 - podiatry suppliers
2. Medicolegal Requirements and Responsibilities and Professional Associations
 - professional Registration
 - Government departments - Department of Veteran Affairs; NSW Podiatry Council
 - health and safety - infection control
 - Insurance - Professional indemnity; Workcover; Property
 - Australian podiatry Association / Australian podiatry Council
 3. Ethical and Socio-demographic Issues related to Podiatry Practice
 - Complaints handling
 - socio-Demographic and socio-economic considerations for healthcare
 - multi-disciplinary healthcare
 - evidence based practice
 - interpersonal and inter-professional communication
 4. Job Applications
 - cover letters
 - Answering selection criteria
 - writing resumes
 - self-promotion

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
Proposal	1,500 words	50	N	Individual	N
Proposal	1,500 words	50	N	Individual	N
Essay	7 pages – Cover letter (1 page), Selection criteria (up to 3 pages), Resume (up to 3 pages)	50	N	Individual	N

Essay	Public sector job application (maximum 7 pages) - Cover letter (1 page), Selection criteria (up to 3 pages), Resume (up to 3 pages). Private sector job application (maximum 4 pages) - Cover letter (1 page), Resume (up to 3 pages).	50	N	Individual	N
Professional Task	80 hours at S/U seminars		Y	Individual	Y
Professional Task	30 hours at S/U seminars		Y	Individual	Y

Teaching Periods

2nd Half (2025)

Campbelltown

Hybrid

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