

HLTH 1015 PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES IN HEALTH (WSTC)

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 700313

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Description This subject, taken in the first session for commencing students in health science courses, offers an introduction to foundation knowledge and skills required for future practice in the health workforce. Students will gain an understanding of their roles and will develop skills required for safe, responsible and ethical practice required as health professionals. There is a specific focus on developing students' understanding of the roles of others in the inter-professional health care team as a way of establishing professional identity. The International Classification of Functioning provides a framework within which client centred and community focussed approaches to practice is discussed. The subject also uses a 'student capital' framework to facilitate reflection of academic capability and development of skills required for success at university.

School Health Sciences

Discipline Health, Not Elsewhere Classified.

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 1 subject

Co-requisite(s) Students in programs 6000 or 6001 must
- have passed or be registered in 1 subject from HLTH 0005 or LANG 0003
- have passed or be registered in NATS 0006

Equivalent Subjects HLTH 1011 Professional Health Competencies (WSTC)

HLTH 1010 Professional Health Competencies

HLTH 1013 Professional Health Competencies in Health

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled at The College in one of the following programs: 7068, 7018, 7090, 6000, 6001, 7088 Students enrolled in Extended Diploma programs (7068, 7069, 7078, 7079, 7090, 7091) must have passed 40 credit points of the preparatory subjects in order to enrol in this subject.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Reflect and identify academic and professional capacity needs
2. Practice information and academic literacy skills for ensuring academic success in a health science degree
3. Describe and apply principles to ensure ethical and responsible practice in the current academic and future health professional environment
4. Use global models of health and well-being concepts to demonstrate a holistic understanding of health within the framework of person-centred practice

5. Describe and apply principles of safe practice in the health sciences
6. Describe and apply the legal responsibilities and obligations of health science professionals
7. Explain and describe approaches used in inter-professional health science teams

Subject Content

1. Student Capital framework to promote reflection on academic and professional capacity needs
2. Transition support pods based on learning needs - Information Literacy, Academic Integrity, Academic Literacy
3. Definition of profession and professionalism, special requirements of placements
4. Ethical Considerations and professional codes of conduct
5. Legal Framework in the Health Sciences - Duty of care, negligence, risk minimisation, informed consent and privacy. Legal requirements of documentation
6. Mandatory responsibilities - Child protection, Abuse and neglect
7. Professional registration
8. Work Health and Safety - Infection control/hand wash and Manual handling
9. International Classification of Functioning (ICF) Framework

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	Mandatory Task
Portfolio	750 words	30	N	Individual	N
Summary	750 words	20	N	Individual	N
Case Study	1,500 words	40	N	Individual	N
Participation	10 weeks	10	N	Individual	N

Teaching Periods

Term 1 (2025)

Nirimba Education Precinct

On-site

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View timetable (https://classregistration.westernsydney.edu.au/odd/timetable/?subject_code=HLTH1015_25-T1_BL_1#subjects)