

MEDI 5002 BEHAVIOUR, DEVELOPMENT AND DISABILITY

Credit Points 10

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Description This subject provides guidance to students in conducting a thorough paediatric history and examination, including strategies to engage children and communicate effectively with parents. Students will develop skills to assess normal childhood developmental milestones and behaviours, and recognise key factors that indicate at-risk and vulnerable populations so they can benefit from timely interventions. This subject specifically addresses common conditions such as ADHD, autism and language delay. This subject outlines non-pharmacological and pharmacological approaches to management for common behavioural and developmental issues in children. Students will learn to implement management plans effectively and advocate for vulnerable populations, including children with disabilities.

School Medicine

Discipline Paediatrics

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 3 10cp

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Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 5 subject

Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

1. engage with children and assess common child developmental and behavioural issues
2. use an evidenced based approach to investigations in children with suspected development disabilities
3. develop and communicate a multi-disciplinary management plan for children with behaviour and developmental concerns
4. advocate for early intervention to improve health outcomes for children and families

Subject Content

1. The First 2000 Days
2. Paediatric history and examination
3. Engaging Children
4. Children and families
5. Tantrums and other normal toddler behaviours
6. Behavioural problems in school age children
7. ADHD
8. Learning Difficulties
9. Approach to the child with developmental concerns
10. Speech and Communication Problems in Children
11. Hearing Impairment (Hearing Loss and Deafness in Children)
12. Autism Spectrum Disorder
13. Neural Tube Disorders
14. Cerebral Palsy
15. Trisomy 21 and other common genetic variations

16. The Importance of early intervention and the role of NDIS
17. Common problem for children with disabilities
18. Genetic Tests in Paediatrics - Choices and Challenges

Inherent Requirements

The inherent requirements for this subject will be the same as those for medicine programs

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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
Quiz	60 minutes	S/U	Y	Individual	Y
Professional Task	15 minutes	S/U	Y	Individual	Y
Reflection	1,000 words	S/U	Y	Individual	Y

Teaching Periods

Quarter 1 (2025)

Online

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Quarter 2 (2025)

Online

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Quarter 3 (2025)

Online

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Quarter 4 (2025)

Online

Online

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