

NATS 7025 FORENSIC MEDICINE II

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 301134

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Description This subject gives knowledge and understanding of relevant medical concepts, techniques and methods in order that the candidate has sufficient competence to interpret human diseases, conditions and behavior in a forensic setting. An understanding of the organizational structures involved in the practice of forensic medicine both locally and internationally, increase in the candidate's awareness of how forensic medicine relates to the wider context of society and how it contributes towards improving that society. This subject is taught by the University of Florida as part of a collaborative venture between the University of Florida and Western Sydney University. Note: Further information on this subject is available from the University of Florida.

School Science

Discipline Forensic Science

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 2 10cp

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Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Pre-requisite(s) NATS 7024

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in 3741 Master of Forensic Science, 3742 Graduate Diploma in Forensic Science or 3743 Graduate Certificate in Forensic Science.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Understand the basic scientific, medical, ethical and legal principles that are relevant to the practice of forensic medicine.
2. Understand the essential techniques and methods used by forensic doctors and be able to discuss their validity, effectiveness and applicability within a professional setting.
3. Understand some of the causes and effects of human behavior and be able to relate these to issues affecting society as a whole.
4. Demonstrate an awareness of the value of a multi-disciplinary and integrated team approach in the forensic disciplines and utilize this awareness in the development of personal and interpersonal skills.
5. Develop and maintain the highest standards of professional integrity in all matters relating to the practice of forensic medicine and in the pursuit of justice.
6. Work towards improving the quality of forensic provision within the local medico-legal and criminal justice system.
7. Seek to initiate collaborative relationships with academics and other practitioners in order to contribute to research in the discipline.

8. Communicate sensitive information to other professional colleagues and, where necessary, be able to present evidence within a legal setting effectively and with accuracy and precision.

Subject Content

- Module 1 Introduction to Pathology
- Module 2 Pathology II
- Module 3 Mass Disasters
- Module 4 Physical Abuse of Children
- Module 5 Child Sexual Abuse
- Module 6 Sexual Offences in Adults
- Module 7 Sudden Infant Death
- Module 8 Forensic Archaeology and Anthropology
- Module 9 Forensic Odontology
- Module 10 Forensic Psychology
- Module 11 Forensic Psychiatry
- Module 12 Alcohol
- Module 13 Drugs and Drug-related Deaths
- Module 14 Forensic Service

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
Final Exam	Not specified	100	N	Individual	N

Teaching Periods

Uni of Florida - Term 1 (2025)

Online

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Uni of Florida - Term 3 (2025)

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