

**Proposal for Academic Development
Notification of Faculty approval**

Faculty: Faculty of Health Sciences

Contact person: Dr Ev Innes
School of Occupation & Leisure Sciences

1. Name of award course

GradCertHlthSc(OT) (1544, 1545, 1546); MHIthSc(OT) (1547, 1548, 1549); MHIthSc(OT)Hons (1550, 1551, 1552); MAppSc(OT) (1512, 1518, 1511, 1536); PhD (1524, 1521, 1537).

New Unit of Study: Research Elective Independent Study.

2. Purpose of proposal

The purpose of this Unit of Study is to enable graduate students in the School to undertake a research elective that is directly relevant and applicable to their area of research where the methodology is not covered to the extent required in other research electives currently available.

Graduate research students in the School may be required to complete a 6-credit point research elective to support the research they will be undertaking. Most students take existing Units of Study already offered in the Faculty and this situation is not anticipated to change. However, there are some students who will be using research methodologies that are not covered in the existing Units of Study. As the number of students who may be using these methodologies is small, it is proposed that this new unit of study be in the form of an independent study negotiated with the students.

Similar Units of Study already exist for Health Science Education students and Physiotherapy research students, however, these exclude students from the School of Occupation and Leisure Sciences.

3. Details of amendment

Not applicable for this Unit of Study.

4. Transitional arrangements

Not applicable. This is a new Unit of Study to be offered as an elective for graduate students in the School of Occupation and Leisure Sciences.

5. Other relevant information

None.

6. Faculty Delegate's Signature



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September 2003

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Contact person: Dr Jane Latimer, Senior Lecturer,
School of Physiotherapy

1. **Name of award course**
Master of Physiotherapy (Graduate Physiotherapy Program)
2. **Purpose of proposal**
To advise the Graduate Studies Committee of the deletion of two Units of Study, 'Physiotherapy Project Support M1', 'Physiotherapy Project Support M2', and the adoption of three new Units of Study entitled 'Physiotherapy Research A', 'Physiotherapy Research B', and 'Management of Physiotherapy Practice'. The reason these amendments have been made are to ensure that students are able to complete their degree in the time available and that the workload is in line with the Faculty's expectation for credit point load. Feedback from students, supervisors and our External Advisory Committee strongly supported these changes being made.
3. **Details of amendment**
To adjust entries in the postgraduate section of the 2004 Faculty Handbook to reflect the 2 deletions and 3 additional Units of Study.
4. **Transitional arrangements**
Not applicable
5. **Other relevant information**
None
6. **Faculty Delegate's Signature**



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30 September 2003

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Faculty/Board of Studies: Faculty of Health Sciences

Contact person: Dr Jennifer Alison
School of Physiotherapy

1. Name of award course

Master of Health Science (Cardiopulmonary Physiotherapy)

2. Purpose of proposal

To advise the Graduate Studies Committee of the adoption of a new unit of study: *Physiotherapy Management in Pulmonary Rehabilitation*.

Rational for the new unit of study:

Pulmonary rehabilitation (PR) is one of the main treatment modalities with strong scientific evidence of efficacy in the management of patients with lung disease (particularly chronic obstructive pulmonary disease [COPD]). Pulmonary rehabilitation is recommended by the Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease in the treatment of patients with COPD. Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is the fourth highest cause of death in Australia. In terms of disease burden, it ranks third after cardiovascular disease and stroke. Consequently, COPD is associated with high utilisation of health care services. Disability is common and relates to impaired exercise tolerance, skeletal muscle dysfunction, and reduced quality of life. The NSW Health Department recognised the need to provide more pulmonary rehabilitation units by funding pulmonary rehabilitation in the NSW Priority Health Care Program for Chronic and Complex Care, 2001-2003, with indefinite ongoing funding beyond 2003.

Physiotherapists, along with other health professionals, commonly are the providers of pulmonary rehabilitation. Although some aspects of pulmonary rehabilitation are taught at the undergraduate level there is a need for specialist post-graduate education in this very important area of physiotherapy practice. Therefore a Unit of Study addressing this area is required in the Master of Health Science (Cardiopulmonary Physiotherapy).

3. Details of amendment

The new Unit of Study will be available from Semester 2, 2004 for students enrolled in the Master of Health Science (Cardiopulmonary Physiotherapy). Details of this Unit of Study will be in the 2004 Faculty of Health Sciences Handbook.

4. Transitional arrangements

Not applicable.

5. Other relevant information

None.

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Faculty: Faculty of Health Sciences

Contact person: Dr Susan Balandin
School of Occupation and Leisure Sciences

1. **Name of award course**
Graduate Certificate of Health Science (Developmental Disability), Master of Health Science (Developmental Disability) Pass, Master of Health Science (Developmental Disability) Honours

2. **Purpose of proposal**
To advise the Graduate Studies Committee of the adoption of a new Unit of Study to replace an existing one.

3. **Details of amendment**
Delete the Unit of Study Description for the following Unit of Study from the Faculty Postgraduate Handbook from 2004 onwards (p.34 in 2003 handbook).

GSDD 5005 Meal Times and Oral Health

Add the Unit of Study Description for the following new Unit of Study to the Faculty Postgraduate Handbook from 2004 onwards.

Mealtime Management and Communication

4. **Transitional arrangements**
Not applicable.

5. **Other relevant information**
None.

6. **Faculty Delegate's Signature**



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20 September 2003

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Faculty/Board of Studies: Faculty of Health Sciences

Contact person: Professor Gwynnyth Llewellyn
School of Occupation and Leisure Sciences

1. **Name of award course**
Graduate Certificate of Health Science (Developmental Disability), Master of Health Science (Developmental Disability) Pass, Master of Health Science (Developmental Disability) Honours

2. **Purpose of proposal**
To advise the Graduate Studies Committee of the adoption of 1 new Unit of Study in the above courses. The Faculty would like to make this Unit of Study available to students in these course from 2004 onwards.

3. **Details of amendment**
Add the Unit of Study descriptor for subject listed below to the Faculty Postgraduate Handbook from 2004 onwards (p. 33 in 2003 Handbook).

Sexuality and people with developmental disability

4. **Transitional arrangements**
Not applicable.

5. **Other relevant information**
None.

6. **Faculty Delegate's Signature**



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Faculty: Faculty of Health Sciences

Contact person: Associate Professor Kathryn Refshauge
School of Physiotherapy

1. Name of award course

New Unit of Study: Ultrasound for Physiotherapists

2. Purpose of proposal

The purpose of this proposal is to add a new Unit of Study to the electives offered by the School of Physiotherapy for graduate physiotherapists.

Many new physiotherapy management procedures have been introduced in recent years to treat musculoskeletal conditions, such as low back pain. These procedures have led to a rise in the use of real-time ultrasound to identify clinical problems and to monitor patient progress. Although physiotherapists are skilled in the use of ultrasound as a therapeutic modality, they are not skilled in the use of real-time or Doppler ultrasound. When purchasing such equipment, the only training currently available is from the manufacturers or weekend courses, where academic rigour is less than required for proficiency. The complexity of real-time ultrasound cannot be adequately mastered in a short course, because it requires deeper understanding of the issues related to reliability, sensitivity and relationship of findings to pathology.

This will be the first such academic course to be offered in Australia and fills an important gap in education. The Unit of Study will be offered as an elective to students enrolled in coursework Masters programs, and for other graduate physiotherapists not currently enrolled in any program, from Semester 1, 2004.

3. Details of amendment

Not applicable for this Unit of Study.

4. Transitional arrangements

Not applicable. This is a new Unit of Study to be offered as an elective for graduate physiotherapists.

5. Other relevant information

None.

6. Faculty Delegate's Signature



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**Proposal for Academic Development
Notification of Faculty variation or approval**

Faculty/Board of Studies: Faculty of Health Sciences

Contact person: Dr Maureen Fitzgerald
School of Occupation and Leisure Sciences

1. **Name of award course**
All post graduate courses offered in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

2. **Purpose of proposal**
To advise the Graduate Studies Committee of a change of name and content description for a Unit of Study currently listed in the Faculty Graduate Studies Handbook under the School of Occupation and Leisure Sciences. To advise the Committee that Unit of Study will now be open to all graduate students in the Faculty, not just those from the School of Occupation and Leisure Sciences

3. **Details of amendment**
Include the attached (listed below) new Unit of Study description in the Elective Units of Study Chapter of the Faculty Postgraduate Handbook from 2004 onwards.
Change the name of the unit in Table C. 15G12A/15G12B/15G24B Professional Practice Topics, (p. 113 of the 2003 Handbook) in the Faculty Postgraduate Handbook, to the new unit name from 2004 onwards.

Health and Culture

4. **Transitional arrangements**
Not applicable.

5. **Other relevant information**
None.

6. **Faculty Delegate's Signature**



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30 September 2003

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Faculty: Faculty of Health Sciences

Contact person: Mr Peter Kench
School of Medical Radiation Sciences

1. **Name of award courses**
Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Master of Health Sciences (Medical Radiation Sciences).
2. **Purpose of proposal**
To advise the Graduate Studies Committee of the need to change the description of MRTY5054; Nuclear Cardiology to facilitate the incorporation of new technology and imaging developments into the teaching of this Unit of Study.
3. **Details of amendment**
Placement of the new descriptor, reflecting the change in emphasis for the Unit of Study content, in the postgraduate section of the 2004 Faculty Handbook.
4. **Transitional arrangements**
Not applicable.
5. **Other relevant information**
None.
6. **Faculty Delegate's Signature**



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Faculty: Faculty of Health Sciences

Contact person: Dr Kate O'Loughlin
Academic Co-ordinator, Off-Shore Programs

1. Name of award course

Master of Health Science (Child and Adolescent Health) - Off-Shore Program
(Course Number 2020)

2. Purpose of proposal

Replacing current elective Contemporary Issues 11 (BACH5200) with Advanced Counselling Skills (BACH5323). The reason for the change is to provide a counselling stream (Counselling plus Advanced Counselling Skills) for students undertaking this program. The change resulted from a request from students currently enrolled in the program. The change is effective from 2004 and does not affect current enrolments.

3. Details of amendment

In the 2004 Faculty Handbook the elective Unit of Study Contemporary Issues 11 will be deleted from the SIM Program and replaced with Advanced Counselling Skills.

4. Transitional arrangements

Not applicable.

5. Other relevant information

None.

6. Faculty Delegate's Signature

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6 November 2003**