

**Proposal for Academic Development  
Notification of Faculty Variation or Approval**

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**Faculty/Board of Studies:** Health Sciences

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**1. Name of award course**

Graduate Certificate of Health Science (Behavioural Science)  
Graduate Certificate of Health Science (Education)  
Master of Health Science (Child and Adolescent)  
Master of Health Science (Education)  
Master of Occupational Therapy  
Master of Orthoptics  
PG Coursework Exchange

**2. Purpose of proposal**

To make minor changes to the postgraduate Unit of Study (UOS) BACH5141: Cognitive Function. The changes include a change in the credit point allocation (from 4 to 6) and the correction of errors in the UOS description.

**3. Details of amendments**

BACH5141: Cognitive Function is an elective UOS that can be taken by students enrolled in a number of postgraduate programs. Students enrolled in these programs need to choose 6 credit point UOSs (not 4 credit point UOSs) so as to conform with the pattern of credit points allocated to UOSs in these programs. This change in credit point value will be reflected in the content and assessment requirements being made consistent with those of a 6 credit point UOS. The change also brings the UOS into line with other BACHS postgraduate coursework offerings.

Corrections need to be made to the UOS description because the:-

- spelling of the unit coordinators first name and contact phone number are incorrect;
- UOS is wrongly listed as being offered to students from BBHlthSc (Hons) (BBHlthSc (Hons) students can take BACH4060: Cognitive Function in Neurological Disorders); and
- UOS is wrongly listed as being offered in both Semester 1 and Semester 2.

**BACH 5141: Cognitive Function**

~~4~~ 6 credit points. ~~BB-Hlth-Sc (Hons)~~, Grad Cert Hlth Sc (Beh Sc), Grad Cert Hlth Sc (Education), M Hlth Sc (Chld Adol Hlth), M Hlth Sc (Ed), M O T, M Orth, Pg Coursework exchange. ~~Dr~~ Associate Professor Lynne Harris (02-9351-9162), L.Harris@fhs.usyd.edu.au

**Session:** Semester 1, ~~Semester 2~~. **Classes:** Contract learning, including scheduled meetings or regular communication with the Unit Co-ordinator. Can be done by distance through telephone & email.

**Prohibitions:** Psychology of Ageing BACH5147. **Assessment:** Assignments and Essay.

This unit will consider the principles of cognitive function applied to a range of neurological disorders (eg, Alzheimer's disease, amnesic disorders, developmental disability). The emphasis will be on understanding cognitive impairments and considering strategies for managing these impairments.

**4. Transitional arrangements**

None applicable.

**5. Other relevant information**

An eCDAM was called on 28 April 2006 with a request for comments to be provided by 5 May 2006. As no comments were received this was interpreted as there being no objections to the proposed changes.

**6. Signature of Dean's delegate**

**Associate Professor Martin Thompson  
Associate Dean (Graduate Coursework) and  
Chair, Graduate Coursework Committee  
Faculty of Health Sciences  
8 June 2006**