

SUBJECT OUTLINE



Subject Name:

Nutritional Medicine Clinical Practicum 2A

Subject Code:

NMDC323A

SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

Award/s:	Bachelor of Health Science (Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine)	Total Course Credit Points: 96	Level: 3 rd Year
Duration:	1 Semester		
Subject Coordinator:	Moirá Bradfield (Gold Coast campus)		
Subject is:	Core	Subject Credit Points: 6	

Student Workload:

No. timetabled hours per week:	No. personal study hours per week:	Total hours per week:
9	6	15

Delivery Mode:

Face to Face 3 x 3 hour clinical practicum
(On campus)

Intensive Delivery Contact hours are delivered over 6 weeks with 3 x 6.5 hour days delivered per week
(Summer School) Content: Clinical practicum

Assessment: Attendance - Weeks 1-6; Progressive Clinical Assessment - Weeks 3 and 6; Case Studies - Weeks 3 and 6; Professional Narrative - Week 4

Full Time

Part Time

Pre-requisites: NMDD221, SOCI221, NMDS311, NMDC313, NMDA321

Co-requisites: Nil

Special Resource Requirements:

HLTAID003 Provide first aid (VET unit of competency)

LMS-based clinic induction and quiz

Professional Dress Standards as described by [Wellnation Clinic Student Handbook](#)

[Wellnation Clinic Student Handbook](#)

WWCC (or its equivalent) for the location in which subject is undertaken as per [Working with Children Check Policy](#)

Kit items include:

- Endeavour white clinic coat
- Measuring tape
- Otoscope
- Penlight
- Percussion reflex hammer
- Sphygmomanometer
- Stethoscope
- Thermometer
- Timing device

SECTION 2 – ACADEMIC DETAILS

Subject Rationale

Clinic students practise nutritional medicine under the supervision of qualified practitioners in the Endeavour Teaching Clinics, by taking the lead in client assessment and care. Practical application of nutritional medicine clinical skills such as history taking, education of the client about nutritional medicine and the general course of treatment, nutritional medicine assessment techniques, pathology testing and conventional physical examination techniques, guide the student in developing an individual treatment plan. Client follow-up is expected along with background research on each client's condition and evidence-informed treatment options conducted between client visits. Students apply holistic medicine theory and principles in case management with diverse clients and the range of acute and chronic conditions that present in our clinics. NMDC323A and NMDC323B together comprise the senior clinical practicum and are split to facilitate part-time study options.

Learning Outcomes

1. Apply holistic nutritional medicine philosophy, principles, ethical and professional values, knowledge and skills to the assessment and management of clients in a clinical setting.
2. Critically evaluate diagnostic and treatment options based on totality of professional education thus far, along with review of relevant research, clinical experience, cultural considerations and client preferences to construct a suitable and effective treatment plan.
3. Display appropriate professionalism while maintaining a therapeutic relationship with the client when faced with ethical or boundary issues in clinical practice.
4. Conduct and observe nutritional medicine consultations to elicit clinical data essential to establish appropriate client management options.
5. Apply appropriate written and oral communication skills to communicate information and knowledge in the area of client management and professional practice.
6. Acquire and consolidate knowledge of nutritional medicine practice management including Work, Health and Safety standards, office reception, clinic procedures, and dispensing.

Assessment Tasks

Type	Learning Outcomes Assessed	Session Content Delivered	Due	Weighting
Attendance (100% required)	N/A	N/A	Sessions 1-13	Pass/Fail
Mid-semester Progressive Clinical Assessment (rubric-based)	1-6	1-6	Weeks 7-9	20%
2 Case Studies (1500 words each, suitable for publication)	1-2, 4-5	1-13	Weeks 7 & 13	30% (2 x 15%)
Professional Narrative (750 words)	1, 3, 5	1-9	Week 10	10%
Final Progressive Clinical Assessment (rubric-based)	1-6	7-13	Week 13	40%

All written assessments and online quizzes are due at 11:55 p.m. and submitted through the LMS

The overall pass rate for this subject is 50%

Prescribed Readings:

1. Mahan, L. K., & Raymond, J. L. (Eds.) (2016). *Krause's food & the nutrition care process* (14th ed.). St. Louis, MO: Elsevier.

Recommended Readings:

1. Braun, L., & Cohen, M. (2014). *Herbs and natural supplements, an evidence-based guide* (4th ed., Vol. I – II). Sydney, NSW: Churchill Livingstone Elsevier. [ebook available]
2. Bryant, B., & Knights, K. (2014). *Pharmacology for health professionals* (4th ed.). Sydney, NSW: Mosby Elsevier. [ebook available]
3. Camfield, D., McIntyre, E., & Sarris, J. (2016). *Evidence-based herbal and nutritional treatments for anxiety in psychiatric disorders*. Switzerland: Springer. [ebook available].
4. Croxford, S., Itsiopoulos, C., Forsyth, A., Belski, R., Thodis, A., Shepherd, S., & Tierney, A. (2015). *Food and nutrition throughout life*. Crows Nest, NSW: Allen & Unwin.
5. Gropper, S. S., & Smith, J. L. (2017). *Advanced nutrition and human metabolism* (7th ed.). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Cengage Learning.
6. Hoffman, T., Bennett, S., & Del Mar, C. (2013). *Evidence-based practice across health professions* (2nd ed.). Sydney, NSW: Churchill Livingstone.
7. Sarris, J., & Wardle, J. (Eds.). (2014). *Clinical naturopathy: An evidence-based guide to practice* (2nd ed.). Sydney, NSW: Churchill Livingstone Elsevier. [ebook available]
8. Stargrove, M., Treasure, J., & McKee, D. (2008). *Herb, nutrient and drug interactions*. St Louis, MO: Mosby Elsevier.
9. The Royal College of Pathologist of Australasia. (n.d.). *RCPA manual*. Retrieved from <http://rcpamannual.edu.au/>
10. Watson, R. R. (2009). *Complementary and alternative therapies in the ageing population: An evidence-based approach*. San Diego, CA: Academic Press.
11. Whitney, E., Rolfes, S. R., Crowe, T., Cameron-Smith, D., & Walsh, A. (2016). *Understanding nutrition, Australia and New Zealand edition* (3rd ed.). South Melbourne, VIC: Cengage Learning.

Subject Content	
Week	Clinical Practicum
1-13.	<p>Clinic practicum goes from Week 1 to Week 13 with a one week non-teaching week around Weeks 6-8 in Semester 1 (depending on Easter) or between Weeks 7 & 8 in Semester 2.</p> <p>Mid-semester reviews are conducted Weeks 7-9 and students are presented with written and verbal feedback from each supervisor about their performance in clinic in relation to specified rubrics, and marks are aggregated to provide a single grade.</p> <p>Final reviews of clinical practicum are conducted in Week 13 and students are presented with further written and verbal feedback from each supervisor about their performance in clinic in relation to specified rubrics, and marks are aggregated to provide a single grade.</p> <p>In Clinical Practicum students are evaluated on their ability to apply their knowledge and skills in a professional manner. Therefore students should note that, although helpful, previous success in academic subjects does not guarantee success in Clinical Practicum.</p> <p>During Nutritional Medicine Clinical Practicum students will practice under supervision either individually or in pairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting clinical consultations and observations • Good practitioner-client communication • Give short, oral presentations to supervisor and student peers in relation to client management and professional practice • Case taking • Clinical examination skills • Interpretation of biomedical and functional test results • Differential diagnosis • Developing individualised treatment plans • Appropriate referral • Presentation to supervisor and obtaining approval for treatment plan • Office management skills, dispensing and reception duties • Observing all clinic policy and procedure • Participating in debriefing sessions at the conclusion of each clinical practicum to identify any important issues
14.	<p>Non-Teaching Week/Practical Examination Week 1</p> <p>Note that make-up classes may be scheduled in this week</p>
15.	<p>Non-Teaching Week/Practical Examination Week 2</p> <p>Note that make-up classes may be scheduled in this week</p>
16.	<p>Final Examination Week 1</p> <p>There is no final exam for this subject</p>
17.	<p>Final Examination Week 2</p> <p>There is no final exam for this subject</p>