

## 196-529 Psychosocial Practice in Oncology

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.500
<b>Level:</b>	Graduate/Postgraduate
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, - Taught on campus. On campus
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: Mid Semester 1 intensive teaching - 24 hours total. Total Time Commitment: 24 Hours
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Entry into the MSW program at the University of Melbourne or as approved by the RAGS Co-ordinator.
<b>Corequisites:</b>	None
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	None
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	None
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's courses. Students who feel their disability will impact on meeting this requirement are encouraged to discuss this matter with the Course Coordinator and the Disability Liaison Unit.
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Dr Lynette Joubert
<b>Subject Overview:</b>	The focus of this subject is on the theoretical paradigms, and the political, economic and social determinants of psychosocial practice associated with Oncology. Advances in cancer care, and the relevance of these in relation to life stresses and quality of life, have resulted in the increased importance of psychosocial issues on assessment, intervention and recovery. The subject will include the impact of cancer on the developmental stage of the individual, family and interpersonal relationships, as well as issues related to survivorship and the management of cancer as a chronic illness. Professionals working in multidisciplinary cancer care teams are in a unique position to respond to the needs of people who have been diagnosed with cancer and their carers. This subject will aim to strengthen their capacity to respond effectively and appropriately from a psychosocial service perspective.
<b>Assessment:</b>	An essay of 5000 words 100% (due at the end of semester)
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	n/a
<b>Recommended Texts:</b>	A subject reader will be available from the Bookroom at the beginning of semester
<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># demonstrate an understanding of cancer incidence, treatment approaches and their implication for psychosocial functioning and quality of life across the life span</li> <li># demonstrate their understanding of the importance and role of community based providers and the cancer care team in their approach to the care of cancer survivors, their carers and families</li> <li># related their understanding of the psychosocial issues related to cancer care to policy development, service provision and evaluation, and research</li> <li># demonstrate their familiarity with psychosocial practice/intervention strategies relevant to working with cancer survivors</li> </ul>
<b>Links to further information:</b>	<a href="http://www.socialwork.unimelb.edu.au/">http://www.socialwork.unimelb.edu.au/</a>

**Notes:**

The disciplines of Nursing and Social Work are now co-managed within the Faculty of Medicine Dentistry and Health Sciences. At the time of publication Social Work subjects are under the administrative management of the School of Nursing.