

## 505-541 Sexual Function and Dysfunction

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.50
<b>Level:</b>	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2009, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, - Taught on campus. Semester 2, - Taught on campus. Distance
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Total Time Commitment: 8 hours per week.
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	None
<b>Corequisites:</b>	None
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	None
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	None
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	Special Computer Skills: Students will be expected to be proficient with a Web browser, e-mail application and word processing application prior to enrolment in this subject.
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Dr Henrietta Megan Williams
<b>Contact:</b>	Melbourne Sexual Health Centre School of Population Health
<b>Subject Overview:</b>	This subject aims to provide detailed and current evidence based information on diagnosing, treating, and caring for people experiencing sexual dysfunction. The subject will use two models as a framework for students to develop their knowledge and skills. These two models are the 'Plissit model' and the 'Depor model'. The topics covered will include the normal sexual response, anatomy and physiology, an overview of assessment and counselling, working with special groups, female desire problems, male desire problems, female arousal problems, male arousal problems and ED, female orgasm problems, male orgasm problems, genital pain syndromes and special medical conditions and relevant special needs e.g. HIV disease, diabetes, spinal cord problems and cardio-vascular disease.
<b>Objectives:</b>	On completion of this subject students will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Have gained a greater understanding and insight into human sexual behaviour, the sexual cycle, and sexual dysfunction.</li> <li># Be able to evaluate a clinical sexual dysfunction problem and provide support, sensitivity and empathy for those experiencing sexual dysfunction.</li> <li># Have the knowledge to advise on treatment options and outcomes and initiate treatments (if appropriate).</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment:</b>	6 short answer questions totalling 1500 words due mid semester (50%) and written assignment due end of semester of 3000 words (50%)
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	Russell, D., Bradford, D. and Fairley, C., (Eds.) Sexual Health Medicine: A Clinical Approach, IP Communications, 2005. Special Computer Requirements: Students are required to have access to a computer with e-mail application, Web browser and CD ROM facility. Technical support is not available from the University of Melbourne in setting up such a system.
<b>Recommended Texts:</b>	None
<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># To enhance critical thinking skills;</li><li># To develop advanced written and oral communication skills;</li><li># To be able to incorporate evidence based information into clinical practice.</li></ul>
<b>Links to further information:</b>	<a href="http://www.sph.unimelb.edu.au/">http://www.sph.unimelb.edu.au/</a>
<b>Notes:</b>	This subject is a Group 1 elective in the Master of Public Health. This subject is an elective subject in the Postgraduate Certificate in Public Health (Sexual Health).
<b>Related Course(s):</b>	Master of Public Health