

ORAL30001 Oral Health Therapy Research

Credit Points:	25
Level:	3 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Year Long, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 125 hours of group work, field visits, seminars, oral presentations, report writing and self directed learning. Total Time Commitment: Not available
Prerequisites:	Successful completion of all 2nd year BOH subjects.
Corequisites:	None.
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None.
Non Allowed Subjects:	None.
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
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Subject Overview:	This subject comprises three modules: <i>Health Policy:</i> Policy making, stakeholders, processes and evidence, public health policy and oral health and some current dilemmas in health care. <i>Sociology:</i> Concepts and theories on the arrangement of society and the influences that shape it; how people form values and cultures; class, status, gender and ethnicity; the influences of political, socio-demographic and socio-economic factors on health; the sociology of health and illness and its influences on research methodology. <i>Oral Health Therapy Research:</i> Students complete either the group projects in Research or Health Promotion or the individual Outreach Elective Studies unit. Research comprises a research project in the field of oral health therapy with emphasis on the areas of OHT practice, oral health promotion and preventive dentistry. Health Promotion comprises development, implementation and evaluation of an oral health promotion intervention program in collaboration with a community or organisation. Outreach Elective Studies comprises development and project work in an area of interest to extend student's oral health therapy skills during the year.
Objectives:	On completion of this subject the student should: Comprehend: # The characteristics of public health programs and their evaluation; and

	<p># The resources available to oral health professionals in the promotion of oral health.</p> <p>Demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # The capacity to communicate with people to identify and address their health needs; # The capacity to review and apply research skills and evidence based practice to oral health therapy practice; and # An appreciation of sociological inquiry. <p>Have developed the following skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Information seeking, evaluation and retrieval; # Intercultural sensitivity and understanding; # Planning and organisation # Oral and written communication # Applying ethical principles to the practice of oral health therapy; and # An openness to new ideas; and # Extended knowledge in a specialist area of oral health therapy practice. <p>Appreciate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # The collaborative role of agencies and health care providers in the community in the promotion of oral health; # The role of evidence based practice in the promotion of oral health; and # The capacity of health promotion to contribute to the improvement of oral health outcomes in the community.
Assessment:	<p>Assessment includes: Two written assignments of no more than 1000 words each to be submitted mid-April (20%); One written report of no more than 3000 words (per student) covering the theoretical and practical aspects of the outreach placement or research project undertaken, to be submitted at the end of Semester 2 (60%); and An oral presentation (of 15 minutes' duration) outlining the learning and value of the work undertaken to be presented at the end of Semester 2 (20%). An overall assessment mark of 50% is required to pass this subject.</p>
Prescribed Texts:	None.
Recommended Texts:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # <i>Second opinion: an Introduction to Health Sociology</i>: 4 th Edition (J Germov) 2009, Oxford University Press, South Melbourne # <i>Evaluating Health Promotion: A Health Workers' Guide</i> (P Hawe, D Degeling and J Hall), McLennan and Petty, 1990 # <i>Bioethics and Clinical Ethics for Health Care Professionals</i> (KR Mitchell, IH Kerridge and JJ Lovat), 2nd edn, Social Science Press, NSW, 1996 # <i>Understanding Health Promotion</i> (Keleher H, MacDougall C and Murphy B) 2007, Oxford University Press, South Melbourne # <i>Social Research Methods: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches</i> (WL Neuman), 6th edn, Boston, Allyn and Bacon, 2005 # <i>Introduction to Research in the Health Sciences</i> (S Polgar and S Thomas), Churchill Livingstone, 2000 # <i>Health Behaviour and Health Education: Theory, Research and Practice</i> (Glanz K, Rimer BK and Viswanath K) 2008 4th ed, Jossey-Bass
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	<p>On completion of this subject, students should develop skills in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Communication; # Critical thinking; # Problem solving; # Analytical assessment; # Evaluation and reporting;

	# Ethics; and # Reporting evidence.
Related Course(s):	Bachelor of Oral Health