

CLRS90009 Clinical Psychiatric Research

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2011, Hawthorn This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, Hawthorn - Taught on campus. Semester 2, Hawthorn - Taught on campus. Intensive Mode
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: Twenty-four hours of lectures/seminars/workshops Total Time Commitment: Students should expect to undertake a minimum of 120 hours lectures, research, reading, writing etc (including face to face contact) to complete this subject successfully
Prerequisites:	nil
Corequisites:	nil
Recommended Background Knowledge:	nil
Non Allowed Subjects:	nil
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering requests 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:	Topics covered include: The underpinnings of major psychiatric disorders such as schizophrenia, depressive disorders, bipolar affective disorders, dementias The DSM and ICD 10 criteria for psychiatric diagnosis that are important for reliability and validity of symptom complexes The phenomenology of psychotic symptoms, mood symptoms and cognitive symptoms that are measured in clinical trials in psychiatry Administering diagnostic instruments to support the diagnostic classification of the DSM and or ICD systems The validity and reliability of rating instruments used in psychiatric clinical trials including the use of anchor points in ratings to have acceptable inter rater reliability in multicentre international clinical trials Community and acute mental health professionals and case managers as integral component of successful outcomes for psychiatric clinical trials Safety considerations of subjects and others in psychiatric clinical trial
Objectives:	Students who successfully complete this subject will be able to: To develop and run Clinical Trials research in psychiatry To specify, run and manage clinical research in the areas of schizophrenia, bipolar adfective disorders, depressive disorder, dementias and cognitive dysfunction studies To run clinical trials in psychiatry that interface with neurology and geriatrics To use objective rating scales effectively to measure primary and other outcome objectives in psychiatric research

	To measure psychosocial and health economic effects of interventions in psychiatry clinical trials To use and administer care giver scales for subjects in psychiatric clinical trials research To effectively recruit and retain subjects taking part in psychiatric clinical trials research
Assessment:	Two assignments totalling 4000 words (assignment one 1500 words (40 per cent), assignment two 2500 words (60 per cent))
Prescribed Texts:	Foundations of Clinical Psychiatry (Bloch and Singh) will be provided to all enrolled students.
Recommended Texts:	NA
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:	Refer to MCCP website
Links to further information:	http://www.mccp.unimelb.edu.au/subjects/clinical-immunisation-research
Related Course(s):	Graduate Diploma in Clinical Research Master of Clinical Research