

HSC219.9 Research Project

Name of Unit 1 (Unit Code 1)

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SECTION 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION

Administrative details

Associated higher education awards	Duration	Level	Unit Coordinator
Masters	One semester	Advanced	Dr Kirsten Macaitis

Core or elective unit

Indicate if the unit is a

- core unit
 elective unit
 other (please specify below):

Unit weighting

Using the table below, indicate the credit point weighting of this unit and the credit point total for the course of study (for example, 10 credit points for the unit and 320 credit points for the course of study).

Unit credit points	Total course credit points
6	96

Student workload

Using the table below, indicate the expected student workload per week for this unit.

No. timetabled hours per week*	No. personal study hours per week**	Total workload hours per week***
1	9	10

For those students requiring additional English language support, how many additional hours per week is it expected that they will undertake?

Additional English language support: 0 hours per week

Pre-requisites and co-requisites

Are students required to have undertaken a prerequisite or co-requisite unit for this unit?

- Yes No

If **YES**, provide details of the prerequisite or co-requisite requirements below.

HSC218.9 Research in Counselling & Psychotherapy

SECTION 2 – ACADEMIC DETAILS

Unit Descriptor

Provide below a brief unit description, which includes a summary of the key content of the unit.

This unit builds on research knowledge from HSC218.9 Research in Counselling & Psychotherapy, encouraging students to become active researchers and discerning consumers of relevant scientific literature. Students critically evaluate extant research, theory and contemporary discourse in the field of counselling and psychotherapy by developing either a literature review or ethnographic study which does not require Human Research Ethics Committee approval. The outcomes of the research project will be presented in a research report and orally at a research colloquium, demonstrating real-world application to clinical counselling practice.

Learning Outcomes for Unit

Learning outcomes for unit:

1. Design and implement a counselling and psychotherapy related research project.
2. Demonstrate critical evaluation and synthesis of contemporary counselling and psychotherapy research.
3. Effectively communicate research findings and clinical applications to stakeholders within the wider field of counselling.

Assessment tasks

Type *	Learning Outcome/s assessed	When assessed – year, session and week	Weighting
Research Report Students will undertake a literature review or a research project in line with their research proposal developed in HSC218.9 Research in Counselling & Psychotherapy. Equivalent Word Count 4500 words	1 & 2	Week 12	70%
Colloquium Presentation Students will present their research efforts in a Faculty symposium, with a clear focus on clinical application of research findings. Equivalent word count: 1500 words	1, 2 & 3	Week 14	30%

2.1 Prescribed and recommended readings

Provide below, in formal reference format, a list of the prescribed and recommended readings for the unit.

Required Textbook

McLeod, J. (2022). *Doing research in counselling and psychotherapy* (4th ed.). SAGE.

Hanley, T., Lennie, C., & West, W. (2013). *Introducing counselling and psychotherapy research*. SAGE.

Recommended Readings

Boeije, H. (2010). *Analysis in qualitative research*. SAGE.

Byrne, D. (2012). *Research design*. SAGE.

Hughes, J., & Goodwin, J. (2012). *SAGE internet research methods*. SAGE.

Kumar, R. (2011). *Research methods: A step-by-step guide for beginners*. SAGE.

Machi, L. A., & McEvoy, B. T. (2016). *The literature review: Six steps to success* (3rd ed.). Corwin.

Merriam, S. B., & Tisdell, E. (2016). *Qualitative research: A guide to design and implantation*. Jossey-Bass.

McLeod, J. (2010). *Case study research in counselling and psychotherapy*. SAGE.

McLeod, J. (2011). *Qualitative research in counselling and psychotherapy*. SAGE.

McLeod, J. (2016). *Using research in counselling and psychotherapy*. SAGE.

Paoletti, I., Tomás, M. I., & Menéndez, F. (2013). *Practices of ethics: An empirical approach to ethics in social sciences research*. Cambridge.

Tracy, S. J. (2019). *Qualitative research methods: Collecting evidence, crafting analysis, communicating impact*. Wiley Blackwell.

Recommended Journals & Websites

Counselling and Psychotherapy Research

Psychotherapy Research

Journal of Psychology and Christianity

Journal of Psychology and Theology