



PBHL11002 *Public Health and Chronic Disease*

Term 2 - 2024

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General Information

Overview

Chronic diseases such as diabetes, asthma and heart disease are the leading causes of death and disability in Australia. From a public health perspective, the prevention of chronic disease is of fundamental importance and is a core skill set for any public health professional. This unit provides an introduction to public health and chronic disease. It will examine biological determinants, the influence of social factors on incidence and prevalence, and behavioural and environmental factors found to be conducive to the development and growth of chronic disease in Australia. Students will also explore individual and population level interventions aimed at reducing chronic disease.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 1*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 8

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

There are no requisites for this unit.

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

Offerings For Term 2 - 2024

- Online

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

Class and Assessment Overview

Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 6-credit Undergraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 12.5 hours of study per week, making a total of 150 hours for the unit.

Class Timetable

[Regional Campuses](#)

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

[Metropolitan Campuses](#)

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

Assessment Overview

1. **Group Discussion**

Weighting: 20%

2. **Online Quiz(zes)**

Weighting: 30%

3. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 50%

Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the [University's Grades and Results Policy](#) for more details of interim results and final grades.

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback – Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

Previous Student Feedback

Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

Feedback from Student unit survey.

Feedback

Introduce an additional choice of topic for the final assessment task to help cater to the varied disciplinary backgrounds of students.

Recommendation

Offer a choice from two topics for the final written assessment in 2024.

Feedback from Student unit survey.

Feedback

Students enjoyed the unit content, assessment structure, and delivery, allowing them to pace their learning over the term.

Recommendation

Continue with the current unit structure and delivery in 2024.

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Describe risk factors and aetiology for lifestyle related chronic diseases.
2. Collaborate with others to explain the impact of chronic diseases in the context of individual and population health.
3. Identify and analyse primary, secondary and tertiary prevention approaches for lifestyle related chronic diseases.
4. Identify and analyse upstream determinants of health impacting on lifestyle related chronic diseases.

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes			
	1	2	3	4
1 - Group Discussion - 20%	•	•	•	•
2 - Online Quiz(zes) - 30%	•			
3 - Written Assessment - 50%			•	•

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes			
	1	2	3	4
1 - Communication	•	•	•	•
2 - Problem Solving	•	•	•	•
3 - Critical Thinking		•	•	•
4 - Information Literacy			•	
5 - Team Work	•	•	•	•
6 - Information Technology Competence		•		
7 - Cross Cultural Competence	•			
8 - Ethical practice		•		•
9 - Social Innovation				
10 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures				

Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Graduate Attributes

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Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

PBHL11002

Supplementary

Pathophysiology made incredibly visual

Edition: Third (2016)

Authors: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins

Lippincott Williams & Wilkins

Philadelphia , PA , USA

ISBN: ISBN 9781496321671

Binding: Paperback

Students can use any Pathophysiology text for this unit.

[View textbooks at the CQUniversity Bookshop](#)

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)
- ZOOM

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing styles below:

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)
- [American Psychological Association 7th Edition \(APA 7th edition\)](#)

For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

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Schedule

Week 1 - 08 Jul 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Introduction to unit: understanding chronic diseases from biological, social, economic and political perspectives	Refer to week 1 eReading list via Moodle	Live Zoom session - Introduction to the unit

Week 2 - 15 Jul 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
History of chronic diseases becoming medically and politically relevant	Refer to week 2 eReading list via Moodle	Live Zoom session - Introduction to Assessment 1 (Discussion forum posts)

Week 3 - 22 Jul 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Cardiovascular diseases Workbook Chapter 1

Week 4 - 29 Jul 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Cancer	Workbook Chapter 2	Assessment 2 - Quiz 1 related to cardiovascular diseases due by Friday of Week 4

Week 5 - 05 Aug 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Type 2 Diabetes	Workbook Chapter 3	Assessment 2 - Quiz 2 related to cancer due by Friday of Week 5

Vacation Week - 12 Aug 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Week 6 - 19 Aug 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Asthma and COPD	Workbook Chapter 4	Live Zoom session - Question and Answer session for Assessment 1 (Discussion forum posts), and Introduction to Assessment 3 (Fact Check) Assessment 2 - Quiz 3 related to Type 2 Diabetes due by Friday of Week 6

Week 7 - 26 Aug 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Arthritis and musculoskeletal conditions	Workbook Chapter 5	Assessment 2 - Quiz 4 related to asthma and COPD due by Friday of Week 7

Week 8 - 02 Sep 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Mental health	Workbook Chapter 6	Assessment 2 - Quiz 5 related to arthritis and musculoskeletal conditions due by Friday of Week 8

Week 9 - 09 Sep 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Dementia	Workbook Chapter 7 Refer to week 9 eReading list	Assessment 2 - Quiz 6 related to mental health due by Friday of Week 9

Week 10 - 16 Sep 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Primary, secondary and tertiary prevention and upstream determinants of health	Refer to week 10 eReading list	Live Zoom session - Question and Answer session for Assessment 3, Fact Check Discussion Forum Posts Due: Week 10 Monday (16 Sept 2024) 11:45 pm AEST

Week 11 - 23 Sep 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Common lifestyle behaviours targeted in prevention schemes	Refer to Week 11 eReading list	

Week 12 - 30 Sep 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Policy approaches to prevention of chronic diseases

No readings this week

Review/Exam Week - 07 Oct 2024

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

Fact Check Due: Review/Exam Week Monday (7 Oct 2024) 11:45 pm AEST

Exam Week - 14 Oct 2024

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

Assessment Tasks

1 Discussion Forum Posts

Assessment Type

Group Discussion

Task Description

Submit your three (3) best discussion board posts from weeks 3-9 (up to 1200 words in total). Each post must be from a different week and demonstrate how you have contributed to the learning of others regarding chronic diseases and public health action.

Assessment Due Date

Week 10 Monday (16 Sept 2024) 11:45 pm AEST

Submit all three posts in a word document, plus a cover page and reference list.

Return Date to Students

Week 12 Tuesday (1 Oct 2024)

2 weeks from submission

Weighting

20%

Minimum mark or grade

50%

Assessment Criteria

Your discussion posts will be marked according to their relevance to the content in weeks 3-9 and to their consistency to the conversation within the discussion board to promote learning of self and others. At least 1 of your 3 discussion forum posts must be completed and posted to the discussion forums by Friday of week 7. See the Moodle site for a detailed marking rubric.

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)
- [American Psychological Association 7th Edition \(APA 7th edition\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Describe risk factors and aetiology for lifestyle related chronic diseases.
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Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking

- Team Work
- Information Technology Competence
- Cross Cultural Competence
- Ethical practice

2 Online Quiz(zes)

Assessment Type

Online Quiz(zes)

Task Description

There are six (6) quizzes conducted throughout the term related to content in weeks 3-8. Each quiz is open-book and contains ten (10) multiple-choice questions. Completion of each quiz is done online. Each quiz contributes a possible 5 marks (5%) towards the final grade for the unit.

Only one attempt is possible on each quiz.

Quiz 1 - **closes Friday of week 4**

Quiz 2 - **closes Friday of week 5**

Quiz 3 - **closes Friday of week 6**

Quiz 4 - **closes Friday of week 7**

Quiz 5 - **closes Friday of week 8**

Quiz 6 - **closes Friday of week 9**

Number of Quizzes

6

Frequency of Quizzes

Other

Assessment Due Date

Friday at 11.45pm in Weeks 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Return Date to Students

Results will be released immediately after the close of each quiz.

Weighting

30%

Assessment Criteria

Each multiple-choice question will be worth 0.5 marks and will be marked as correct or not correct.

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)
- [American Psychological Association 7th Edition \(APA 7th edition\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Describe risk factors and aetiology for lifestyle related chronic diseases.

Graduate Attributes

- Problem Solving
- Information Literacy
- Information Technology Competence

3 Fact Check

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

Undertake a Fact Check on a current Public Health issue. Details of this issue will be provided on the unit Moodle site.

Your Fact Check needs to include answers to the following questions:

- What evidence is there for the claim?
- What evidence disputes the claim?
- What are alternative explanations?
- Is it true, false or possible/plausible?

Your Fact Check should be **1500-2000 words** (references excluded from the word count).

Assessment Due Date

Review/Exam Week Monday (7 Oct 2024) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Two weeks from due date.

Weighting

50%

Assessment Criteria

Your Fact Check will be marked according to the level of critical analysis of relevant sources and consistency of argument in regard to alternative explanations and conclusions. See the Moodle site for a detailed marking rubric.

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)
- [American Psychological Association 7th Edition \(APA 7th edition\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

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Graduate Attributes

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- Ethical practice

Academic Integrity Statement

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in your university study ensures the CQUniversity qualification you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

As a student, you are responsible for reading and following CQUniversity's policies, including the [Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure](#). This policy sets out CQUniversity's expectations of you to act with integrity, examples of academic integrity breaches to avoid, the processes used to address alleged breaches of academic integrity, and potential penalties.

What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

Why is academic integrity important?

A breach of academic integrity may result in one or more penalties, including suspension or even expulsion from the University. It can also have negative implications for student visas and future enrolment at CQUniversity or elsewhere. Students who engage in contract cheating also risk being blackmailed by contract cheating services.

Where can I get assistance?

For academic advice and guidance, the [Academic Learning Centre \(ALC\)](#) can support you in becoming confident in completing assessments with integrity and of high standard.

What can you do to act with integrity?



Be Honest

If your assessment task is done by someone else, it would be dishonest of you to claim it as your own



Seek Help

If you are not sure about how to cite or reference in essays, reports etc, then seek help from your lecturer, the library or the Academic Learning Centre (ALC)



Produce Original Work

Originality comes from your ability to read widely, think critically, and apply your gained knowledge to address a question or problem