



Critical Inquiry for Evidence Based Practice (589120) 15 Points

Paper overview

Explores the evolution and context of evidence-based practice. Develops advanced skills in accessing, critiquing and synthesizing sources of evidence that underpin clinical practice. Focuses on practice development using an evidence based framework. It includes examination and critique of socio-cultural-political and ethical contexts that influence health research in New Zealand. The paper prepares students to undertake some dissertations or the practice project paper.

Programme study options

This paper is an interdisciplinary core research paper in Faculty of Health and Environmental Sciences

Who can study this paper?

This paper is for anyone who has:

- Completed Health Research (527189) or an equivalent Level 7 research paper in Health, Education or Social Sciences
- Is enrolled in a Postgraduate Diploma in the Faculty of Health and Environmental Sciences

What you can expect to learn

This paper includes the following topics:

- Scholarly writing
- Review of paradigms and methodologies and designs
- Levels of evidence
- Clinical effectiveness: principles of clinical significance
- Frameworks for critical inquiry and quality
- Critical appraisal: quantitative (include rigour)
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- Sources of non-research evidence: policy, socio-cultural, scholarly literature and theory, organisational, clinical practice resources
- Synthesis of evidence based practice

What you need to study this paper

A computer, internet (broadband preferred), and email access.

Paper Leader: Dr. Tineke Water

Tineke has a clinical practice background in paediatric cardio-thoracic medical, surgical and intensive care specialities. Tineke completed her PhD at AUT in 2008 with the focus of her doctoral research being the ethical dilemmas health professionals and families face when a child requires health care. Currently Tineke is a member of the AUT Ethics Committee. Her research and clinical interests relate to health care ethics, the social determinants of health particularly related to childhood obesity and issues of social justice for children and families.

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Location, dates and teaching style details

Location: AUT North Shore Campus
Teaching Period: Semester 1 only
Online: Supported with online material
Study Days: (9am – 4:00 pm).
Dates: 8,9,22,23 March + 11 May 2012

Teaching style: Lectures, co-operative learning approaches and self-directed learning will be used. Paper includes 30 classroom hours. Guest speakers may be invited to share their knowledge and expertise of particular aspects of evidence-based practice. Activities and exercises will be used to guide tutorials and supplement learning activities. Prepares students to undertake some dissertations or Practice Project paper. Paper information, exercises and resources are provided on AUTonline.

How much time will I need to commit to the paper?

This is dependent on your other commitments and the speed at which you learn and work, but on average a 15 point paper typically involves around 10-15 hours per week.

How much does this paper cost?

15 point paper tuition fees for domestic students in 2012 is approximately NZ\$1000. Additional fees for study may include; a learner services levy, student association (AUSM) fee, charges and paper activity fees. Please contact us for further information (International students email international.centre@aut.ac.nz).

How this paper will be assessed

1. Critique (3000 – 3500 words)
2. Practice Development (2000 - 2500 words)

Enrolment process

New students: Contact the Student Information Centre
Phone: 0800 AUT UNI (0800 288 864) or Email: courseinfo@aut.ac.nz

Returning students: Go online to AUTonline, <https://autonline.ac.nz>

- A. Check paper timetable by clicking on 'Timetable' option
- B. Then, complete '2012 re-enrolment form' by clicking on 'Forms' option
- C. Then, email us the completed form.

Enrolment and paper information

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