Critical Enquiry for Evidence Based Practice

(HEAL840) 15 points

Pathways, programmes/specialisations the paper is attached to
Master of Health Practice, Master of Health Science, Master of Public Health, Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science and Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health. This paper is available from the Faculty of Health and Environmental Sciences in all specialization areas and is a core paper for the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science.

Am I eligible to enrol in this paper?
This paper is for anyone who has registration from a 3 year programme or equivalent

What is this paper about?
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.

What can I expect to learn?
- 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

How is this paper taught?
Location: North Campus, AUT
Teaching period: Offered in Semester 1 & 2
Block course: 4 days
Teaching style: Lectures, co-operative learning approaches and self-directed learning will be used. 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 a dissertation or Practice Project paper. Paper information, exercises and resources are provided on Blackboard.

How will I be assessed?
1. A critical appraisal of 3 sources of evidence (4000 words + 10%)

Who will be teaching me?
Paper Coordinator: Dr. Eamon Merrick BHSc, PGcert(ED), MHSM, PhD, RN
Research Summary: Eamon has led and managed research into clinical communication, teamwork, and decision making. His initial work focused on the work of primary health care nurses and how public policy and economic incentives can be better aligned with realities of clinical work. His work has been awarded for excellence in clinical governance, and quality improvement. Eamon has published on the topics of quality and safety in healthcare, workforce development, health service reform, and organisational design.

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