

ISN501 Ethics and Professional Issues

Unit Description

In **Ethics & Professional Issues** students will become familiar with the requirements of all State & Commonwealth Acts relevant to psychological work, including relevant ethical codes and guidelines. They will learn how to apply the principles of these codes to their work, and consider potential ethical dilemmas.

Required Textbooks and Readings

Boyle, C., & Gamble, N. (2014). *Ethical practice in applied psychology* (1st ed.)

Australian Psychological Society (2007). Code of ethics. Melbourne: Author. Available online at: www.psychology.org.au/about/ethics.

Australian Psychological Society (2007). APS ethical guidelines. Melbourne: Author. Only available online for members of the APS at: www.psychology.org.au/about/ethics.

Administrative Details

Associated higher education awards	Duration	Core or Elective	Level	Unit Coordinator	Other Teaching Staff
Master of Psychology (Clinical)	One semester	Core	Fifth year, Semester 1	TBA	TBA

Learning Outcomes and Assessments

Learning outcomes for Unit	Assessment tasks		
	Type	When assessed – year, session and week	Weighting (% of total marks for unit)
To become familiar with the requirements of all State & Commonwealth Acts relevant to psychological work, including relevant ethical codes and codes of conduct	Exam [30 item multiple choice test plus two short answer]	Year 1, semester 1, week 10	50%
To be able to apply the principles of these codes to their work at all times	Class discussions & exercises.	Throughout semester	10%
To become familiar with the requirements of all State & Commonwealth Acts relevant to psychological work, including relevant ethical codes and codes of conduct	Essay examining the literature and perspectives relating to ethics in clinical practice. Essay question options to be provided.	Week 8	40%

Delivery mode

Face to face on site

Full-time or Part-time study

Pre-requisites and co-requisites

Successful completion of a four-year, APAC accredited, sequence of study in psychology with a H2A average or higher and passing selection interviews and psychometric testing.

Other Resources and Requirements

None.

Unit weighting as a percentage of the year

Unit credit points	Total course credit points
10	200

Student workload

No. timetabled hours per week	No. personal study hours per week	Total workload hours per week
1x2 hour lecture	6	8

**Unit outlines may be subject to change. The most up-to-date outlines will be provided to students once the semester commences.*