

WKPL: Clinical Placement and Professional Practice

Module Title:		Clinical Placement and Professional Practice
Language of Instruction:		English
Credits:	30	
NFQ Level:	8	
Module Delivered In		1 programme(s)
Teaching & Learning Strategies:		This module have three distinct strands. 1. Clinical studies will be taught as 6 practical hours in the on- campus student-led clinic. There will be 1 hour of pitchside experience per week., all in semester 1. 2. Professional Practice will be taught as 2 theory hours and 1 seminar hour per week in semester 1. 3. Work Placement will be off-site in a supervised work environment for 475hours in semester 2.
Module Aim:		To provide experience to learners in an on-campus student-led clinic, dealing with real patients with neuromusculoskeleatal injuries including assessment, treatment and rehabilitation of same. 2. To prepare learners for a career in athletic therapy private practice via engagement with the scope of professional practice, ethics and business considerations. 3. To provide learners with the opportunity to consolidate theoretical and practical knowledge and skills in a supervised work placement.

Learning Outcomes					
On successf	On successful completion of this module the learner should be able to:				
LO1	Having gained experience in the student led-clinic, learners will we able to assess, treat and rehabilitate a wide range of neuromusculoskeletal injuries in patients in different contexts.				
LO2	Having gained experience in the student-led clinic, learners will be able to set goals for treatment and for outcomes, demonstrate and implement pertinent clinical reasoning, and develop and foster therapeutic relationships with patients.				
LO3	Having gained experience in the student-led clinic, learners will have some understanding of the day-to-day running of a clinic and be able to document and keep medical records.				
LO4	Plan and prepare for pitchside duties, including preparation of a kitbag, and execution of pre, during and post training and match duties.				
LO5	Recognise and understand the scope of professional practice of athletic therapists and discuss the socio-political context in Ireland within which they will practice as certified athletic therapists.				
LO6	Discuss the code of ethics and professional conduct and appreciate common ethical dilemmas faced by athletic therapists.				
LO7	Conceptualise themselves post-graduation in terms of self employment in the private sector. Prepare in terms of business plan, finance application, job application and personal branding.				
LO8	Having completed work placement, learners will have honed skills of assessment, treatment and rehabilitation of a wide range of patients with differing injuries				
LO9	Having completed work placement, learners will have real world experience with managing patient caseloads, development of critical skills in goal setting, problem prioritisation, patient communication, and treatment justification.				
LO10	Having completed work placement learners will have an understanding of the day-to-day running of a clinical practice, and been able to identify possible future employment opportunities.				

Pre-requisite learning

Module RecommendationsThis is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is recommended before enrolment in this module.

No recommendations listed

Incompatible Modules
These are modules which have learning outcomes that are too similar to the learning outcomes of this module.

No incompatible modules listed

Co-requisite Modules

No Co-requisite modules listed

Requirements
This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is mandatory before enrolment in this module is allowed.

No requirements listed



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Module Content & Assessment

Indicative Content

Context and history of the profession in Ireland Professional bodies Scopes of professional practice for ARTI and similar professions Code of ethics, ethical dilemmas Developing your practice philosophy and personal brand Preparing for setting up a small business, seeking finance, job applications.

Clinical studies in the Student-led clinic
Exposure to patients with different neuroMSK injuries Skill, competency and safe use of a wide range of treatment and rehabilitation techniques Consolidation and practical implementation of skills learned in co-semester assessment, treatment, rehabilitation and clinical reasoning modules. Management of patient caseloads, goal setting and discharge planning. Medical records documentation Communication skills in therapeutic relationships with patients, and with peers, staff and multidisciplinary teams.

Attending pre-planned sports team training sessions and matches, under the supervision of a nominated qualified therapist. Planning and preparing kitbag. Observing and involvement of pre, during and post match duties.

The work placement module will normally involve 475 Hours, split typically into 14 weeks of roughly 35 hours per week in appropriate clinical placement centres. Practical clinical experience is gained in: • Evaluation and diagnosis of neuromusculoskeletal injuries • The use of therapeutic modalities in the treatment of neuromusculoskeletal injuries. • Therapeutic exercise prescription and rehabilitation. On-site learning through observation, guided treatment, co-ordinated rehabilitation and progression to independent evaluation and rehabilitation of patient caseloads, under the supervision of an appointed clinical instructor.

Assessment Breakdown	%
Continuous Assessment	20.00%
Project	10.00%
Practical	50.00%
End of Module Formal Examination	20.00%

Special Regulation

There are 3 Pass-Fail parts to this module: Work Placement Element: 1. 475 hours must be completed and the learner successfully deemed competent by their placement supervisor to pass this module. 2. Final clinical practical exam must be passed to pass this module. Studentled clinic element: 3. Learners must pass this element via attendance and completion of a continuous assessment record book (CARB).

Continuous Assessment				
Assessment Type	Assessment Description	Outcome addressed	% of total	Assessment Date
Case Studies	2 case studies are submitted after work placement is completed, one upper quadrant injury and one lower quadrant injury.	8,9,10	15.00	n/a
Essay	Professional Practice CA on scope of practice.	5,6	5.00	Week 8

Project				
Assessment Type	Assessment Description	Outcome addressed	% of total	Assessment Date
Project	Professional Practice-business planning and branding	7	10.00	Week 10

Practical				
Assessment Type	Assessment Description	Outcome addressed	% of total	Assessment Date
Practical/Skills Evaluation	Final Clinical Exam	1,2,3,4,8,9,10	50.00	Sem 2 End

End of Module Formal Examination				
Assessment Type	Assessment Description	Outcome addressed	% of total	Assessment Date
Formal Exam	Professional Practice Theory exam	5,6,7	20.00	End-of-Semester



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Module Workload

Workload: Full Time				
Workload Type	Frequency	Average Weekly Learner Workload		
Lecture	12 Weeks per Stage	3.00		
Practicals	12 Weeks per Stage	6.00		
Directed Learning	12 Weeks per Stage	1.00		
Placement	Per Semester	19.00		
Independent Learning Time	30 Weeks per Stage	5.17		
	Total Hours	750.00		

Module Delivered In

Programme Code	Programme	Semester	Delivery
CW_SASRA_B	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Sports Rehabilitation and Athletic Therapy	8	Mandatory