



CHIR3610: Foundations of Clinical Practice

SESSION 2 2020 - 44 PACE ACTIVITY HOURS



- Combine theory with practice at the Macquarie University Chiropractic Clinics while enhancing your C.V. and professional experience.
- Students will experience elements of clinical information gathering, patient-practitioner and inter-practitioner interactions and the management of a modern chiropractic facility.
- No matter what stage you are at in life or career, this unit enhances professional pursuits

HOW DOES THE UNIT WORK?

PACE units combine theory-based curriculum with practical experience (PACE activity). This unit will provide you with foundations relevant for clinical practice and is therefore an important building block for becoming a Chiropractor. You must undertake all curriculum (e.g. workshops/lessons and assessment) and the PACE activity in order to be eligible to complete the unit.

To find out more about CHIR3610 and eligibility requirements visit the [Handbook](#).

HOW DO I FIND MY PACE ACTIVITY?

All CHIR3610 PACE activities will be made available to you through the unit with the Macquarie University Chiropractic Clinics. You will be scheduled to be on duty for clinic shifts and/or projects as determined by the Unit Convenor and Macquarie University Chiropractic Clinics.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT FROM THE CLINIC AND THE PACE ACTIVITY?

Macquarie has offered a well established chiropractic service to the community since its first Clinic opened at Summer Hill in 1974. Expansions since then have included Chiropractic Clinics at Eastwood and Macquarie Park. The evidenced based teaching clinics provide a range of services for a wide cross section of the community, including the elderly and children as well as patients presenting with both chronic and acute pain. They are open seven days a week and involve

bookings as well as walk-ins to schedule appointments. Health problems that are treated at the Chiropractic Clinics include: back pain; neck pain; migraines; disc problems; arm and leg pain; joint pain; tension; sciatica; shoulder pain; stiffness; restriction of mobility; and strains and sprains.

By completing a PACE activity with the Macquarie University Chiropractic Clinic you will be providing more people power to ensure the gathering of high quality health information and data for patients. The better the quality of the health information that the clinics can gather the better they can fulfil their mission of providing health care services to the community. At the same time, you will have the opportunity to be exposed to tasks that you will later need to master on your journey to becoming a Chiropractor.

PACE activity tasks could include but are not limited to:

- Administering evidence based outcome measurement questionnaires in-person and/or online
- Administering clinical history questionnaires in-person and/or online
- Gathering of health informatics data in-person and/or online
- In person and/or telephone interaction with the public in the administration of the clinic (clinic reception duties)

PACE-SPECIFIC TIMELINES

CHIR3610 Timelines (see Unit Guide for academic dates)	
Key dates	Activity information
ASAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan ahead and prepare to enrol in CHIR3610 to maximise outcomes • In advance of session start - It will be necessary to apply for Background checks (see below) as advised by your Convenor and/or FSE PACE staff
Week 1 of session	Activities allocated and clinic schedules confirmed, student induction, and meet your host supervisor(s)
Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students should manage and plan carefully so they can meet their other commitments (e.g. part-time work or other university studies). • Throughout the session - spend time reflecting on your PACE activity experiences and the unit curriculum in preparation for completing assessments.

IS RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL) POSSIBLE?

As per the University's RPL Policy, if you can evidence prior achievement of the [Academic Senate's criteria for PACE units](#) then RPL for PACE might be possible. Acknowledgement of past or current employment alone is not sufficient for this purpose; however, evidence could include demonstration of achieving core PACE criteria through experiential learning that has occurred as part of that employment, or successful completion of a PACE-like unit elsewhere.

Refer to the PACE-specific information in the University's [RPL Policy](#) for more detail. Information on how to apply can be found [here](#).

ANYTHING ELSE I NEED TO KNOW?

STUDENT UNDERTAKING

Once enrolled, you will be asked to agree to your Roles and Responsibilities and provide emergency contact details via a Student Undertaking form in iParticipate. Doing this and receiving approval for your PACE activity are necessary before you can start your PACE activity.

BACKGROUND CHECKS (WWCC, POLICE CHECK, HEALTH CHECK ETC.)

Some PACE activities require background checks before you commence such as Working With Children Check, National Police Check etc. The checks necessary (if any) will depend on your activity and the requirements of your partner organisation.

REASONABLE ADJUSTMENTS

PACE activities are available to ALL undergraduate Macquarie students regardless of their personal circumstances. Students are encouraged to disclose and discuss any personal circumstances which may impact on their ability to complete a PACE Activity before selection or allocation of PACE Activities is finalised. For more information refer to the [PACE Activity Management Procedure](#) and the [Student Disability Support Policy](#).

Refer to our [reasonable adjustments video](#) for more information.

PACE AND ETHICAL PRACTICE

Ethical practice features heavily in PACE and involves negotiating the ethical complexities of the context in which you are working, engaging in activities in an ethical manner, and ethical partnerships. Students should not undertake a PACE activity that would cause a conflict of interest (e.g. with a current employer). Please advise the Unit Convenor as soon as any ethical concerns (including conflict of interest) arise.

PACEWISE

Re-visit [PACEWISE](#) to find out more about:

- Great hints on how to present yourself professionally
- The Judyth Sachs Prize
- PACE Equity and Travel grants
- Your Roles and Responsibilities
- Your Work Health and Safety



"The CHIR3610 PACE unit provides the students an opportunity for a 'real-world' professional experience in a chiropractic clinic. This unit highlights the diversity of skills that are required in a chiropractic clinic and helps students make informed career decisions at the completion of their undergraduate degree."

DR ROSEMARY GIURIATO, HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF CHIROPRACTIC



HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION?

For questions specific to the academic requirements of CHIR3610 contact the Unit Convenor.

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