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Information for MacHSR Fellows

Introduction to Health Services Research
POPH90302





Your Faculty

Course Co-ordinators

- Dr Mary White,
 - Paediatric Endocrinologist & Health Services Research Unit, RCH
 - Senior Lecturer, Melbourne School of Global and Population Health
- Professor Kim Dalziel,
 - Principal Research Fellow (Health Economics), Melbourne School of Population and Global Health
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Tutors

- Rachel O'Loughlin, PhD Candidate
- Mackenzie Bourke, PhD Candidate
 - Health Economics Unit, Centre for Health Policy, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health





Semester dates



- Semester 2 – dates available online, starts last full week of July
- 12 teaching weeks
- Also 1 Non-teaching week (usually end of Sept)



Course Structure

- Subject handbook: <https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/subjects/poph90302>
- 12 weeks of lecture modules
 - Online, published 2 weeks ahead, 90 minutes of content per week
- Tutorials
 - Fortnightly starting week 2
 - Option to attend face to face **OR** online via Zoom
- Fortnightly office hour drop in session, opportunity to ask questions
- Zoom links will be posted in Canvas





Assignment structure and key dates



Assignment 1

- Short essay questions
- Due by end of week 5 (end August)
- Provided 3 weeks in advance



Assignment 2

- MCQ, open book, 1.5 hours
- Due by end of week 11 (mid-Sept)
- Provided 2 days in advance



Assignment 3

- Modified research protocol
- We will provide 2 options for research questions
- Opportunity to develop your own research Q subject to faculty pre-approval
- Due by end Oct
- Provided 3 weeks in advance



Learning objectives of this subject



- ✓ Demonstrate an understanding of health services research principles
- ✓ Explain and analyse aspects of health service organisation and financing
- ✓ Explain principles for designing methods and using different types of data for health services research
- ✓ Understand the purpose of qualitative and quantitative methods and analysis for health services research
- ✓ Apply knowledge of evaluation to health services and health services research



How to approach this subject

- Final assignment will be to develop a research proposal
- Use tips from each lecture and insights from expert researchers
 - Build knowledge over time
 - Find the right research question
 - Identify the right method to answer your question
 - Integrate all key elements from the start
 - Consider how you can best translate your findings into the real world
- Encourage interactive participation in tutorial groups
- Small study/support groups may be helpful when working towards final assignment





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Thank you

