

HM002 Governance, Safety & Quality in Healthcare

Unit Description

The unit is designed to highlight knowledge and theory that informs real world practice, theoretical and practical learning about safety and quality in healthcare. It explores clinical governance, quality and safety principles, risk management and the impact of adverse events. The content, contemporary research evidence and discussions throughout this unit enable students to clearly understand the main predictors of adverse outcomes and events in healthcare, including poor teamwork, staff shortages and communication challenges. A root cause analysis allows learning to be applied to real world contexts and for students to draw on their own experiences within health care systems in Australia and internationally.

Credit Points	8 credit points
Duration	12 weeks (10 teaching weeks and 2 revision and assessment weeks)

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, students will be able to:

1. Critically analyse the emergence of clinical governance within the Australian context and its application for improving patient safety.
2. Appraise contemporary methods and theoretical approaches used to address risks within health care organisation.
3. Apply the factors necessary for continuous quality improvement in healthcare.
4. Evaluate one's own performance and consider the implications for managing quality and safety in the healthcare environment.