

HM011 The Capstone Project

Unit Description

The Capstone Project will involve integrative scholarship to demonstrate practical application of acquired knowledge and skills to investigate leadership or practice problems, or professional issues and seek innovative solutions to contemporary concerns in healthcare.

The project has been developed based on the six principles of capstone design:

- Integration and extension of prior learning
- Authentic and contextualised experiences
- Challenging and complex problems
- Student independence and agency
- A concern with critical inquiry and creativity, and
- Active dissemination and celebration

This is an independent unit of integrative learning that will enable practical application of acquired leadership and management knowledge and skills to solve contemporary challenges in healthcare based on three streams:

- Priority populations, Indigenous Australians or Consumers
- A business case or business continuity plan
- Quality improvement / clinical audit

The project may include data review, analysis of evidence, interpretation of findings, and implications of findings to practice, research or policy.

Outcomes and implications for health management will be described in the form of an 8,000 to 10,000 words' report or in the format of a journal article for peer reviewed publication. You will also be required to present your project via an oral presentation.

This project will be relevant to health management in a range of health contexts, either in Australia or internationally.

Credit Points	16 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. Examine information from multiple sources to demonstrate a thorough understanding of a healthcare management or leadership issue and justification for its investigation.
2. Identify and devise a project or investigation to address a current challenge in healthcare management and leadership.

3. Produce a report outlining process, ethical considerations, findings and recommendations based on an identified current challenge in healthcare management and leadership.
4. Develop outcomes appropriately in oral and written form to specialist and non-specialist audiences using a range of high quality professional and academic documents.