SPTH2230 – Complex Communication Needs (CCN)
Course Outline

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Course Overview
Semester Semester 1 - 2007
Unit Weighting 10
Teaching Methods Lecture, Tutorial

Brief Course Description
This course develops students understanding of disability and complex communication needs (CCN) with reference to particular clinical populations (including cerebral palsy, autism spectrum disorder, and developmental disability), as well as with reference to particular approaches to intervention which are applicable across the full range of communication disability, including in-depth coverage of Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC), and assistive technology.

Contact Hours
Lecture for 3 Hours per Week for the Full Term
Plus 1 day compulsory observation clinic visit (Clinical sites to be announced)

Learning Materials/Required Texts


Course Outline Issued and Correct as at: Week 1, Semester 1 - 2007

CTS Download Date: 6 February, 2007

**Course Objectives**
Students will be able to:
1. Demonstrate awareness of aetiological factors involved in populations with disability and complex communication needs.
2. Administer, analyse and interpret findings from comprehensive assessment of complex communication needs.
3. Identify further information and referral requirements.
5. Report on findings and make recommendations for future management.

**Course Content**
Speech and other communication problems associated with disability such as cerebral palsy.
Communication problems associated with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).
Communication problems associated with developmental disability.
Communication problems associated with other special populations with complex communication needs.
Alternative and Augmentative Communication.
Assistive Technology.
Service delivery for populations with complex communication needs.

**Assessment Items**

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**Assumed Knowledge**
SPTH1120, HUBS1107

**Callaghan Campus Timetable**
SPTH2230
**COMPLEX COMMUNICATION NEEDS**
Enquiries: School of Humanities and Social Science
Semester 1 - 2007
Lecture Wednesday 11:00 - 13:00 [V101]
and Lecture Wednesday 17:00 - 18:00 [V101]

**Plagiarism**
University policy prohibits students plagiarising any material under any circumstances. A student plagiarises if he or she presents the thoughts or works of another as one's own. Without limiting the generality of this definition, it may include:

- copying or paraphrasing material from any source without due acknowledgment;
- using another's ideas without due acknowledgment;
· working with others without permission and presenting the resulting work as though it was completed independently.

Plagiarism is not only related to written works, but also to material such as data, images, music, formulae, websites and computer programs.

Aiding another student to plagiarise is also a violation of the Plagiarism Policy and may invoke a penalty.

For further information on the University policy on plagiarism, please refer to the Policy on Student Academic Integrity at the following link -


The University has established a software plagiarism detection system called Turnitin. When you submit assessment items please be aware that for the purpose of assessing any assessment item the University may -

· Reproduce this assessment item and provide a copy to another member of the University; and/or

· Communicate a copy of this assessment item to a plagiarism checking service (which may then retain a copy of the item on its database for the purpose of future plagiarism checking).

· Submit the assessment item to other forms of plagiarism checking

Written Assessment Items

Students may be required to provide written assessment items in electronic form as well as hard copy.

Extension of Time for Assessment Items, Deferred Assessment and Special Consideration for Assessment Items or Formal Written Examinations

Students are required to submit assessment items by the due date, as advised in the Course Outline, unless the Course Coordinator approves an extension of time for submission of the item. University policy is that an assessment item submitted after the due date, without an approved extension, will be penalised.

Any student:

1. who is applying for an extension of time for submission of an assessment item on the basis of medical, compassionate, hardship/trauma or unavoidable commitment; or

2. whose attendance at or performance in an assessment item or formal written examination has been or will be affected by medical, compassionate, hardship/trauma or unavoidable commitment;

must report the circumstances, with supporting documentation, to the appropriate officer following the instructions provided in the Special Circumstances Affecting Assessment Procedure - Policy 000641.

Note: different procedures apply for minor and major assessment tasks.

Please go to the Policy at http://www.newcastle.edu.au/policylibrary/000641.html for further information, particularly for information on the options available to you.
Students should be aware of the following important deadlines:

- **Requests for Special Consideration** must be lodged no later than 3 working days after the date of submission or examination.
- **Requests for Extensions of Time on Assessment Items** must be lodged no later than the due date of the item.
- **Requests for Rescheduling Exams** must be lodged no later than 10 working days before the date of the examination.

Your application may not be accepted if it is received after the deadline. Students who are unable to meet the above deadlines due to extenuating circumstances should speak to their Program Officer in the first instance.

**Changing your Enrolment**

The last dates to withdraw without financial or academic penalty (called the HECS Census Dates) are:

- For semester 1 courses: 31 March 2007
- For semester 2 courses: 31 August 2007
- For Trimester 1 courses: 16 February 2007
- For Trimester 2 courses: 8 June 2007

Students may withdraw from a course without academic penalty on or before the last day of semester. Any withdrawal from a course after the last day of semester will result in a fail grade.

Students cannot enrol in a new course after the second week of semester/trimester, except under exceptional circumstances. Any application to add a course after the second week of semester/trimester must be on the appropriate form, and should be discussed with staff in the Student Hubs.

To change your enrolment online, please refer to


**Faculty Information**

The Student Hubs are a one-stop shop for the delivery of student related services and are the first point of contact for students on campus.

The four Student Hubs are located at:

**Callaghan campus**

- Shortland Hub: Level 3, Shortland Union Building
- Hunter Hub: Student Services Centre, Hunter side of campus

**City Precinct**

- City Hub & Information Common: University House, ground floor in combination
with an Information Common for the City Precinct

**Ourimbah campus**
- Ourimbah Hub: Administration Building

**Faculty websites**

**Faculty of Business and Law**

**Faculty of Education and Arts**

**Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment**

**Faculty of Health**

**Faculty of Science and Information Technology**

**Contact details**

**Callaghan, City and Port Macquarie**
Phone: 02 4921 5000  
Email: [EnquiryCentre@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:EnquiryCentre@newcastle.edu.au)

**Ourimbah**
Phone: 02 4348 4030  
Email: [EnquiryCentre@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:EnquiryCentre@newcastle.edu.au)

**The Dean of Students**
Resolution Precinct  
Phone: 02 4921 5806  
Fax: 02 4921 7151  
Email: [resolutionprecinct@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:resolutionprecinct@newcastle.edu.au)

**Deputy Dean of Students (Ourimbah)**
Phone: 02 4348 4123  
Fax: 02 4348 4145  
Email: [resolutionprecinct@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:resolutionprecinct@newcastle.edu.au)

Various services are offered by the University Student Support Unit: [http://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/studentsupport/index.html](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/studentsupport/index.html)
Alteration of this Course Outline

No change to this course outline will be permitted after the end of the second week of the term except in exceptional circumstances and with Head of School approval. Students will be notified in advance of any approved changes to this outline.

Web Address for Rules Governing Undergraduate Academic Awards

Web Address for Rules Governing Postgraduate Academic Awards

Web Address for Rules Governing Professional Doctorate Awards

STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY OR CHRONIC ILLNESS

The University is committed to providing a range of support services for students with a disability or chronic illness.

If you have a disability or chronic illness which you feel may impact on your studies, please feel free to discuss your support needs with your lecturer or course coordinator.

Disability Support may also be provided by the Student Support Service (Disability). Students must be registered to receive this type of support. To register please contact the Disability Liaison Officer on 02 4921 5766, or via email at: student-disability@newcastle.edu.au

As some forms of support can take a few weeks to implement it is extremely important that you discuss your needs with your lecturer, course coordinator or Student Support Service staff at the beginning of each semester.

For more information related to confidentiality and documentation please visit the Student Support Service (Disability) website at: www.newcastle.edu.au/services/disability

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End of CTS Entry
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Online Tutorial Registration:
Students are required to enrol in the Lecture and a specific Tutorial time for this course via the Online Registration system:
Registrations close at the end of week 2 of semester.

Studentmail and Blackboard: www.blackboard.newcastle.edu.au/
This course uses Blackboard and studentmail to contact students, so you are advised to keep your email accounts within the quota to ensure you receive essential messages. To receive an expedited response to queries, post questions on the Blackboard discussion forum if there is one, or if emailing staff directly use the course code in the subject line of your email. Students are advised to check their studentmail and the course Blackboard site on a weekly basis.
Written Assignment Presentation and Submission Details
Students are required to submit assessment items by the due date. Late assignments will be subject to the penalties described below.

Hard copy submission:
- **Type your assignments:** All work must be typewritten in 11 or 12 point black font. Leave a wide margin for marker’s comments, use 1.5 or double spacing, and include page numbers.
- **Word length:** The word limit of all assessment items should be strictly followed – 10% above or below is acceptable, otherwise penalties may apply.
- **Proof read your work** because spelling, grammatical and referencing mistakes will be penalised.
- **Staple the pages** of your assignment together (do not use pins or paper clips).
- **University Assessment Item Coversheet:** All assignments must be submitted with the University coversheet available at: [http://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/forms/](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/forms/)
- **By arrangement with the relevant lecturer, assignments may be submitted at any Student Hub located at:**
  - Level 3, Shortland Union, Callaghan
- **Date-stamping assignments:** All students must date-stamp their own assignments using the machine provided at each Student Hub. If mailing an assignment, this should be address to the relevant School. Mailed assignments are accepted from the date posted, confirmed by a Post Office date-stamp; they are also date-stamped upon receipt by Schools.
  
  *NB: Not all of these services may apply to the Port Macquarie Campus.*

- **Do not fax or email assignments:** Only hard copies of assignments will be considered for assessment. Inability to physically submit a hard copy of an assignment by the deadline due to other commitments or distance from campus is an unacceptable excuse.
- **Keep a copy of all assignments:** It is the student’s responsibility to produce a copy of their work if the assignment goes astray after submission. Students are advised to keep updated back-ups in electronic and hard copy formats.

Online copy submission to Turnitin
In addition to hard copy submission, students are required to submit an electronic version of the following assignments to Turnitin via the course Blackboard website:

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Prior to final submission, all students have the opportunity to submit one draft of their assignment to Turnitin to self-check their referencing. Assignments will not be marked until both hard copy and online versions have been submitted. Marks may be deducted for late submission of either version.

**Penalties for Late Assignments**
Assignments submitted after the due date, without an approved extension of time will be penalised by the reduction of 5% of the possible maximum mark for the assessment item for each day or part day that the item is late. Weekends count as one day in determining the penalty. Assessment items submitted more than ten days after the due date will be awarded zero marks.
Special Circumstances

Students wishing to apply for Special Circumstances or Extension of Time should apply online @ http://www.newcastle.edu.au/policylibrary/000641.html

No Assignment Re-submission

Students who have failed an assignment are not permitted to revise and resubmit it in this course. However, students are always welcome to contact their Tutor, Lecturer or Course Coordinator to make a consultation time to receive individual feedback on their assignments.

Re-marks & Moderations

A student may only request a re-mark of an assessment item before the final result – in the course to which the assessment item contributes – has been posted. If a final result in the course has been posted, the student must apply under the Procedures for Appeal against a Final Result (see: http://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/forms/).

Students concerned at the mark given for an assessment item should first discuss the matter with the Course Coordinator. If subsequently requesting a re-mark, students should be aware that as a result of a re-mark the original mark may be increased or reduced. The case for a re-mark should be outlined in writing and submitted to the Course Coordinator, who determines whether a re-mark should be granted, taking into consideration all of the following:

1. whether the student had discussed the matter with the Course Coordinator
2. the case put forward by the student for a re-mark
3. the weighting of the assessment item and its potential impact on the student’s final mark or grade
4. the time required to undertake the re-mark
5. the number of original markers, that is,
   a) whether there was a single marker, or
   b) if there was more than one marker whether there was agreement or disagreement on the marks awarded.

A re-mark may also be initiated at the request of the Course Coordinator, the Head of School, the School Assessment Committee, the Faculty Progress and Appeals Committee or the Pro Vice-Chancellor. Re-marks may be undertaken by:

1. the original marker; or
2. an alternate internal marker; or
3. an alternate external marker (usually as a consequence of a grievance procedure).

Moderation may be applied when there is a major discrepancy (or perceived discrepancy) between:

1. the content of the course as against the content or nature of the assessment item(s)
2. the content or nature of the assessment item(s) as against those set out in the Course Outline
3. the marks given by a particular examiner and those given by another in the same course
4. the results in a particular course and the results in other courses undertaken by the same students.

Further detail on this University policy can be found at:

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School of Humanities & Social Sciences
Return of Assignments
Students can collect assignments from a nominated Student Hub during office hours. Students will be informed during class which Hub to go to and the earliest date that assignments will be available for collection. Students must present their student identification card to collect their assignment.

Preferred Referencing Style
In this course, it is required that you use the APA referencing system for referencing sources of information used in assignments. Inadequate or incorrect reference to the work of others may be viewed as plagiarism and result in reduced marks or failure.

An in-text citation names the author of the source, gives the date of publication, and for a direct quote includes a page number, in parentheses. At the end of the paper, a list of references provides publication information about the source; the list is alphabetised by authors' last names (or by titles for works without authors). Further information on referencing and general study skills can be obtained from:


Student Representatives
Student Representatives are a major channel of communication between students and the School. Contact details of Student Representatives can be found on School websites.

Student Communication
Students should discuss any course related matters with their Tutor, Lecturer, or Course Coordinator in the first instance and then the relevant Discipline or Program Convenor. If this proves unsatisfactory, they should then contact the Head of School if required. Contact details can be found on the School website.

Essential Online Information for Students
Information on Class and Exam Timetables, Tutorial Online Registration, Learning Support, Campus Maps, Careers information, Counselling, the Health Service and a range of free Student Support Services can be found at:

Information specific to this course

Relationship of course objectives to CBOS

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* Competency Based Occupational Standards for Speech Pathologists - Entry Level (Revised 2001, Speech Pathology Australia)

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<td>Complex Communication Needs/AAC Overview and Functional Communication</td>
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<td>Cerebral Palsy: Introduction</td>
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| 4    | March 12      | The Unique Perspectives of an AAC User Guest lecturer Kristy Trajc
|      |               | CP Treatment Options Ctd              |
| 5    | March 19      | PECS Workshop Guest lecturer Katherine Proudfoot  |
|      |               | CP: Oral Hygiene                      |
| 6    | March 26      | The Spastic Centre Workshop 1 Guest lecturer Jenny Kidd, The Stuart Centre  |
|      |               | CP: Saliva Management                 |
| 7    | April 2       | Behaviour Support and Special Ed/SP partnership Guest Lecturer Assoc Prof Micheal Arthur-Kelly |
| 8    | April 23      | Language, Early Literacy and CCN/Infant Communication  |
|      |               | CP: Intra-Oral Appliances/ISMAR       |
| 9    | April 30      | Practical Classroom Application Guest lecturer Kathryn Thorbourns  |
|      |               | CP: Ageing                            |
| 10   | May 7         | The Spastic Centre workshop 2 Guest lecturer Jenny Kidd, The Stuart Centre  |
|      |               | CP Mental health and Wellbeing        |
| 11   | May 14        | Communication Partners across the lifespan/QOL  |
|      |               | CP The Big Picture/Advocacy           |
| 12   | May 21        | CCN Outcomes/ Palliative Thinking  |
|      |               | Palliative Thinking applications      |
| 13   | May 28        | SPAA Conference                       |
| 14   | June 4        | No lecture                            |

**Mid-Semester Recess: Friday 6 April to Friday 20 April 2007**

**Examination period: Tuesday 12 June to Friday 29 June 2007**
Assessment

Description of Assessment Tasks
1. CCN Take Home Assignment 1

**SPTH2230 CCN Take Home Assignment 1 (50%):** 2000 words Due Week 9 May 2 in classtime.
Submit in the first instance electronically through Turnitin (via Blackboard), and submit the hard copy of the assignment, with coversheet, at the Shortland Student Hub. When you submit the assignment to Turnitin, **do not** include the assignment case history or questions below, and **do not** include your reference list. However, these **should be** included in the hard copy paper submission.

Students will use the SPTH2230 clinical observation experience to describe one of the students that they met whilst maintaining the student and their family’s privacy and confidentiality. They will need to communicate with the student and educationalists to gather relevant demographic information. Using the literature, students will be asked to describe the conditions that the child and his/her family are living with and how these impact on functional communication. A strength-focussed and family-centred approach to this assignment will be expected.

**Criteria for marking:**

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**Total** 50

2. CCN Take Home Assignment 2

**SPTH2230 Speech Take-Home Assignment 2 (2000 words) -50%.** Due Week 14 June 6 in class time at 5.00pm —An assignment will be given with details of a person with CCN who requires ongoing interdisciplinary support from a range of professionals including speech pathology. All information regarding the client will be given to the student to enable them to answer the questions given. This assignment will address specific management and overall service delivery issues related to CCN.
Submit in the first instance electronically through Turnitin (via Blackboard), and submit the hard copy of the assignment, with coversheet, at the Shortland Student Hub. When you submit the assignment to Turnitin, **do not** include the assignment case history or questions below, and **do not** include your reference list. However, these **should be** included in the hard copy paper submission.
Criteria for marking:

| Theoretical soundness/clarity reporting of information | 10 |
| Relevance of information provided to clinical management | 10 |
| Able to consider strength focussed approach | 10 |
| Able to discuss family-centred approach to intervention | 10 |
| Able to consider wider service delivery/justice issues | 10 |
| **Total** | **50** |

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Clinical Procedures 3b - Record of Additional Experience

Complete the following form at the time of your additional clinical experience, and have the entry signed by the supervisor. Keep a copy for your own records, and give the signed original to the lecturer responsible for organising the experience. After noting that you have completed the requirements for the course, the lecturer will forward the signed original to the Speech Pathology Administrative Officer to be retained with your Records of Range of Experience.

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Student's signature

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Date submitted