

Professional Experience Placement Mandatory Functional Requirements

In accordance with the University of Tasmania *Safe to Practice Policy* and *Work, Health and Safety Policy*, all students required to undertake Professional Experience Placement (PEP) are to establish and maintain their medical, physical and psychological capacity to practise safely.

Students are therefore, required to declare their capacity to safely undertake the following professional experience placement ***Mandatory Functional Requirements*** for College of Health and Medicine courses:

1. Capacity to read and write to enable the student to:

- read and understand patient/client records, charts and/or medication labels and dosages;
- accurately record patient/client notes and communicate written information.

2. Capacity to undertake critical thinking and reflective analysis to:

- self-evaluate and reflect upon one's own practice, feelings and beliefs and understand the consequences of one's actions for individuals and groups.

3. Capacity to communicate to enable the student to:

- interact with patients/clients and health practitioners in a professional setting;
- accept instruction and professional criticism;
- question directions and decisions which are unclear; and
- resolve conflict and negotiate with staff and patients/clients.

4. Psychological capacity to:

- understand the importance of and demonstrate the professional attributes of honesty, integrity, critical judgement, insight and empathy;
- interact with patients/clients, carers and others in a caring, respectful manner to provide emotional support and health education; and
- maintain self-control in professional situations.

5. Physical capacity to: *(5. N/A for Postgraduate Counselling and Psychology students)*

- use technical equipment, which includes having the dexterity to undertake clinical procedures and handle, maintain and program equipment;
- apply clinical procedures (e.g. physical examination, wound management), support patients/clients and perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); and
- manage essential equipment and materials.