

# PSYCHIAT 762

## Clinical Forensic Psychiatry 2

15 Points  
Semester 2, 2008

### Course Prescription

This paper follows on from Psychiat 761. It extends the issues of risk and mental illness to focus on the key clinical area of therapeutic interventions and important issues that surround interventions. Evidence is considered for the effectiveness of interventions and the ethical and jurisprudential issues that surround them. These will include issues in relation to treatment of psychopathy, mentally normal violent offenders, mentally abnormal violent offenders, and sex offenders.

### Goals of the Course

To examine the literature in detail in relation to key forensic psychiatric issues: including the assessment of risk of violence, the impact of treatment interventions, and the role and directions of forensic psychiatric research.

### Learning Objectives

By the end of the paper students will be able to:-

- Have a clear understanding of treatment strategies for mentally disordered offenders and some mentally normal offenders.
- Appreciate the system as well as individual service needs of mentally disordered offenders.
- Critically evaluate outcome literature in this field to assess its contribution to understanding risk management.
- Understand the possibilities of links between therapeutic and legal interventions in a coherent treatment model.

### Learning and Teaching

The course will be comprised of 4 one-day seminars including 2 sessions which will be student presentations of key issues regarding the effectiveness of interventions in forensic psychiatry (seminar 3).

We are keen for the seminars not to be didactic expressions, but to be discussions on the key issues you encounter.

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## Campus Teaching Dates in 2008

Mondays 9:30 – 4:30pm on July 21, August 11, September 15, October 13

## Learning Resources

The basic text is:

Brookbanks, W. & Simpson, S. (eds) (2007). *Psychiatry and the Law*. Wellington: Lexis Nexis.

Also highly recommended is Bell S. and Brookbanks W. (2005), 'Mental Health Law in New Zealand' (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition). Thomson Brookers: Wellington (especially in relation to the detail of mental health law).

Alternative texts –

Gunn, J. and Taylor, P. (1993). 'Forensic Psychiatry: clinical, legal and ethical issues.' Butterworth and Hienemann: London, is highly recommended.

Bluglass, R. and Bowden, P. (1990). 'Principles and Practice of Forensic Psychiatry'. Churchill Livingstone: London, is an important text and vital for more in-depth research.

## Assessment

Examination( 2 hours) 40% of the final mark.

Course work: one essay worth 5000 words, 40% of the final mark.

Presentation: of intervention, 20% of the final mark.

## Programme and Course Advice

This course is optional for a number of Faculty of Medical and Health Science programmes.

The course is primarily aimed at professionals working in the health, corrections and justice sectors