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Thesis Abstract

Introduction: Persons with disabilities are vulnerable for rights violations when accessing healthcare. As allied health professionals play a significant role in the care of persons with disabilities, it is important that allied health professional competencies and education recognise the rights of persons with disabilities. However, a preliminary literature review indicated that the incorporation of disability rights within allied health professional competencies and education has not been researched. The University of Sydney's Faculty of Health Sciences offers health professional education to six allied health disciplines: Occupational Therapy, Rehabilitation Counselling, Speech Pathology, Physiotherapy, Diagnostic Radiography and Exercise Physiology.

Aim: This study aimed to investigate the nature and extent to which the competencies and education of these six allied health professions focus on disability rights, and to explore the supports, barriers and recommendations for the future incorporation of human rights within allied health professional education.

Method: This study used a mixed-mixed design involving quantitative keyword searches and qualitative content analyses of competency documents, education documents and transcripts of interviews conducted with coordinators of disability rights subjects. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2006) was used as a theoretical framework during data analysis.

Results: An allied health continuum emerged from the results, suggesting the extent to which the professions focus on disability rights varies. Occupational Therapy, Rehabilitation Counselling and Speech Pathology had the strongest human rights focus. Conversely, disability rights were not recognised by Physiotherapy, Diagnostic Radiography or Exercise Physiology education. Interviews attributed this phenomenon to a biomedical rather than a rights-based approach to disability.

Conclusion: There is considerable scope for allied health professions to strengthen human rights-based education through ethical codes, competencies, and accreditation and registration requirements, with the aim of reducing rights violations experienced by persons with disabilities when accessing allied health care.

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SECTION 1: LITERATURE REVIEW

Allied health education for disability rights: A case study from the University of Sydney's Faculty of Health Sciences

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1. Introduction

1.1. The problem

It has been reported that "virtually every Australian with a disability encounters human rights violations...every day of their lives", and a large majority of these occur in healthcare settings (National People with Disabilities and Carer Council, 2009, p. 4). Despite this, it has been argued that health professional education does not typically recognise the rights of persons with disabilities (e.g., National Council on Disability, 2009; Scullion, 2000; Shakespeare, Lezzoni, & Groce, 2009). Therefore, health professionals may not enter practice equipped to work with persons with disabilities using a rights-based approach.

1.2. Allied health within the University of Sydney

The University of Sydney's Faculty of Health Sciences provides education to six allied health disciplines: Occupational Therapy, Rehabilitation Counselling, Speech Pathology, Physiotherapy, Diagnostic Radiography and Exercise Physiology (University of Sydney, 2014). Allied health professionals provide care that aims to improve and maintain client function, where many play a significant role in the care of persons with disabilities (Allied Health Professions Australia, n. d.; Australian Government, 2013). The Faculty of Health Sciences has demonstrated a commitment to ensuring their allied health professional graduates are equipped to work with persons with disabilities using a rights-based approach, as the 2011-2015 Strategic Plan is underpinned by the United Nations (UN) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (University of Sydney, 2011).

1.3. Multidisciplinary allied healthcare

Allied health professionals are also expected to be competent in areas specific to their profession (e.g., Occupational Therapy Australia, 2010), and able to work as part of multidisciplinary teams (e.g., Australian Medicare Local Alliance, 2013).

Multidisciplinary practice occurs when professionals from a range of disciplines work together to produce the best possible outcomes for their clients (Australian Government, 2012). If allied health professionals are to demonstrate a commitment to working with persons with disabilities using a rights-based approach, it is important that a rights-based approach be included in the competencies and education of all allied health professions. It is therefore considered appropriate that a Master of Occupational Therapy student conduct this study, which will explore the rights-based focus of the University of Sydney's six allied health disciplines.

2. Aim of literature review

This literature review provides a background to the human rights and disability rights movements, commencing with the creation of the UN General Assembly in 1948 (UN General Assembly, 1948) and with Disabled Peoples International holding its first World Assembly in 1981 (People with Disability, 2010), respectively. However, it is recognised that preceding historical events contributed to both movements (e.g., the Civil Rights movement).

The rights of persons with disabilities within the academic and grey literature of the six allied health disciplines will then be reviewed, including a review of international and national health professional competencies. The incorporation of human rights within health professional education will then be reviewed.

3. Search strategy

Academic literature was sourced via a comprehensive search of four electronic databases (Table 1). Different combinations of search terms were applied to provide a wide literature source. However, this search strategy may not have uncovered all human rights literature, as a variety of additional terms are used when discussing human rights (e.g., participation, inclusion, accessibility). These terms were not included as it was beyond the scope of this literature review. Abstracts were screened and relevant articles retained. Articles were sourced via the University's online library system, and reference lists were reviewed for additional relevant publications. Studies were limited to those published in English and conducted with humans, and there were no predetermined time limitations.

Table 1

Academic literature search strategy.

Databases	Medline (via Ovid SP); Educational Resource Information Centre (ERIC; via Ovid SP); Cumulative Index of Nursing and Allied Health (CINAHL; via EBSCO host); Web of Science Core Collections.
Search terms	
Human rights	human right*; social justice; patient right*; civil right*; human dignity; disability right*; occupational right*.
Disability	disabilit*; disabled person*; intellectual disabilit*; international classification of functioning, disability and health; disability evaluation; mild disabilit*; severe disabilit*; developmental disabilit*; multiple disabilit*; physical disabilit*; learning disorders.
Health professional education	curricul*; clinical competence; education; education, nursing; education, medical; education, allied health; education, competency-based; education, health sciences; health professional education; health education; students, health education; schools, health occupations; schools, allied health; students, health occupations; allied health occupations education; allied health education; medical education; course evaluation; program development; curricul* development; integrated curricul*.
Allied health	Occupational Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology; Physical Therapy Modalities; Physical Therapy; Physiotherapy; Exercise Therapy; Exercise Physiology; Rehabilitation Counselling; Diagnostic Radiography; Radiography.

Grey literature was sourced via a comprehensive search of organisational websites (Table 2). Documents were retained if they focused on human rights, disability, health professional education and/or the competencies of the six allied health disciplines.

Table 2

Grey literature search strategy.

<p>Organisational websites</p>	<p>Australian Government; Australian Human Rights Commission; Australian Institute of Health and Welfare; Australian Institute of Radiography; Australian Physiotherapy Association; Australian Physiotherapy Council; Centre for Disability Research and Policy; Commonwealth of Australia; Disabled Peoples International; Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia; National Council on Disability; National People with Disabilities and Carer Council; Occupational Therapy Australia; Occupational Therapy Board of Australia; Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; People with Disability; Physicians for Human Rights; Physiotherapy Board of Australia; Rehabilitation Counseling Association of Australasia; Speech Pathology Australia; United Nations; University of Sydney; World Health Organization; the World Confederation for Physical Therapy; WFOT.</p>
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4. Theoretical framework

The current study is grounded in the view that human rights are universal rights that all human beings are equally entitled to (UN General Assembly, 1948), such as the right to health (UN General Assembly, 1948, 1966b). The current study understands the human rights for persons with disabilities in accordance to The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (The Convention) (UN General Assembly, 2006), paying particular attention to the eight general principles (p. 4). Like The Convention, the current study views disability as “an evolving concept...that...results from the interaction between persons with impairments and attitudinal and environmental barriers that hinders their full and effective participation in society” (UN General Assembly, 2006, p. 1), where attitudes of healthcare professionals are considered as one of the largest barriers to accessing healthcare

(Byron & Dieppe, 2000; Carter & Markman, 2001; Tervo, Palmer, & Redinius, 2004).

As this understanding of disability is not clear-cut, the current study considers it important to understand disability from the perspective of persons with disabilities. Tom Shakespeare, a disability advocate and academic, views impairment as a difficulty in physical, mental or social functioning, and disability as the relationship between a person with an impairment and society (Shakespeare, 2013). Like The Convention, this perspective recognises the interaction between a person's impairment and their environment. In support for this conceptualisation, accounts written by persons with disabilities portray that it is more often the attitudes of others that are disabling rather than intrinsic effects of impairments themselves (e.g., Keith, 1994; Morris, 1989). However, persons with disabilities may internalise aspects of disability definitions (French, 1993), while many view themselves as having an impairment without adopting disability as an identity at all (Cameron, 2014; Shakespeare et al., 2009).

The current study strives to promote the perspective of persons with disabilities by conducting the study in collaboration with a disability advocate, Ann-Mason Fumage. Ann-Mason provided input throughout the study, particularly during data analysis and discussion phases, and has the following positions:

- Deputy Chair, Independent Living Centre NSW;
- Co-Chair, Sydney Local Health District Disability Action Plan Implementation Committee;
- Member Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Consumer Advisory Committee;
- Member Royal Prince Alfred Disability Action Plan Working Group;
- Member of the Occupational Therapy External Advisory Committee for the University of Sydney; and,
- Former President of the Physical Disability Council NSW, 2004-2012.

5. Human rights

5.1. The human rights movement

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Universal Declaration) acts as a legal and moral foundation for international human rights legislation, recognising the

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"equal and inalienable rights" of all human beings (UN General Assembly, 1948, p. 1). The Universal Declaration was developed in response to the atrocities of World War II (United Nations, n. d.-a), where physician involvement highlighted the risk for abuse of power by health professionals (Reis & Wald, 2009). The Universal Declaration (UN General Assembly, 1948), together with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (UN General Assembly, 1966a) and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) (UN General Assembly, 1966b), form the International Bill of Human Rights (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, n. d.). The International Bill of Human Rights has been translated into legislation that aims to promote and protect the rights of all human beings (United Nations, n. d.-b). By becoming a party to and ratifying international human rights legislation, nations assume obligations to promote and protect human rights through the development of compatible domestic legislation (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, 1996-2015).

5.2. The right to health

The right health was first acknowledged in the 1946 Constitution of the World Health Organization (WHO), which defined health as "a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease" (WHO, 1946, p. 1). The Universal Declaration proceeded to discuss health as part of "the right to an adequate standard of living" (UN General Assembly, 1948, p. 7), again recognised in the ICESCR (UN General Assembly, 1966b). As the Australian Government ratified the ICESCR in 1980 (Australian Government, 2009), the Australian Government has a legal responsibility to ensure all Australian citizens are able to experience a fulfilment of the right to health. Australia has demonstrated its commitment to the right to health through the Australian Charter of Healthcare Rights (Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, 2008). This document describes the rights of Australian healthcare patients, including the right to accessible healthcare, respect and dignity, and participation and inclusion in treatment decisions (Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, 2008).

5.3. Upholding human rights

While the ultimate responsibility to ensure human rights are upheld lies with governments on behalf of their citizens, professionals who work with people at risk for rights violations have a responsibility to promote and protect the rights of their clients (Hunt, 2008; Mann, 1996; McIvor Joss, 1996; Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights & WHO, 2013). Despite this, it is claimed that most health professionals have not heard of the right to health, and if they have, they are typically unsure of what it means conceptually and operationally (Hunt, 2008). As allied health professionals often work with persons with disabilities (Allied Health Professions Australia, n. d.; Australian Government, 2013), it is important that their education equips them to work with persons with disabilities using a rights-based approach.

6. Rights of persons with disabilities

6.1. The disability rights movement

Disabled Peoples International held its first World Assembly during the context of the 1981 International Year of Disabled Persons (People with Disability, 2010; UN General Assembly, 1980), emphasizing that the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities should employ a rights-based approach to ensure participation and equal opportunity (UN General Assembly, 1980). Consequently, disability started to be understood using a holistic framework rather than as a diagnosis to be treated by medical professionals (Short, 1981). This contributed to a shift away from the biomedical model towards a rights-based approach.

6.2. Disability rights legislation

Australian federal legislation, primarily the Disability Services Act 1986 and the Disability Discrimination Act 1992, go part of the way in recognising the rights of persons with disabilities. The Disability Services Act was developed to enable community participation and integration through services promoting independence and employment opportunities (e.g., independent living training, open employment services) (Commonwealth of Australia, 1986). The Disability Discrimination Act

1992 was developed in an attempt to protect persons with disabilities from discrimination, underpinned by the notion that persons with disabilities have the same rights as other community members (Commonwealth of Australia, 1992). However, it has been argued that these legislative efforts are based on inadequate international legislation (Clear, 2000; Clear & Gleeson, 2002).

Disability was not explicitly mentioned as a protected category in the International Bill of Human Rights equality clauses, and until recently the Convention on the Rights of the Child was the only international legislation that referred explicitly to disability (UN General Assembly, 1989). This neglect has contributed to the history of rights violations experienced by persons with disabilities. It has been argued that violations were exacerbated by the development of non-binding disability instruments (Parker, 2006), such as the Declaration on the Rights of Mentally Retarded Persons (UN General Assembly, 1971). While such instruments were well intentioned, they have been criticized for being paternalistic and congruent with a biomedical model (Degener & Quinn, 2002; National Council on Disability, 2002; United Nations, 2004); thus increasing the segregation of persons with disabilities through specialised services and welfare (Kayess, 2004). These critiques led disability activists to petition for binding international legislation that provides a framework for the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities (e.g., Disabled Peoples International, 2003).

6.3. The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The Convention is the first legally binding international instrument that applies human rights principles to persons with disabilities (United Nations, 2007). Adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2006 (UN General Assembly, 2006), and ratified by Australia in 2008 (Australian Human Rights Commission, n. d.), its purpose is to "promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities" (UN General Assembly, 2006, p. 3). Its development involved the input of persons with disabilities (Lang, 2009), instilling a paradigm shift towards a rights-based approach that delegitimises paternalistic treatment, biomedical models and segregated service

delivery (Kayess & French, 2008; Quinn & Degener, 2002). The Convention is based on eight general principles (Table 3) (UN General Assembly, 2006, p. 4).

Table 3

The Convention's eight general principles (UN General Assembly, 2006, p. 4).

1	Respect for inherent dignity, individual autonomy, including the freedom to make one's own choices, and independence of persons
2	Non-discrimination
3	Full and effective participation and inclusion in society
4	Respect for difference and acceptance of persons with disabilities as part of human diversity and humanity
5	Equality of opportunity
6	Accessibility
7	Equality between men and women
8	Respect for the evolving capacities of children with disabilities and respect for the right of children with disabilities to preserve their identities

The Convention recognises that persons with disabilities have a right to health free from discrimination (UN General Assembly, 2006, pp. 15-16), imposing an obligation to develop rights-based approaches in the provision of healthcare for persons with disabilities (Palmer & Short, 2010; Weller, 2010). Despite this, recent reports have indicated that a large majority of rights violations for persons with disabilities occur when accessing healthcare (National People with Disabilities and Carer Council, 2009; WHO, 2014). These violations support the notion that health professional students should be educated about the rights of persons with disabilities, recommended in the World Report on Disability (The World Report) (WHO & The World Bank, 2011).

6.4. The World Report on Disability

WHO and the World Bank describe the current situation for persons with disabilities in The World Report, based on the best available scientific evidence and in reference to The Convention (WHO & The World Bank, 2011). They describe

human rights issues faced by persons with disabilities when attempting to access healthcare, including unequal treatment by healthcare professionals. In an aim to overcome inequalities faced by persons with disabilities when accessing healthcare, they recommend that universities "ensure professional training courses include adequate information about disability, based on human rights" (WHO & The World Bank, 2011, pp. 269). This recommendation acts as the springboard for the current study.

7. Rights of persons with disabilities within allied health

The extent to which disability rights are recognised within the grey and academic literature of the University of Sydney's six allied health professions will now be reviewed. We start with Occupational Therapy.

7.1. Occupational Therapy

Occupational Therapy is a client-centred profession concerned with promoting health and wellbeing through occupation (World Federation of Occupational Therapists, 2010), the purposeful and meaningful everyday activities that people need to, want to and are expected to do (World Federation of Occupational Therapists, 2011).

Within international grey literature, the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT) code of ethics asserts that Occupational Therapists ought to approach clients with respect and to "not discriminate against persons on the basis of...disability" (World Federation of Occupational Therapists, 2005, p. 1). WFOT also published a position statement on human rights, asserting that all humans have the right to participate in occupations that enable them to fulfill their potential and to experience satisfaction (World Federation of Occupational Therapists, 2006). At a national level, Occupational Therapy Australia's (2010) Minimum Competency Standards for New Graduate Occupational Therapists asserts that Occupational Therapists ought to facilitate occupational access and participation, show clients respect, demonstrate an acceptance of diversity and respect for human rights, and to not discriminate against clients on the basis of disability.

With academic literature, it has been further argued that Occupational Therapists should demonstrate a commitment to applying international human rights standards in practice; particularly when considering persons vulnerable to social exclusion (e.g., persons with disabilities) (Galheigo, 2011). Hammell, a rights-focused academic, proposes that Occupational Therapy should focus on the right for all people to participate in occupations that contribute positively to their wellbeing (i.e., their occupational rights) (Hammell, 2008). Hammell and colleagues assert that occupational rights provide a practice framework aligned with WFOT's position statement on human rights (Hammell, 2008, 2015; Hammell & Iwama, 2012), and bring practice in line with the belief that occupational engagement affects wellbeing (e.g., Law, Steinwender, & Leclair, 1998). Hammell has extended this thinking to consider persons with disabilities (Hammell, 2015).

Therefore, grey and academic Occupational Therapy literature clearly demonstrates an international and national commitment to healthcare that promotes the rights of persons with disabilities.

7.2. Rehabilitation Counselling

Rehabilitation Counsellors assist persons experiencing disability or disadvantage to live independently, to access community services, and to participate in employment or education (Australian Society of Rehabilitation Counsellors, 2011). The definition of Rehabilitation Counselling in itself implies that Rehabilitation Counsellors are committed to promoting the rights of persons with disabilities. The Rehabilitation Counseling Association of Australasia and the Australian Society of Rehabilitation Counsellors both recognise that Rehabilitation Counsellors ought to respect the rights of persons with disabilities, by facilitating independence and providing accessible and non-discriminatory services (Australian Society of Rehabilitation Counsellors, n.d.; Rehabilitation Counseling Association of Australasia, 2013).

Therefore, there exists a commitment for Rehabilitation Counsellors to use a rights-based approach when working with persons with disabilities within the grey literature. While this literature review did not find academic literature outlining the rights-based focus of Rehabilitation Counselling, the reviewed organisational

documents refer specifically to practice that promotes the rights of persons with disabilities.

7.3. Speech Pathology

Speech Pathologists assess and treat people who have communication disabilities and difficulties swallowing (Speech Pathology Australia, 2014). Within the grey literature, Speech Pathology Australia's (2011) Competency-Based Standards for Speech Pathologists stipulate that Speech Pathologists ought to recognise the rights of individuals for communication and swallowing, as these skills affect education, employment, social and community participation. Within the academic literature it is further acknowledged that Speech Pathologists ought to be concerned with human rights, as persons with communication and language impairments are at risk for losing their right to autonomy (Brady Wagner, 2004).

While this grey and academic literature does not refer specifically to persons with disabilities, it does suggest that Speech Pathology is cognisant of some human rights principles in relation to Speech Pathology practice.

7.4. Physiotherapy

Physiotherapists assist individuals and populations to maximise their quality of life by developing, maintaining and restoring functional movement (World Confederation for Physical Therapy, 2011a). Within international grey literature, the World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) has published practice standards (World Confederation for Physical Therapy, 2011e), ethical principles (World Confederation for Physical Therapy, 2011d) and various policy statements (e.g., World Confederation for Physical Therapy, 2011b, 2011c). These documents indicate that Physiotherapists ought to provide care that is accessible and respectful of their client's rights, dignity, integrity and self-determination. The WCPT has also endorsed The Convention, encouraging its member organisations to promote The Conventions implementation within practice (World Confederation for Physical Therapy, 2015a, 2015b). At a national level, the Australian Physiotherapy Association recognises that Physiotherapy can promote social inclusion and participation for persons with disabilities through equitable access to services and equipment (Australian

Physiotherapy Association, 2006, 2010).

Therefore, Physiotherapy appears cognisant of some principles related to the rights of persons with disabilities within international and national grey literature. However, this literature review did not find academic literature outlining the extent to which a rights-based approach is incorporated within Physiotherapy practice.

7.5. Diagnostic Radiography

Diagnostic Radiography involves the production of high quality images to diagnose injury or disease, allowing the provision of appropriate treatment (Australian Institute of Radiography, n.d.). The Australian Institute of Radiography stipulates that Radiographers shall ensure their practice is not adversely affected by “religion, sex, race, nationality, party politics, social or economic status or the nature of a patient’s condition” (Australian Institute of Radiography, 2007, p. 6), and that Diagnostic Radiographers shall treat clients with respect and dignity and uphold their rights (Australian Institute of Radiography, 2013). Therefore, it appears that Diagnostic Radiography is cognisant of some human rights principles in relation to health professional practice within national grey literature. However, it has been argued that the opportunity for clients to exercise their autonomy when accessing radiological services is not always present (Hofmann & Lysdahl, 2008). One possible explanation for violations of the right to autonomy is that Diagnostic Radiographers may use a biomedical rather than a rights-based approach to disability. This is problematic, as biomedical models have been argued to neglect the person and their context by conceiving disability as a condition that can somehow be treated and cured (Imrie, 1997).

7.6. Exercise Physiology

Exercise Physiologists use exercise-based interventions to prevent chronic disease or injury, and to assist in restoring optimal physical function (Exercise and Sports Science Australia, n. d.). Exercise Physiologists work with persons who have disabilities, including those with spinal cord injury, acquired brain injury, Parkinson’s disease, multiple sclerosis and cerebral palsy (Exercise and Sports Science Australia, n. d.). Exercise and Sports Science Australia assert that Exercise Physiologists shall

abide by Anti-Discrimination Laws and deliver equitable and accessible healthcare (Exercise and Sports Science Australia, 2014). However, the extent to which Exercise Physiologists are expected to work with persons with disabilities using a rights-based approach is less clear; which is perhaps again representative of a biomedical rather than a rights-based approach to disability.

7.7. Comparing the professions

The above review suggests that the extent to which the six allied health professions recognise the rights of persons with disabilities varies (Table 4). Occupational Therapy and Rehabilitation Counselling appear to display the strongest commitment to disability rights, as demonstrated through international and national literature and through the definition of Rehabilitation Counselling itself. These professions are followed by Physiotherapy and Speech Pathology. While Speech Pathology does not refer specifically to disability, both professions recognise human rights within international and national literature. Diagnostic Radiography and Exercise Physiology appear to display the weakest commitment. While these professions recognise human rights in national grey literature, neither refer specifically to disability.

Table 4.

The extent to which the six allied health professions recognise the rights of persons with disabilities.

Recognition	Discipline	Human rights	Disability
Strong	Occupational Therapy	X	X
	Rehabilitation Counselling	X	X
Medium	Physiotherapy	X	X
	Speech Pathology	X	
Weak	Diagnostic Radiography	X	
	Exercise Physiology	X	

8. Human rights within health professional education

Given that the six allied health professions recognise the importance of human rights to varying degrees, it is essential that Universities provide human rights education. It is of further importance that this education equips students to work with persons with disabilities using a rights-based approach, as persons with disabilities are vulnerable for rights violations when accessing healthcare (National People with Disabilities and Carer Council, 2009; WHO, 2014). Academic literature exploring the incorporation of human rights within health professional education will now be reviewed.

8.1. Review of human rights within health professional education

This literature review found five previous studies that have reviewed the incorporation of human rights within medical, nursing and public health curricula, primarily within the United States of America (USA) and the United Kingdom (UK).

Vincent and colleagues (1994) surveyed 156 medical students from 26 medical schools in the UK to investigate awareness of human rights within the curricula. While 57% of these students thought that human rights were important, only 20% indicated that human rights were included in their education. To gain an estimate of the incorporation of human rights in nursing curricula, Chamberlain (2001) surveyed 51 subject coordinators responsible for teaching ethics and law to UK nursing students. Only 10 of the 16 human rights issues listed on the survey were taught by the majority of respondents.

To determine the extent to which human rights was included within USA medical curricula, Sonis and colleagues (1996) surveyed 113 coordinators of compulsory bioethics subjects within USA medical schools. Using a similar survey to Chamberlain (2001), Sonis and colleagues reported that medical schools included approximately seven of the sixteen surveyed human rights issues. To determine the number and content of human rights subjects within the USA and selected countries worldwide, Brenner (1996) reviewed the curricula of 28 USA Schools of Public Health, 15 USA Masters of Public Health programs and 34 international Schools of Public Health for the incorporation of human rights within their curricula. Brenner's review identified eight subjects that incorporated human rights, six from the USA,

and one each from Mexico and Australia. The subject from Australia focused on human rights within the context of health. More recently, Cotter and colleagues (2009) explored the nature, extent and barriers to implementing human rights within the curricula of 108 Schools of Medicine and Public Health in the USA. Only 37% of the surveyed schools offered some level of human rights education during the past academic year, whereby time constraints (82%), lack of qualified instructors (41%) and lack of funding (34%) were perceived as barriers to incorporating human rights into curricula.

9. Issues arising from the literature review

The above results suggest that human rights are not always successfully incorporated into medical, nursing and public health curricula within the USA and UK. However, the incorporation of the rights of persons *with disabilities* within *allied health* professional education remains unresearched. This is significant, as persons with disabilities are vulnerable for rights violations when accessing healthcare (National People with Disabilities and Carer Council, 2009; WHO, 2014), and allied health professionals play a significant role in the care of persons with disabilities (Allied Health Professions Australia, n. d.; Australian Government, 2013). Further, the competencies of some allied health professions appear to have a greater focus on the rights of persons with disabilities than others, most notably Occupational Therapy and Rehabilitation Counselling. If allied health professionals are to demonstrate a commitment to working with persons with disabilities using a rights-based approach, it is essential that a rights-based approach be incorporated into the education and competencies of all allied health professions.

10. The current study

10.1. Research problem

The provision of allied health professional education about disability rights remains unresearched, and the competencies of some allied health professions appear to have a greater focus on the rights of persons with disabilities than others. As a

result, allied health professionals may not all enter practice equipped to work with persons with disabilities using a rights-based approach.

10.2. Research aims

1. To investigate the nature and extent to which professional competencies expect allied health professionals to work with persons with disabilities using a rights-based approach.
2. To investigate the nature and extent to which allied health professional education focuses on the rights of persons with disabilities.
3. To explore the supports, barriers and recommendations for future incorporation of human rights within health professional education.

10.3. Research questions

1. What is the nature and extent of the competencies about the rights of persons with disabilities expected by the Australian peak governing bodies of the six allied health disciplines?
2. What is the nature and extent of education about the rights of persons with disabilities provided by the University of Sydney's six allied health disciplines?
3. What are the perceived supports and barriers when attempting to incorporate human rights into health professional education?
4. How might the incorporation of human rights into health professional education be improved?

10.4. Dissemination plan

Results from the current study will be submitted for publication in *Health and Human Rights*, adhering to their Submission Preparation Checklist, Author Guidelines and Editorial Style Guide (Appendices 1-3). This Harvard University-based, open access journal is committed to exploring how a rights-based approach to health can be incorporated into health professional practice. This is therefore a suitable publication option, which has published research cited in this literature review (i.e. Brenner,

1996; Cotter et al., 2009). Results will also be submitted for presentation at a relevant conference (e.g., the 11th National Allied Health Conference), and efforts will be made to present findings within the University and relevant disability organisations (e.g., Physical Disability Council of NSW). This dissemination plan aims to ensure that results reach a range of audiences, including human rights professionals, allied health professionals, University staff and students, and organisations/individuals who identify as having a disability.

11. Conclusion

This is the first study in the world to investigate the educational commitment of allied health to the rights of persons with disabilities. Results from this study have the potential to direct the future development of competencies and curricula that recognise the rights of persons with disabilities, particularly with respect to the approaching University of Sydney's Faculty of Health Sciences 2016-2020 Strategic Plan. Given that competencies and education shape the behaviour of health professionals, such changes would have the potential to reduce the rights violations experienced by persons with disabilities when accessing allied healthcare.

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SECTION 2: JOURNAL ARTICLE

Education for disability rights: The allied health continuum

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Abstract

Background: Persons with disabilities are vulnerable for rights violations when accessing health care. However, the commitment of allied health to disability rights has not been researched. The University of Sydney offers six allied health qualifications: Occupational Therapy, Rehabilitation Counseling, Speech Pathology, Physiotherapy, Diagnostic Radiography and Exercise Physiology. This study aimed to investigate the nature and extent to which the competencies and education of these six professions focus on disability rights, and to explore supports, barriers and recommendations for future human rights education.

Methods: Quantitative keyword searches and qualitative content analyses of competency and education documents and transcripts of interviews conducted with coordinators of disability rights subjects.

Results: The allied health continuum that emerged from this study suggests the extent to which the professions focus on disability rights varies. Occupational Therapy, Rehabilitation Counseling and Speech Pathology had the strongest human rights focus. Conversely, disability rights were not recognized by Physiotherapy, Diagnostic Radiography or Exercise Physiology education. Interviewees attributed this to a biomedical rather than a rights-based approach to disability.

Conclusion: There is scope to strengthen rights-based allied health education through competencies and registration requirements, with the aim of reducing rights violations experienced by persons with disabilities when accessing allied health care.

Introduction

Background

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (The Convention) asserts that persons with disabilities have the right to "equal enjoyment of all human rights " and to enjoy "the highest attainable standard of health".¹ This imposes an obligation to develop rights-based approaches in the provision of health care for persons with disabilities. As Australia ratified The Convention in 2008, the Australian Government is legally obliged to ensure all Australians with disabilities enjoy their human rights within the context of health care.²

From the perspectives of an allied health student, a disability advocate, and an allied health academic, we have conducted this study to hold our institutions to account in implementing their obligations; in this case, the University of Sydney's Faculty of Health Sciences. The Faculty of Health Sciences provides education to six allied health disciplines: Occupational Therapy, Rehabilitation Counseling, Speech Pathology, Physiotherapy, Diagnostic Radiography and Exercise Physiology.³ The Faculty of Health Sciences 2011-2015 Strategic Plan is underpinned by the "values embedded in the moral and legal framework of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2006)", demonstrating a commitment to allied health care that promotes the rights of persons with disabilities.⁴

However, persons with disabilities have been reported to experience rights violations when accessing health care.⁵ Consequently, WHO and The World Bank recommend in The World Report on Disability that universities: "ensure professional training courses include adequate information about disability, based on human rights".⁶

This recommendation is the springboard for this study. As a starting point, we reviewed literature exploring the nature and extent to which human rights are incorporated within allied health professional competencies and education.

Health professional competencies

We examine here the competencies of the six allied health professions under investigation. While competencies published by Australian peak governing bodies all recognize human rights, Occupational Therapy and Rehabilitation Counseling appear to display the greatest interest in human rights and the rights of persons with disabilities.⁷ This claim is reviewed below, including an exploration of national and international competency documents and academic literature.

The World Federation of Occupational Therapists position statement on human rights asserts that all humans have the right to participate in occupations that enable them to fulfill their potential and experience satisfaction.⁸ Occupational Therapists have also demonstrated an interest in the right for all persons to participate in occupations that enhance their wellbeing (that is, their occupational rights), which has been applied to persons with disabilities.⁹ Rehabilitation Counseling competency documents assert that Rehabilitation Counselors ought to respect the rights of persons with disabilities, by facilitating independence and by providing accessible, non-discriminatory services.¹⁰

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Speech Pathology and Physiotherapy also recognize human rights, however the degree to which this extends to persons with disabilities is less clear.¹¹ And lastly, the extent to which Diagnostic Radiography and Exercise Physiology recognize the rights of persons with disabilities is least clear.¹²

To our knowledge, no previous research has investigated the rights-based focus of allied health professional competency documents.

Health professional education

Several studies conducted in the United Kingdom (UK) and the United States of America (USA) are relevant to this study.

Vincent and colleagues surveyed 156 medical students from 26 medical schools in the UK.¹³ While 57% thought human rights issues were important, only 20% indicated that human rights were included in their education. Chamberlain surveyed 51 individuals who taught ethics and law to UK Nursing students.¹⁴ The majority taught only 10 of the 16 surveyed human rights issues.

Sonis and colleagues surveyed 113 coordinators of compulsory bioethics subjects within USA medical schools.¹⁵ Using a similar survey to Chamberlain, Sonis and colleagues found that medical schools only included approximately seven of the sixteen human rights issues. Additionally, Brenner reviewed the curricula of 28 USA Schools of Public Health and 15 USA Masters of Public Health programs and 34 international Schools of Public Health for the inclusion of human rights subjects, identifying only eight subjects that focused on human rights.¹⁶ More recently, Cotter and colleagues surveyed the Deans from 108 USA Schools of Medicine and Public Health.¹⁷ Only 37% of these schools offered human rights education during the past academic year, whereby time constraints (82%), lack of qualified instructors (41%) and lack of funding (34%) were perceived as barriers to teaching human rights.

The above findings suggest that human rights are not always successfully incorporated into medical, nursing and public health curricula. More importantly, the incorporation of disability rights within allied health professional education remains unresearched.

The current study

This study intends to rectify gaps identified in this literature review, by exploring whether the competencies and education of the University of Sydney's six allied health professions recognize disability rights.

The aims of the current study are to

- 1) investigate the nature and extent to which professional competencies expect allied health professionals to work with persons with disabilities using a rights-based approach;
- 2) investigate the nature and extent to which allied health professional education focuses on disability rights; and,
- 3) explore the supports, barriers and recommendations for future incorporation of human rights within allied health professional education.

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Method

Data collection

Allied health professional competency and education documents were collected, and interviews with coordinators of subjects that focused on disability rights were conducted. Field notes were recorded before and after data collection.

Methods used to collect competency documents are outlined below.

Allied Health Professions Australia's (AHPA) website was reviewed to identify the Australian peak governing bodies for the six allied health professions, identifying the following.

- Occupational Therapy Australia;
- Speech Pathology Australia;
- Australian Physiotherapy Association; and,
- Exercise and Sports Science Australia.

As Rehabilitation Counseling and Diagnostic Radiography are not represented by AHPA, their peak governing bodies were identified through a Google search; listed below.

- Rehabilitation Counseling Association of Australasia; and,
- Australian Institute of Radiography.

Governing bodies websites were systematically searched for documents outlining the professions codes of ethics. In the case of no codes of ethics, codes of conduct were collected.

Methods used to collect education documents are outlined below.

Subject summaries of all subjects taught by the six allied health disciplines in 2014 were reviewed and subjects that referred to disability were identified. Subjects offered in 2014 were analyzed, as only semester 1 of 2015 had been taught at the time this study was conducted.

Subject outlines for subjects that referred to disability were obtained, through telephone and/or email contact with the 2014 subject coordinators and/or program directors. Subject outlines are documents that outline the learning aims, objectives and content of subjects.

Methods used to interview coordinators of subjects that focused on disability rights are outlined below.

Individuals who coordinated a 2014 subject that focused on disability rights were invited to participate in 30-minute semi-structured telephone interviews via email. Subjects were considered to have focused on disability rights if their subject outline included the following keywords.

- 1) Disability and human rights; or,
- 2) Disability and at least two keywords from The Conventions eight general principles (Table 1).¹⁸

If coordinators were not able to participate due to no longer working at the University, 2015 subject outlines were obtained and similarly reviewed. If 2015 subjects focused on disability rights and were taught during semester 1 of 2015, coordinators were invited to participate.

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Interviews were conducted using an interview guide, from a previous pilot study.¹⁹ The interview guide included closed-ended and open-ended questions, divided into five sections.

- 1) Enrolment details;
- 2) Formal curriculum;
- 3) Informal curriculum;
- 4) Supports and barriers; and,
- 5) Comments and suggestions.

Questions aimed to explore the nature and extent to which education focused on disability rights, and the supports, barriers and recommendations for future human rights education. The interviewer recorded responses in writing on the interview guide, which were typed into an electronic interview guide post-interview. Typed interview guides were emailed to participants for member checking.²⁰

Data analysis

A mixed-methods design using quantitative and qualitative approaches was used, as there are few studies reviewing human rights within health professional competencies and education and therefore no obvious agreement on the best approaches to use.²¹ These approaches included a

- 1) quantitative keyword search; and,
- 2) qualitative content analysis.²²

The quantitative method is outlined below.

Quantitative keyword searches of the competency and education documents were used to investigate the *extent* to which the six professions focus on disability rights.

Twelve keywords were used. These keywords included *disability* and *human rights*, as well as *10 keywords from The Conventions eight general principles* (Table 1).²³ The number of keywords referred to by each document was calculated. Keywords were only included if they referred to the expectations of health professionals when working with their clients and/or to the content taught within subjects.

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Table 1. Ten keywords derived from The Conventions eight general principles²⁴

Eight general principles	Keywords
1. Respect for inherent dignity, individual autonomy, including the freedom to make one's own choices, and independence of persons;	1. Respect. 2. Dignity. 3. Autonomy. 4. Choice. 5. Independence.
2. Non-discrimination;	6. Non-discrimination.
3. Full and effective participation and inclusion in society;	7. Participation. 8. Inclusion.
4. Respect for difference and acceptance of persons with disabilities as part of human diversity and humanity;	(1. Respect.)
5. Equality of opportunity;	9. Equality.
6. Accessibility;	10. Accessibility.
7. Equality between men and women; and,	(9. Equality)
8. Respect for the evolving capacities of children with disabilities and respect for the right of children with disabilities to preserve their identities.	(1. Respect)

The qualitative method is outlined below.

Competency documents, education documents, and interview transcripts were analyzed using a qualitative content analysis to investigate the *nature* of the competencies and education.

Documents and transcripts were read through multiple times to gain a sense of the whole. Content that referred specifically to the expectations of health professionals when working with their clients and/or to the content taught within subjects was analyzed. Using an inductive approach, content was divided into meaning units, condensed, and then abstracted and labeled with a code (Table 2). Codes that referred to human rights were sorted into sub-categories and categories, which were then arranged into an overarching human rights theme. Keywords from The Conventions eight general principles were used as a theoretical framework (Table 1).²⁵ An audit trail detailing decisions made during data analysis was recorded, and education documents and transcripts were de-identified to protect participant confidentiality.²⁶

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Table 2. Examples of meaning units, condensed meaning units and codes

Meaning Unit	Condensed Meaning Unit(s)	Code(s)
At all times we endeavor to ensure our services are accessible and there is equity of access to services for our clients; such equity being determined by objective consideration of need and not compromised by prejudice or favor.	our services are accessible. there is equity of access to services. not compromised by prejudice or favor.	Accessibility (services) Equitable access (services) Non-discrimination

Results

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The following competency documents were collected for analysis.

- 1) Occupational Therapy Australia's Code of Ethics;²⁷
- 2) Rehabilitation Counseling Association of Australasia's Code of Professional Ethics for Rehabilitation Counselors;²⁸
- 3) Speech Pathology Australia's Code of Ethics;²⁹
- 4) Australian Physiotherapy Associations' Code of Conduct;³⁰
- 5) Australian Institute of Radiography's Code of Ethics;³¹ and,
- 6) Exercise and Sports Science Australia's Code of Professional Conduct and Ethical Practice.³²

Quantitative results are outlined in the below paragraph and Table 3.

Rehabilitation Counseling and Speech Pathology were the only disciplines to refer specifically to disability. Rehabilitation Counseling (10/12) and Speech Pathology (9/12) also included the most keywords; followed by Occupational Therapy (8/12), Physiotherapy (8/12), Diagnostic Radiography (7/12) and Exercise Physiology (6/12). All competency documents referred to human rights, dignity, choice, non-discrimination and accessibility. The majority referred to respect, autonomy and equality. Independence, participation and inclusion were the least referenced keywords.

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Table 3. Results from quantitative keyword searches of competency documents.

KEYWORDS	DISCIPLINES						TOTAL
	Occupational Therapy	Rehabilitation Counseling	Speech Pathology	Physiotherapy	Diagnostic Radiography	Exercise Physiology	
Disability		X	X				2
Human rights	X	X	X	X	X	X	6
Respect	X	X	X	X	X		5
Dignity	X	X	X	X	X	X	6
Autonomy	X	X	X	X			4
Choice	X	X	X	X	X	X	6
Independence		X					1
Non-discrimination	X	X	X	X	X	X	6
Participation	X	X					2
Inclusion							0
Equality			X	X	X	X	4
Accessibility	X	X	X	X	X	X	6
TOTAL	8	10	9	8	7	6	

Notes. Total refers to the number of keywords included in the competency documents, within (vertical) and between (horizontal) documents. The white rows indicate the 10 keywords from The Conventions eight general principles.³³

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Results from the qualitative content analysis of the competency documents are outlined below. The 10 keywords from The Conventions eight general principles was used as a framework (Table 1).³⁴

1) Respect. Respect is recognized in all competency documents, except Exercise Physiology. The documents that do refer to respect assert that health professionals are committed to practice that respects client's rights (for example, dignity), as well as their personal and contextual factors (for example, their health needs and culture). Speech Pathology Australia's Code of Ethics states that: re

...we respect the rights and dignity of our clients and we respect the context in which they live.

2) Dignity. Dignity is acknowledged within all competency documents, as all health professionals are expected to promote the dignity of their clients by adhering to procedures and legislation that protect privacy and confidentiality.

3) Autonomy. All competency documents assert that health professionals ought to promote their clients right to autonomy, except Diagnostic Radiography and Exercise Physiology. Occupational Therapy's document states that autonomy implies patients are "active participants in any decision regarding their involvement in services", and Rehabilitation Counselors are expected to advocate for their clients during situations where autonomy is reduced (for example, during involuntary admission to hospital).

4) Choice. The right to choice is recognized by all professions, as all health professionals are expected to ensure clients are able to make informed choices (for example, regarding likely benefits and risks of services). Health professionals are also expected to uphold their client's rights to withdraw from treatment, to seek a second opinion and to determine who will be provided with their personal information.

5) Independence. Independence was only acknowledged by Rehabilitation Counseling, where Rehabilitation Counselors are expected to support their clients: "efforts at self-advocacy both on an individual and an organizational level".

6) Non-discrimination. While all documents assert that health professionals shall provide non-discriminatory services, Rehabilitation Counseling and Speech Pathology are the only professions to refer specifically to persons with disabilities. The Australian Institute of Radiography's Code of Ethics states that Radiographers shall:

...ensure the provision of non- discriminatory services to all people regardless of age, colour, gender, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, political allegiances, type of illness, ethnicity, race, and mental or physical status.

7) Participation. Participation is recognized by Occupational Therapy and Rehabilitation Counseling, where both professions ought to ensure clients are: "afforded the opportunity for full participation in their own treatment team".

8) Inclusion. Inclusion is not recognized by any document.

9) Equality. The right to equality is recognized in all competency documents, except Occupational Therapy and Rehabilitation Counseling. The competency documents that do

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refer to equality assert that health professionals ought to ensure equitable availability of health services and resources.

10) Accessibility. All health professionals are expected to ensure clients are able to access their personal information and services, including physical and attitudinal access. Exercise and Sports Science Australia's Code of Professional Conduct and Ethical Practice states that:

An Exercise and Sports Science Professional must... uphold the Client's right to gain access to the necessary level of healthcare.

Allied health professional education

The six allied health disciplines taught 295 subjects in 2014. Of these 295 subjects, 20 subject summaries referred to disability. Subject outlines for these 20 subjects were obtained. Of these 20 subject outlines, 12 focused on disability rights. Results from quantitative keyword searches of these 12 subject outlines are outlined in the below paragraph and Table 4.

The majority of subjects were taught by Rehabilitation Counseling (8/12), followed by Occupational Therapy (2/12) and Speech Pathology (2/12). Physiotherapy, Diagnostic Radiography and Exercise Physiology did not teach any subjects that focused on disability rights. Across all subject outlines, human rights, participation, inclusion and accessibility were the most frequently referenced keywords; followed by choice, independence, non-discrimination, and equality. Respect, dignity and autonomy were the least referenced keywords.

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Table 4. Results from quantitative keyword searches of subject outlines that focused on disability rights.

KEYWORDS	DISCIPLINES												TOTAL
	Occupational Therapy		Rehabilitation Counseling								Speech Pathology		
	SUBJECT CODES												
	OT1*	OT2*	RC1*	RC2*	RC3	RC4	RC5*	RC6	RC7	RC8	SP1	SP2*	
Disability	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12
Human rights	X	X	X					X				X	5
Respect								X					1
Dignity													0
Autonomy													0
Choice	X	X			X		X	X					5
Independence	X	X		X				X					4
Non-discrimination								X	X	X			3
Participation			X		X		X	X	X		X	X	7
Inclusion	X	X	X				X	X			X	X	7
Equality			X			X		X		X		X	5
Accessibility	X	X		X		X	X	X			X		7
TOTAL	6	6	5	3	3	3	5	10	3	3	4	5	

Notes. Total refers to the number of keywords referred to in the subject outlines, within (vertical) and between subjects (horizontal). The white rows indicate the 10 keywords from The Conventions eight general principles.³⁵ Subjects are referred to using de-identified subject codes to protect the confidentiality of subject coordinators. * = Subjects whose coordinators participated in interviews.

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A qualitative content analysis was used to analyze the nature of the subjects whose coordinators participated in interviews, which included interview transcripts and corresponding subject outlines.

Coordinators of six of the twelve subjects that focused on disability rights participated in interviews, indicated by an asterisk next to their subject code in Table 4. As some subjects were taught in more than one discipline and/or level of study (that is, undergraduate and postgraduate), interviews with four subject coordinators were completed (Table 5). An interview was completed with the coordinator of the 2015 Occupational Therapy subjects, as the 2014 coordinator no longer worked for the University and the 2015 subjects also focused on disability rights.

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Table 5. Interview summary table.

	Subject codes	Enrolment requirements	How human rights were incorporated within subjects	Subject learning aims
Subject 1	OT1 OT2	Elective	Integrated theme	To develop students' knowledge, skill and attitudes about people with intellectual disability, with a focus on participation and support needs.
Subject 2	RC1 SP2	RC1 – Compulsory SP2 – Elective	Integrated theme	To introduce students to definitions of disability/disadvantage and rehabilitation in community settings, with a specific focus on individual and systemic factors that explain disability.
Subject 3	RC2	Compulsory	Integrated theme	To teach students the history and philosophy of rehabilitation as a human service, with a particularly focus on how movements such as eugenics, social Darwinism, independent living and the Disability Movement have changed and shaped attitudes to disability.
Subject 4	RC5	Compulsory	Integrated theme	To teach students key concepts and practices in rehabilitation and health assessment applicable to a range of settings, with a specific focus on employment.

Notes. Subject codes correspond to the subject codes used in Table 4.

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advisor

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Amazon People’s Resource Initiative (APRI)

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antenatal

anti: Close up in some cases — e.g., antibiotic, antibody; but hyphenate when it helps reader — e.g., anti-discrimination, anti-tuberculosis, anti-abortion.

antiretroviral (ARV) treatment

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B

bear: Use “borne” for past tense.

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biannual

binational

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bioterrorism

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blood borne

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C

Caesarean section

Cairo Conference: International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD)

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capacity-building

CARE USA

cell phone

centerpiece

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Central Europe

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children’s

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Cold War-era war plans

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commercial sex workers: Delete ‘commercial’. Use sex workers, sex work, or sale of sexual services.

commission: Use lower case when general reference; capitalize when specific.

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community-based organizations (CBOs)

community health worker (CHW): Always spell out on first use; acceptable alternative to “village health worker.”

conventions and covenants: Use lower case when referred to generally.

counseling: Use one *l*.

Country Coordinating Mechanisms (CCMs)

covenants: Always capitalize when referring to ICESCR and ICCPR.

crackdown

cross-section

currencies: Do not use spaces — e.g., US\$1, FF1 (French francs), \$4 million.

cut-off

D

data: “data” is the plural form of “datum,” so the correct usage is “data are/were” rather than “data is/was”

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diarrheal diseases

Directly Observed Treatment (DOT)

Directly Observed Treatment, Short-course (DOTS)

Down syndrome

drug-resistant TB

drug-susceptible

duty-bearers

E

Eastern Europe

e.g. (meaning, “for example”): Do not abbreviate; spell out and follow with comma, even within parenthetical usage — for example: (for example, when referring to the “governing bodies” of WHO, use lower-case letters).

ellipsis: Use “CMS sets” — three dots with a space on either side of the three; add a fourth dot if the preceding phrase is the end of a full sentence. When four periods are used, the initial period should be a “true” period and follow immediately after the last letter of the final word (other punctuation here may be used, e.g. a comma or question mark). The standard ellipsis character (...) is easiest for layout search and replace. In the Word file for four periods: add a period at the end as usual, then add the 3 dots which Word automatically converts into ellipses.

email: Do not hyphenate.

em dashes: Use for emphasis and to set off phrases; close up spaces before and after.

en dashes: Use between inclusive numbers such as dates, times, page numbers, etc. Do not add space before and after: 1972–1978.

endnotes: The FXB Center uses endnotes, not footnotes. Note that endnotes are for citation purposes only and must not contain contextual material. Authors will be asked to remove substantive notes into the body of the paper.

endnote numbers: Citation numbers must always be placed at the end of sentences, not in the middle. Each sentence can have only one citation number associated with it. Citation numbers are always sequential. If there are several endnotes in each sentence, combine into one endnote and place under one citation number.

epigraph: center quote underneath the first main heading within the paper (after the abstract). Example: <http://www.hhrjournal.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2013/06/Samra21.pdf>

et al.: This means “and others”; do not use comma before it. 1) In first full reference: use “et al.” only if there are more than 3 authors (name first three, then add “et al.” as “et al.” implies 2 or more); 2) In repeat citations where full reference has already been given, if there are only 1 or 2 authors, list all; if there are more than 2, list as first author “et al.” followed by “(see note [number]).” Include year only if it would otherwise be confusing (see “dates,” above, #3).

etc.: Do not use. Spell out “and so forth,” or initiate sequence with “, including,” or “such as.”

European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, opened for signature by the Council of Europe on November 4, 1950; entered into force on September 3, 1953.

evidence-based reports

ex gratia: Use italics.

executive orders: Write as follows: William J. Clinton, Executive Order: Access to HIV/AIDS Drugs and IP/Trade Issues, May 10, 2000.

extrajudicial

F

fall out: As verb, use “fall out”; as noun, “fallout.”

FY1999: Close up.

female genital cutting (FGC)

female genital mutilation (FGM)

fieldworker

First World War

follow up: As verb, use “follow up”; as adjective, “follow-up” (e.g., strategies).

foreignness

foreign words: Do not use quotation marks if italicized — e.g., write either “doble discurso” (double discourse) or *doble discurso*; italicize foreign words when not in common usage. See also below, “translated articles and related; quoting foreign language material.”

former Soviet Union

François-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights: Refer to it as either “the FXB Center,” or “the Center”; for programs within the Center, always spell out at first mention and supply standard abbreviations if applicable.

Freundeskreis Indianerhilfe/Fundacion Alemana Ayuda a los Nativos (FAAN)

fueled

fulfill

fulfillment: Use two *l*'s.

G

Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM): This can also be referred to as “the Global Fund” after the full name has been spelled out.

Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (GNP+)

Global South

Grand Rounds

H

harm reduction program

the Hague: “the” is lowercase.

health care: Open in all cases: do not hyphenate as adjective.

helminthes

Hepatitis A

hermaphrodite: Do not use; use “intersex” instead.

high-risk behavior

HIV: HIV-positive women; people living with HIV/AIDS; note that the phrase “affected by HIV/AIDS” refers to social/environmental influences on non-infected persons who live in high-prevalence communities or countries.

HIV prevention efforts

homosexual/s: Do not use; see entry on “sexuality” for recommended alternative terms.

HM Government: stands for “Her/His Majesty” (UK government publication); do not use periods between initials.

human rights: Do not hyphenate as adjective.

human rights: This is generally used as plural noun.

human rights-based approaches (HRBAs)

human rights-holders: Do not use “human right-holders.”

hyphenation: Hyphenate all words that begin with “co-“ (e.g., co-author); also, four-year-old girl; five- to eight-year-old children; also one-and-a-half times the national average.

I

i.e. (meaning, “that is”): Do not abbreviate — spell out and follow with comma.

illegal immigrant: Do not use; use “undocumented immigrant.”

indigenous peoples

information, education and communication (IEC); May be capitalized, as Information, Education and Communication Programmes.

injecting drug use (IDU): Can keep if the author uses this term.

inter alia (meaning, “among other things”): Use italics.

inter-agency: Retain hyphens in words with *inter*-prefixes if it helps readability.

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

International Community of Women with HIV/AIDS (ICW)

International Reproductive Rights Research Action Group (IRRRAG)

internet: Do not capitalize.

intravenous drug use (IDU): use this term unless the author strongly prefers “injecting drug use”

in vitro fertilization: Do not italicize.

italics: Never use both italics and quotations together; use one or the other and be consistent in usage throughout the document.

J

journal: When referring to the *Health and Human Rights* journal, do not capitalize the *j*. The preferred formal title is *Health and Human Rights Journal*.

Jr.: follow with a period; do not set off with commas, e.g., John Smith Jr.

judgment: Do not use *e*.

juvenile prostitution : can use this (when juvenile is expressly written) but do not use “prostitution” alone (replace with “sex work”)

K

Kolkata

Kazakhstan

kilometers: State: “8,000 square kilometers,” but “10–50 km.”

L

least-developed countries

legal cases: These should be set in italic — e.g., *Toronto (City) Board of Education v. Quereshi* (1991), 14 C.H.R.R. D/243 at D/249; *State v. Tapley*, (1952) I.R. 62, December 12, 1950; Case 13/63 *Italy v. Commission* [1963] ECR 31. Use “v.” rather than “vs.”

letters: Letters referred to as letters should be set in italics rather than quotation marks — e.g., the letter *l*.

locus standi: Use italics; in law, the meaning is “place to stand,” “the right to bring an action.”

long-term

M

Maastricht Guidelines on Violations of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Maastricht, January 22–26, 1997.

Magna Carta: Do not use italics.

mega: Hyphenate generally as a prefix — e.g., “mega-corporations.”

men who have sex with men (MSM): See entry on “sexuality.”

Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

mixed-methods study

mother-to-child transmission (MTCT)

Ms.: Do not use “Miss.”

multi-country studies

multidrug

multidrug resistant: As adjective, note: “multidrug-resistant parasite.” Also, multidrug-resistant TB (MDRTB).

multisectoral

Myanmar: Do not use “Burma.”

N

naïve

names: Within text, always include first names at first mention; use only last names in subsequent mention. An exception to the latter may be made if the name starts a new paragraph or section.

nation-state

nationwide

nd: Do not use superscript — e.g., 2nd, and do not use superscript for “th” or “rd,” etc.

neoliberal

non: Close up in most cases — e.g., noncompliant, nongovernmental, nonprofit, nonrecognition.

Exceptions: hyphenate if not in dictionary or if it helps with readability — e.g., non-criminals, non-disabled, non-payment, non-reproductive, non-response. *Do* hyphenate non-discrimination. *Do* hyphenate when the phrase is part of a fixed-text legal statement (such as “non-commercial” in the journal’s Creative Commons copyright statement).

numbered lists in text: Use numbers in parentheses in lists as follows: “1) point one and 2) point two”; “1) point one, 2) point two, and 3) point three.” Limit use of numbers to short lists; if text refers to serial list that is longer (e.g., paragraph-length), adjust use of numbers in a manner that enables the flow of the narrative to remain as smooth as possible — e.g., by spelling out numbers.

numbers: 1) Spell out if less than 10; otherwise use numerals. The exception is the use of numbers at the beginning of sentences — always spell out: “Twenty-seven out of the 259 members were absent.” Use “20th century” rather than twentieth century, unless at the beginning of a sentence. Another exception: when numbers are within a sentence, adjust for consistency in prose, and do not mix — e.g., “three out of ten,” or “3 out of 10,” but not “three out of 10” [but “Three out of 10 is ok when “Three” begins the sentence]. 2) When referring to large numbers, generally use numerals rather than spell out — e.g., “1.5 million,” rather than “one and a half million. 3) When referring to fractions, spell out and hyphenate — e.g., “one-third,” “three-quarters.” 4) Reference numbers within the text should always be placed at the end of a sentence, not in the middle. 5) All numerals (except years, e.g., 1999) with four (or more) digits should contain a comma between the hundreds and thousands place, e.g., 1,234.

O

offense: Use this American spelling unless in direct quote where British spelling (offence) appears.

Ombuds Office (with caps): Use this instead of “Ombudsman.” When referring to such offices in the plural, do not capitalize “office”— as in the following excerpt: “Some are formal and mandated to hold the government to account in terms of its legal obligations (for example, courts, Ombuds offices, and human rights commissions).”

ongoing

online

open access: Never hyphenate, even if used as an adjective — e.g., “open access periodical.”

Organization of African Unity (OAU)

Organization of American States (OAS)

overall

over-reporting

P

“p.” v. “pp.”: Use “p.” when referring to single page numbers in endnotes — e.g., “p. 23”; “pp.” precedes multiple pages — e.g., “pp. 23–25.”

page numbers in endnotes: These should be inclusive (1031–1038), not shortened (1031–38). Also see above. If un-numbered document is hyperlinked, there is no need to provide page numbers, since the reader can do a word search online.

para: Spell out in text but okay to abbreviate in endnotes — e.g., para. 3; paras. 34–37.

peer-reviewed journal: Hyphenate as an adjective.

PEPFAR: President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (president is US president).

per capita: common English usage; do not italicize.

percentages: Use symbols in our journal and in scientific, technical text — e.g., 5% — but may want to spell out in proposals, annual reports — e.g., “5 percent.”

periods: A period should follow a URL at the end of a sentence or reference.

per se: common term so do not italicize

policymaking: use as single word for both adjective and noun; however: policy maker (do not hyphenate); note that this differs from journal style on “decision making” due to considerations of best clarity in most cases.

poor: It is acceptable journal style to use this word as an adjective for “people” and “country”; may wish to replace with other phrases such as “developing country,” “those with scant resources,” etc.

post-infection

post-2015 Development Agenda

Preamble: Use an initial capital letter for covenants, etc. — e.g., “the Covenant.”

pre-test counseling

press releases: Use as a style sample: UNAIDS, “New public/private sector effort initiated to accelerate access to HIV/AIDS CARE and treatment in developing countries” [press release], May 11, 2000.

prima facie: Use italics; means “at first sight; before closer inspection”: They had, *prima facie*, a legitimate complaint. A *prima facie* case is one that, at first glance, presents sufficient evidence for the plaintiff to win.

Principles for the Protection of Persons with Mental Illness (MI Principles)

priority setting: no hyphen unless used as an adjective

pro bono: Do not italicize.

problematic

programmatic

promiscuity: Do not use; substitute “high levels of sexual activity.”

prostitutes: Do not use; substitute “sex workers.” However, can talk of juvenile prostitution.

psycho-: Close up — e.g., “psychosocial.”

publicly (not publically)

punctuation exception: Do not add comma after title of publication if the title ends in a question mark: D. Kennedy, “The International Human Rights Movement: Part of the Problem?” *Harvard Human Rights Journal* 15 (2002), p. 101.

Q

question marks: In punctuating references, question marks and exclamation marks should always replace rather than occur next to commas or colons. For example, if a title ends in a question mark, punctuate as follows: D. Kennedy, “The international human rights movement: Part of the problem?” *Harvard Human Rights Journal* 15 (2002), p. 101.

quotations, including block quotations (extracts): 1) Introduce block quotations with a colon, unless phrased as [According to John Surlap, “The issue is a matter of great urgency.”]. Otherwise, generally use a comma to introduce quotations within text. 2) Use block quotation — indent the quotation — if a) the meaning is “self-contained”— that is, the quotation can stand alone as is and is still meaningful and b) the quotation is quite long (HHR does not set an exact minimum line number). However, if the quotation depends heavily on the immediate context for full meaning AND it is short, it should remain in quotation marks within the paragraph.

quotation marks: Never use both quotation marks and italics together; use one or the other and be consistent throughout document. Do not use quotation marks for longer quotations that are indented.

quotations followed by a colon or semicolon: colons and semicolons should be placed after the closing quotation marks (see CMS 6.9)

quotations with commas: See CMS 15, 6.52–6.55.

R

re-emergence: Hyphenate “re” compounds for words beginning with “e” (but note: “preeminent”).

reference numbers: Always place outside end-of-sentence punctuation.

reframe

right to health: do not hyphenate when used as an adjective (“right to health framework”)

rights-based approaches

rights-holders

right wing and left wing: Capitalize “the Left,” the “Far Right,” and the “radical Right,” but not “left-wingers,” “on the left,” or “members of the right wing.”

rivers: Capitalize as: Amazon River and Amazon River basin, but Marañon and Amazon rivers.

S

safer sex

scale up: do not hyphenate as verb, but do as adjective — e.g., “scale-up activities.”

2nd International Conference on Health and Human Rights: Do not spell out “2nd.”

Second World War

Secretary-General

see, for example: Use commas after “see” and “for example.” “See also” should be followed by comma, as well as “see generally.”

self-determination

self-selected

semicolons: place after closing quotations marks (see CMS 6.9)

semi-nomadic: Hyphenate most “semi” compounds.

serial comma (“a, b, and c”): Always use comma before final item in a series.

seroprevalance/seropositive: do not hyphenate; close up.

service-provider initiated testing

sexuality: Avoid the use of the term “homosexual/s”; instead, choose one of the following for better accuracy: “sexual minorities”; “lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons”; “lesbian and gay persons”; “men who have sex with men (MSM).” Use “transgender” instead of “transgendered”— i.e., “transgender persons.” “Lesbian,” “gay,” “bisexual,” and “transgender” should be used as adjectives, not nouns; thus, “Many gay and lesbian individuals were disheartened over the passage of Proposition 8 in California” would be correct, while “Many gays and lesbians were disheartened over the passage of Proposition 8 in California” would be incorrect.

sexual preference: Do not use; use “sexual orientation” instead.

sex workers: Use this instead of “prostitutes.”

socio-cultural

socioeconomic

socio-legal

so-called: Do not use quotation marks after “so-called” — e.g., “so-called multi-drug treatment.”

sodomy: Do not use. Preferred: “oral and anal sex”

Southeast Asia

spacing: 1) Always include a space between author’s initials in references and elsewhere (A. B. Smith, never A.B. Smith). 2) Use only one space between sentences. 3) Colons, semicolons, and question marks should also be followed by a single space only. *Copy editors:* search for *double spaces* before submitting final article.

Special Rapporteurs: capitalize but use sentence case for the text that follows describing the mandate of the particular rapporteur (e.g., Special Rapporteur on the right to food). Rapporteurs whose mandate titles are quite long may be abbreviated within the text but please spell out the full title in the first reference note that follows and provide the appropriate url, if applicable. For example, text may say, “Paul Hunt, the Special Rapporteur on the right to health...” but the reference note should spell out his full title, “Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of

physical and mental health.” For more details, see citation notes below for United Nations documents, subsection (d). Information on UN-related websites and hints for standard citation formats is also available at <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/chr/special/index.htm>.

Sr.: follow with a period; do not set off with commas, e.g., John Smith Sr.

Standard Rules on Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (StRE)

state: Use lowercase, except in “States parties” (see following).

States parties (to covenants): Capitalize “States” but not “parties.”

sub: Close up — e.g., subsurface. Exception: sub-Saharan Africa.

Supplement: In notes, use “Suppl.” (capitalized, followed by a period) to indicate that a paper is from a supplement. For example, “*AIDS Education and Prevention* 14/5 Suppl. B (2002), pp. 114–123.”

Sudan: Use Sudan, not “the Sudan.”

super-annuated

superscript: Do not use in text; use standard size font instead — e.g., 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc.

Sustainable Development Goals: SDGs

T

task force

Thai AIDS Treatment Action Group (TTAG)

th: Do not use as superscript for this or “nd,” etc.

the: Generally, omit “The” in reference titles, including *New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, and *Lancet*. Some flexibility may be necessary. Exceptions: the Netherlands, The Hague.

The AIDS Support Organization (TASO) [in Uganda]

titles: 1) Do not use periods with MD, PhD, etc., but do for Mr., Dr., etc. 2) Use a comma after title in prose — e.g., “Joe Saturn, MD, is a director.” 3) Do not use commas around Jr. or Sr., so “John Smith Jr. says” should be used and not “John Smith, Jr., says.” Cite the name first and then title — e.g., “John Smith, Director of the Program on Health and Human Rights, was instrumental in...” 4) Do not use formal civil or other titles in text — e.g., “Prof. John Martin.” Instead use “John Martin” (and if necessary, follow with “professor of law at xx...”) Generally write out titles such as “professor,” and “president,” if describing a person’s function (following capitalization guidelines in CMS 15, 15.11–15.20), but these may occasionally be abbreviated before name within the references — e.g., Msgr. Jimenez v. the Right Reverend Monsignor Jimenez. 5) If the official title is not capitalized in its original (foreign) language, capitalize it according to English-language conventions as in examples.

totaled: Use one *l*.

transgender: Never use “transgendered”— e.g., a transgendered person. Use “transgender” instead: “transgender person.”

traveler: Use one *l*.

Treatment Action Campaign (TAC) (South Africa)

tuberculosis (TB)

U

Ukraine: Do not use “the Ukraine.”

underserved/underreported

UNICEF: In general, this does not need to be spelled out, as is the case with WHO.

United Nations (UN): Do not use periods.

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): As in this instance, retain British spelling if actual name is spelled that way.

United Nations General Assembly Special Session’s five-year review of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD+5)

URLs: Use Roman type — e.g., <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu>. Use “http://” and “Available at” followed by URL and period at the end. It is not necessary to state date of access. Link and underline URLs. A

URL must be provided for an online-only publication and is optional if the full print citation is included. The provided URL must open directly to the indicated document.

United States (US): Do not use periods or space between letters.

US\$1.00: Do not use spaces, but use them to separate the number from “million,” etc. — e.g., US\$64 million.

US dollars

USA: Do not use periods.

V

vis-à-vis: Do not italicize.

vs.: Do not italicize unless in title of legal case; should be consistent use of “v.” for cases.

village health workers (VHW) — It is preferable not to use this acronym. May substitute with “community health workers” if appropriate.

voluntary counseling and testing (VCT)

W

water borne

web: Capitalization is not necessary if used alone and meaning is obvious due to common usage, e.g., “It is posted on the web.” In case of potential confusion, edit content (e.g., using website or internet).

website: Spell as one word and do not capitalize.

well-being

western Europe

the West: Western world: Capitalize when referring to region; same for the South, East, and North.

whilst: Use “while” instead.

widows: single lines of text that proofreaders note at the bottom of columns in final design documents are acceptable in the references, but should be adjusted in the body of the text to include at least 2 lines.

women’s and girls’ rights

World Health Organization (WHO): Do not use “*the* WHO.”

WHO’s 3 by 5 Initiative

worldwide

wrongdoing

Y

year-old: Hyphenate as: “20-year-old.”

yes: Do not use quotation marks around “yes” or “no” — e.g., “The answer is yes.”

II. AUTHOR NAMES AND AFFILIATIONS FOR ARTICLES

Basic structure:

Names of author/s, their degrees, and their titles at corresponding department(s) and institution(s) to which the work should be attributed. Due to space limitations, authors with multiple institutional affiliations should list only one (or at most, two). For articles with multiple authors, the bio section may be further abbreviated to fit journal space.

Name, mailing address, and email address of the author responsible for correspondence about the manuscript (this author may or may not be the "guarantor" for the integrity of the study as a whole); do not list telephone and fax numbers unless author strongly prefers.

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III. DOCUMENTATION

General

The Center uses endnotes, not footnotes, for citations. Endnote numbers within the text should be placed at the end of the sentence, rather than within the sentence. Each sentence may include only one. Combine into this note all relevant reference material from the sentence.

Example:

I situate open access publishing within a broader movement that has emerged in the digital era to create a public “knowledge commons,” which can play a crucial role in supporting an informed citizenry in its efforts to promote human rights.³

Style

For titles within endnotes, follow *sentence style* — that is, use capital letter for first word only (except for proper nouns) — for titles of articles, chapters, reports, and books. Follow *title case* — that is, capitalize all major words — for titles of journals and newspapers.

Example:

J. Pitanguy, “From Mexico to Beijing: A new paradigm,” *Health and Human Rights: An International Journal* 1/1 (1995), pp. 454–460.

In titles in endnotes, capitalize first word after colon or exclamation point if a subtitle is used. Generally, standardize French/Spanish titles that contain periods to conform with HHR style by replacing periods with colons. If period must be kept, capitalize first word that follows it. English translations of foreign language titles should be enclosed in parentheses and quotation marks should be used:

F. Vieira and P. Zucchi, “Distorções causadas pelas ações judiciais à política de medicamentos no Brasil” (“Distortions to national drug policy caused by lawsuits in Brazil”), *Revista de Saúde Pública* 41/2 (2007), pp. 214–222.

Book, first citation, one author

Basic structure:

Author’s first initial

Author’s last name (followed by “ed” or “eds” in parentheses if it is an edited work) followed by comma

Title of book in italics (use sentence case, not title case)

Mention of 2nd (3rd, etc) edition, separated from title by a comma; do not italicize

Within parentheses, place of publication (forward slash to separate multiple places of publication [mindful that the journal may need to insert a space following the slash to facilitate final layout]), colon, name of publisher, comma, year of

publication, followed by final parenthesis and a period (full stop) or comma and page numbers, using p. or pp.

Examples:

P. Farmer, *Health, human rights and the new war on the poor* (Berkeley, CA: University of California, Berkeley, 2003), pp. 23–25.

F. Terry, *Condemned to repeat?: The paradox of humanitarian action* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2002).

See B. G. Ramcharan (ed), *The right to life in international law* (Dordrecht/ Boston: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 1985).

See, for example, C. L. R. James, *The black Jacobins: Toussaint L'Ouverture and the San Domingo Revolution* (London/New York: Penguin Books Ltd., 2001).

O. Solar, A. Irwin, and J. Vega, “Determinants of health and disease: Overview and framework,” in R. Detels, R. Beaglehole, M. A. Lansang, and M. Gulliford (eds), *Oxford textbook of public health*, 5th ed. (Oxford/New York: Oxford University Press, 2009), vol. 1, pp. 329–382.

Book, multiple authors

Note: Author names should appear in the same order as they appear in the original publication.

P. Dauvin and J. Siméant, *Le travail humanitaire: Les acteurs des ong, du siège au terrain* (Paris: Presse de la Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques, 2002).

Note: Use “et al.”:

1) in first full reference only, if there are more than 4 authors (list first three, then add “et al.” since “et al.” implies 2 or more);

2) for repeat citations where full reference has already been given. If there are only 1 or 2 authors, list these; if there are more than 2, list as first author “et al.” followed by “(see note [number]).” Include year only if it would otherwise be confusing.

J. C. Semenza, L. Roberts, A. Henderson, et al., “Water distribution system and diarrheal disease transmission: A case study in Uzbekistan,” *American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene* 59 (1998), p. 941.

Kim et al. (2007, see note 15). [Use year only if a preceding note contains more than one publication by the same author.]

Book, subsequent mention

Use “Ibid.” if the citation immediately follows same citation:

P. Trouiller et al., “Drug development for neglected diseases: A deficient market and a public health policy failure,” *Lancet* 359 (2002), p. 2188.

Ibid., p. 2189.

If citation is the same as one that does not immediately precede it, use 1) the last name of the author or the name of the organization and 2) (see note [number]):

Willinsky (see note 4).

London (2007, see note 14). [Include year if more than one preceding reference with same author.]

Kamara, “Maternal mortality: A public health perspective,” in *Learning to dance* (see note 1). See also, C. Overs, J. Doezema, and M. Shivdas, “Just lip service? Sex worker participation in sexual and reproductive health interventions,” in A. Cornwall and A. Welbourn, *Realizing rights: Transforming approaches to sexual and reproductive well-being* (London: Zed Books, 2002) (see note 7), pp. 21–35.

Chapter from a book

C. Overs, J. Doezema, and M. Shivdas, “Just lip service? Sex worker participation in sexual and reproductive health interventions,” in A. Cornwall and A. Welbourn (eds), *Realizing rights: Transforming approaches to sexual and reproductive well-being* (London: Zed Books, 2002), pp. 21–35.

Journal articles, first citation

Basic structure:

Name of author followed by comma

Within quotation marks, title of chapter, in sentence case, followed by comma, end quotation marks

Name of journal, in full (no abbreviations), italicized

Number of journal / issue followed by year in parentheses, followed by either period or comma and page numbers. Use “Suppl” to indicate that an article is from a supplement.

Examples:

J. Pitanguy, “From Mexico to Beijing: A new paradigm,” *Health and Human Rights: An International Journal* 1/1 (1995), pp. 454–460.

The PLoS Medicine Editors, “How can biomedical journals help to tackle global poverty?” *PLoS Medicine* 3/8 (2006), p. e380.

D. Blane, “Social determinants of health — socioeconomic status, social class, and ethnicity,” *American Journal of Public Health* 85/7 (1995), pp. 903–904.

C. Hess and E. Ostrom, “Ideas, artifacts, and facilities: Information as a common-pool resource,” *Law and Contemporary Problems* 66 (2003), pp. 111–145. Available at <http://www.law.duke.edu/journals/66LCPHess>.

Kennedy et al. (eds), “Income distribution and mortality: Cross sectional ecological study of the robin hood index in the United States,” *British Medical Journal* 312 (1996), pp. 1004–1007.

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Dear Stephanie

I am pleased to inform you that the University of Sydney Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) has approved your project entitled **“Do professional training courses include adequate information about disability, based on Human Rights principles?”**.

Details of the approval are as follows:

Project No.: 2015/460

Approval Date: 26th June 2015

First Annual Report Due: 26th June 2016

Authorised Personnel: Short Stephanie; Bowley Claire; Furmage Ann-Mason;

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Hello [Insert Name],

You are invited to participate in a study with the objective of researching what education about disability based on Human Rights is provided by the University of Sydney's Faculty of Health Sciences. You have been invited to participate in this study because you coordinated a Unit of Study that had a focus on disability and/or Human Rights in 2014, as identified through a review of 2014 Faculty of Health Sciences Unit of Study outlines. This study is being conducted by Claire Bowley, as part of a Master of Occupational Therapy research project, supervised by Prof Stephanie Short.

Participant Information Statement and Consent Forms have been attached to this email. Participation is completely voluntary. If you would like to participate please return a completed consent form via email. If you do not wish to participate please advise by email.

Thank you for considering this request.

Yours Sincerely,

Claire Bowley
Master of Occupational Therapy student

If you are concerned about the way this study is being conducted or you wish to make a complaint to someone independent from the study, please contact The Manager, Ethics Administration, University of Sydney on +61 2 8627 8176 (Telephone); +61 2 8627 8177 (Facsimile) or ro.humanethics@sydney.edu.au (Email).



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PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT

(1) What is the study about?

People with disabilities are vulnerable for Human Rights violations, particularly when accessing healthcare. It is therefore important that health professional education include information about disability based on Human Rights, recently recommended in the World Report on Disability (WHO & The World Bank, 2011). Despite this, the provision of education about disability based on Human Rights for health professional students remains unclear.

The University of Sydney's Faculty of Health Sciences offers health professional education across 6 disciplines: Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology, Physiotherapy, Diagnostic Radiography, Exercise Physiology and Rehabilitation Counselling. This study aims to research what education about disability based on Human Rights is provided by these disciplines. The education provide by the 6 disciplines will be compared to the Human Rights competencies expected by the 6 respective Australian health professional governing bodies (e.g. Occupational Therapy Australia) and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2006).

You have been invited to participate in this study because you coordinated a Unit of Study that had a focus on disability and/or Human Rights in 2014.

(2) Who is running the study?

Claire Bowley is conducting this study as the basis for the degree of Master of Occupational Therapy at The University of Sydney. This will take place under the supervision of Prof Stephanie Short, of the Discipline of Behavioural and Social Sciences in Health, and in collaboration with disability advocate Ann-Mason Furmage, member of the Occupational Therapy External Advisory Committee for the University of Sydney.

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(3) What will the study involve for me?

This study will require you to participate in a semi-structured telephone interview with Claire Bowley, taking approximately 30 minutes. The interview will include questions relating to your 2014 Unit of Study. This study will also require you to review a summary of the main themes identified in your interview via email, taking approximately 15 minutes.

(4) Can I withdraw from the study?

Being in this study is completely voluntary. Your decision whether to participate will not affect your current or future relationship with the researchers or anyone else at the University of Sydney. If you decide to take part in the study and then change your mind, you are free to withdraw at any time. You may stop the interview at any time if you do not wish to continue. Unless you say that you want us to keep them, any data recordings will be deleted and not included in the study results. You may also refuse to answer any questions that you do not wish to answer during the interview.

(5) What will happen to information about me that is collected during the study?

Your information will be stored securely and your identity/information will be kept strictly confidential, except as required by law. Results of the study will be written up for publication as a student thesis, for a journal and will be submitted for presentation at a relevant conference. There may also be opportunities to present findings within University or Faculty newsletters or bulletins, or through relevant disability organisations (e.g. Physical Disability Council of NSW). Although every effort will be made to protect your identity, through the use of personal and de-identified Unit of Study codes, there is a risk that you might be identifiable in publications due to the nature of the study and/or the results.

(6) Are there any risks or benefits associated with being in the study?

Aside from giving up your time and potential identification in publications, we do not expect that there will be any additional risks or costs associated with taking part in this study. If you participate in this study you can elect to receive feedback about the overall results of the study, providing you with curriculum feedback for future curriculum development.

(7) What if I would like further information about the study?

If you require further information about the study, please contact Claire Bowley on 0423645189 (Telephone) or cbow5832@uni.sydney.edu.au (Email).

(8) What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the study?

If you are concerned about the way this study is being conducted or you wish to make a complaint to someone independent from the study, please contact The Manager, Ethics Administration, University of Sydney on +61 2 8627 8176 (Telephone); +61 2 8627 8177 (Facsimile) or ro.humanethics@sydney.edu.au (Email).

This information sheet is for you to keep



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PARTICIPANT CONSENT FORM

I,[PRINT NAME], agree to take part in this research study.

In giving my consent I state that:

- ✓ I understand the purpose of the study, what I will be asked to do, and any risks/benefits involved.
- ✓ I have read the Participant Information Statement and have been able to discuss my involvement in the study with the researchers if I wished to do so.
- ✓ The researchers have answered any questions that I had about the study and I am happy with the answers.
- ✓ I understand that being in this study is completely voluntary. I do not have to take part and can withdraw from the study at any time. My decision whether to be in the study will not affect my relationship with the researchers or anyone else at the University of Sydney now or in the future.
- ✓ I understand that I may stop the interview at any time if I do not wish to continue, and that unless I indicate otherwise any data recordings will then be deleted and not be included in the study. I also understand that I may refuse to answer any questions I don't wish to answer.
- ✓ I understand that personal information about me that is collected over the course of this project will be stored securely and will only be used for purposes that I have agreed to. I understand

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that information about me will only be told to others with my permission, except as required by law.

- ✓ I understand that the results of this study may be published. Although every effort will be made to protect my identity, I may be identifiable in these publications due to the nature of the study or results.

I consent to:

Participating in a semi- structured telephone interview YES NO

Providing feedback on the themes from my interview via email YES NO

Would you like to receive feedback about the overall results of this study?

YES NO

If you answered **YES**, please indicate your preferred form of feedback and address:

Postal: _____

Email: _____

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Signature

.....
PRINT name

.....
Date

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**Health professional education about disability based on Human Rights
Unit of Study Interview Guide**

This interview is part of a Master of Occupational Therapy research project, supervised by Professor Stephanie Short. This study aims to research what education about disability based on Human Rights is provided by The University of Sydney's 6 Faculty of Health Sciences disciplines.

Team: Professor Stephanie Short, Head, Discipline of Behavioural & Social Sciences in Health; Claire Bowley, Master of Occupational Therapy student; Ann-Mason Furrage, Member of the OT External Advisory Committee for the University of Sydney.

Discipline:	
Unit of study Code:	
Unit of study Name:	
Unit of Study Coordinator:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Mode of Delivery:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Face-to-face <input type="checkbox"/> 2.Distance <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Flexible Delivery
Enrolment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Semester 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Semester 2
Level:	<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/> Postgraduate
Requirement:	<input type="checkbox"/> Compulsory <input type="checkbox"/> Elective

In your opinion, what education about disability based on human rights is provided by your UOS?

Part I: Unit of Study Details (Formal Curriculum)

Questions	Answers	Comments
1.1 Do you teach Human Rights principles for health in general or specifically for persons with disabilities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Health in general <input type="checkbox"/> Specifically for persons with disabilities	
1.2 Does this unit refer to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities? If No, continue to question 1.4.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
1.3 Does this unit teach students how to recognize and document Human Rights violations in accordance to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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<p>1.4 Does this unit refer to the rights of persons with disabilities for:</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Respect for inherent dignity, individual autonomy including the freedom to make one's own choices, and independence of persons;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Non-discrimination;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Full and effective participation and inclusion in society;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Respect for difference and acceptance of persons with disabilities as part of human diversity and humanity;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Equality of opportunity;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Equality between men and women;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Respect for the evolving capacities of children with disabilities and respect for the right of children with disabilities to preserve their identities.</p>	
<p>1.5 Does this unit define disability? If so, how?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Definition:</p>	
<p>1.6 Does this unit provide information on the history of Human Rights?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>1.7 Does this unit address the universality of Human Rights?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>1.8 Does this unit address the interrelated, interdependent and indivisible nature of Human Rights?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>1.9 Does this unit teach</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	

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students about treatment and support for victims of Human Rights violations?		
1.10 Does this unit teach students to help their clients/patients understand and defend their Human Rights?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
1.11 How much time is devoted to teaching Human Rights principles within this unit?		
1.12 How are Human Rights principles taught in this unit?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.As the sole subject (i.e. stand-alone subject) <input type="checkbox"/> 2.As a module within a unit containing other subjects <input type="checkbox"/> 3.As a theme integrated throughout the entire unit of study <input type="checkbox"/> 4.Other (please specify):	
1.13 What instructional activities are used in this unit?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.Lectures <input type="checkbox"/> 2.Small group discussions <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Large group discussions <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Debates <input type="checkbox"/> 5.Group activities <input type="checkbox"/> 6.Film/video <input type="checkbox"/> 7.Guest speakers <input type="checkbox"/> 8.Community based learning <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Case Studies <input type="checkbox"/> 10.Fieldwork <input type="checkbox"/> 11.Role-play <input type="checkbox"/> 12.Simulation <input type="checkbox"/> 13.Theatre/drama <input type="checkbox"/> 14.Other (please specify):	
1.14 What forms of assessment are used to evaluate learning in this unit?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.Essays <input type="checkbox"/> 2.Written Exams <input type="checkbox"/> 3.Case studies <input type="checkbox"/> 4.Papers <input type="checkbox"/> 5.Reflective journals <input type="checkbox"/> 6.Presentations <input type="checkbox"/> 7.Other (please specify):	

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<p>1.15 Are you aware of any other 2014 Faculty of Health Sciences units that provided information about disability based on Human Rights?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, record details below:</p>	
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Part II: Extra-Curricular Activities (Informal Curriculum)

Questions	Answers	Comments
<p>2.1 Does your unit provide information about disability based on Human Rights in ways other than the formal unit of study?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, record details below:</p>	
<p>2.2 Are you aware of any other strategies that the Faculty has used to incorporate Human Rights into informal curriculum/extra-curricular activities?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> 1. Human Rights electives <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Human Rights study modules <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Human Rights speaker series <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Human Rights film series <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Health and Human Rights interest groups <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Admissions policies to recruit educationally disadvantaged students <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Staff recruitment policies to achieve equity targets in historically disadvantaged groups <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Research initiatives in health and Human Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Methods of teaching and learning that emphasise a Human Rights based approach (e.g. using a patient centered approach to clinical teaching; emphasising the socioeconomic context of health and illness) <input type="checkbox"/> 10. Staff/faculty development in Human Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 11. Development of a new health professional oath or code of ethical conduct <input type="checkbox"/> 12. Other (please specify):</p>	

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Part III: Supports and barriers

Questions	Answers	Comments
<p>3.1 Which people within the Faculty have been helpful in implementing Human Rights principles for disability into the curriculum?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> 1. Dean <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Head of Discipline <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Colleagues <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Students <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Other (please specify):</p>	
<p>3.2 How has the Faculty supported the implementations of Human Rights principles for disability into the curriculum?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> 1. Increased the budget <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Provided you with additional resources (e.g. staff, office space, computers) <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Formed new committees <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Established a fellowship or internship <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Funded training for staff or students <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Provided support for additional training in Health and Human Rights education <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Given a sabbatical or study or research leave <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Funded Human Rights research <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Other (please specify):</p>	
<p>3.3 What barriers have been faced when attempting to implement Human Rights principles for disability into the curricula?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> 1. Competition for time <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Lack of qualified instructors <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Lack of funding <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Lack of administrative support <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Lack of curriculum board support <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Lack of student interest <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Lack of resource material <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Other (please specify):</p>	

Comments and Suggestions:

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Do you have any other comments regarding your 2014 Unit of Study?

Do you have any other comments regarding the implementation of Human Rights within the University of Sydney's Faculty of Health Sciences?

Can you suggest any additional resources not already listed in your Unit of Study Outline that may assist us in our theoretical research?

Journals:
Books:
Websites:
Other:

Thank you very much for taking the time in completing this interview. Your contribution is extremely valuable.