

## Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences Policy

<b>Policy Title</b>	Hurdle requirements policy - Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences
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<b>Scope</b>	This policy applies to all undergraduate and postgraduate coursework courses and units offered in the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences as well as units in which the Faculty has majority teaching responsibility.
<b>Purpose</b>	This aims to define hurdle assessment requirements and the implications for students studying units owned by the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Science. To provide guidance in relation to the number of attempts permitted in line with the university assessment regulations.
<b>POLICY STATEMENT</b>	

Hurdle requirements in the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences are consistent with the Monash University [Assessment in Coursework Units: Development and Implementation of an Assessment Regime Procedures](#).

### 1. Definition of Hurdle Assessment

Hurdle assessments are compulsory requirements within individual units that must be met in order to achieve satisfactory results in those units. They are normally mastery of professional skills or attainment of required attributes. These requirements fulfil one or more unit learning objectives and they may be activities that are class based or that need to be undertaken outside regular scheduled class times.

Any in course assessment tasks that are hurdles should be clearly identified as assessment items and noted in the unit guide and university publications.

### 2. Threshold Standards

Where the final mark for a unit is based upon the sum of the marks for each element of assessment, that element of the assessment regime worth 40% or higher must require students to reach a minimum threshold result of 45% for that element of assessment irrespective of performance in the other elements of assessment. This is a minimum requirement and health professional degrees can choose to increase the pass mark to 50%.

### 3. Number of attempts

Where a unit has a hurdle requirement, the maximum number of attempts permitted must be clearly outlined in unit guides distributed to students at the commencement of the unit. Repeat attempts are granted only at the discretion of the School/Department or Faculty and must comply with the University assessment regulations. Any repeat hurdle requirement is taken as further assessment. Where a student has failed an assessment hurdle further assessment can be granted by the School/Department. Please refer to the [further assessment procedure](#) for more information.

Where a student has failed an assessment hurdle requirement further assessment can be granted by the school/department as appropriate (this does not include attendance hurdles). Should a student fail the further assessment then the mark and grade to be returned for the unit is 44N. No further assessment opportunity is to be permitted.

### 4. Clinical/fieldwork hurdle assessments

Many units within the Faculty have clinical or fieldwork hurdle assessment requirements (in order to pass the units). Repeat attempts are granted only at the discretion of the School/Department or Faculty and must comply with the University assessment regulations. Any repeat fieldwork/clinical requirement is taken as further assessment.

Where a student is removed from a clinical/fieldwork placement due to unprofessional behaviour (see the Clinical/fieldwork Placement Guidelines and Procedures document), there is no requirement to offer the student a repeat opportunity. This consideration will be at the discretion of the School/Department or Faculty. Having failed the hurdle requirement the student will be awarded a fail grade for the unit.

Where a student is required to repeat a unit as a result of a clinical/fieldwork fail, a maximum of one repeat attempt is allowed. If the second attempt is unsuccessful the students will be directed to seek counselling from their relevant Course Coordinator to examine future options.

### 5. Attendance Hurdle

A unit may have an attendance hurdle requirement where it is considered that the student needs to attend a specified amount of classes/tutorials/laboratory sessions when it is the only means of obtaining specific learning objectives within the unit. Attendance requirements are normally specified as a percentage and will be clearly indicated in the unit manual. If the hurdle requirement is attendance, then the requirement must be brought to the students' attention at the beginning of the semester.

### 6. Failure to meet a hurdle requirement

Failure to meet a hurdle requirement will result in the student failing the unit. Students failing a hurdle requirement will not be permitted supplementary assessment. Failure of a unit may impede student progression.

<b>Supporting Procedures</b>	
<b>Responsibility for implementation</b>	
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<b>Legislation Mandating Compliance</b>	<a href="#">Monash University Statute</a> <a href="#">Academic Board Regulations</a>
<b>Related Policies</b>	<a href="#">Faculty Assessment Policy</a>
<b>Related Documents</b>	Monash University Unit Assessment Procedures: <a href="http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/assessment/unit-assessment-procedures.html">http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/assessment/unit-assessment-procedures.html</a>