



THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

**Course title:** HLTH7014 Psychosocial Health of Children & Adolescents

**Course coordinator:** [Dr Fran Boyle](#)

**Mode:** External

**Course introduction:**

This course explores the common issues of loss and grief as they relate to children and adolescents. It takes a multidisciplinary and community approach and includes readings and case study material from a variety of health, educational and community settings. Students will be encouraged to integrate learning from the course with knowledge gained through personal experience and work practices.

**Course aims:**

The main objectives of this course are 1. To enhance understanding of the issues associated with loss and grief as they relate to children and adolescents 2. To augment the ability of those in the help professions to empower children and adolescents experiencing loss and grief.

**Course content:**

This course is divided into three sections that cover the following thematic content areas: understanding loss in the lives of children; providing care for children and adolescents experiencing loss and other adverse circumstances; specific losses and other adverse events.

Specific topics include:

- Understanding child and adolescent development
- Nature and impacts of loss in the lives of children and adolescents
- Types and levels of care provision
- Approaches to meeting the needs of children and adolescents
- Caring for traumatised children
- Death in the lives of children and adolescents
- Chronic and other serious illness
- Relationship disruptions
- Child abuse and neglect
- Educational and behavioural losses.

**Method of assessment:**

There are two written assignments and two workbook exercises.

**Recommended text:**

A Book of Readings is supplied to all students.

**Required resources:**

**Study guide:** This contains the week-by-week learning materials for each module. These include clear learning objectives, the required reading, introduction, a brief synopsis and key definitions, case studies, and then a series of practical exercises.

**Online Blackboard site:** This provides an interactive environment for you and teachers. Reliable and regular access to the Internet is required.

Further details are provided in the [Course Profile](#)::  
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