

## ***Supervision of Postgraduate Research Students***

Reference: [http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/policies/PG\\_Rsch\\_Hghr\\_Dgree\\_Train\\_Sprvsn.pdf](http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/policies/PG_Rsch_Hghr_Dgree_Train_Sprvsn.pdf)

Primary supervisors of students enrolled through the Discipline of Paediatrics and Child Health must be academic members of the Discipline (University salaried academics, conjoint appointees, or clinical academics).

Associate supervisors do not necessarily need to hold an academic appointment. To qualify as a supervisor, a formal research degree must be held, or there must be extensive research experience (a research track record demonstrated by publications or peer-reviewed research grant funding).

***Accreditation of new primary supervisors can be undertaken by either:***

**1. Discipline of Paediatrics and Child Health supervisor training workshops.**

*Experienced supervisors are welcome to attend any one or more seminars for their own professional development.*

To be accredited as a primary supervisor through the Discipline's alternate pathway you must be

- eligible to be a supervisor at USyd- [http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/policies/PG\\_Rsch\\_Hghr\\_Dgree\\_Train\\_Sprvsn.pdf](http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/policies/PG_Rsch_Hghr_Dgree_Train_Sprvsn.pdf)
- attend at least *two of three topic seminars* below, and
- attend and present at the compulsory final *accreditation seminar*, and
- complete three of the seven on line ITL modules of your choice. Note this does not have to include the recognition module, and
- be an associate supervisor of a research degree student (PhD MPhil) for at least one year. *NOTE: you can do our course prior to meeting this requirement but you won't be accredited until you fulfil this criteria*

The dates and venues for the *topic seminars* in 2009 are:

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| • Wednesday, 2 September 2009 9AM-12.30PM. | Tutorial Room 6, Level 3 |
| • Wednesday, 9 September 2009 9AM-12.30PM. | Tutorial Room 3, Level 4 |
| • Wednesday, 30 September 2009 9AM-12.30PM | Tutorial Room 3, Level 4 |

Topics of these seminars will be: "Meeting expectations" "Getting students to write", and "Monitoring progress". The scheduling of the topics to seminar dates will be confirmed.

The date for the *compulsory accreditation seminar* is:

Wednesday, 28 October 2009, Doreen Dew Lecture Theatre 9AM-12 noon.

Register to complete three of the seven modules from the "independent study program" with the ITL course <https://www.itl.usyd.edu.au/supervision/isp/intro.cfm>, and complete three modules before the September seminars, if possible.

Expressions of interest, confirmation of rooms, dates & times, plus any queries to Denise Yuille [pgmail@chw.edu.au](mailto:pgmail@chw.edu.au) or telephone 9845 3435

or

2. **The University's Institute of Teaching and Learning workshops.** The Institute offers a flexible program for new or inexperienced supervisors. For further information and course registration forms: <http://www.itl.usyd.edu.au/supervision/>

### ***Supervisor registration***

Download the form at:

### ***Code of practice for supervision of postgraduate research students (including the role of the supervisor)***

Supervisors must be familiar with the policies and requirements relevant to postgraduate student supervision including the USyd "*Code of practice for supervision of postgraduate research students*"

[http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/policies/Supervision\\_PG\\_Rsch\\_Students.pdf](http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/policies/Supervision_PG_Rsch_Students.pdf)

### ***Supervision of more than five students***

The Faculty of Medicine has placed a limit of five (5) on the number of postgraduate students a supervisor can realistically be expected to be able to satisfactorily supervise. If a supervisor wishes to supervise more than five students, they should write to the Postgraduate Co-ordinator, who will assess the request and make a recommendation to the Chair of the Board of Postgraduate Studies. This statement should outline why more than five students need to be supervised by one individual, with a clear undertaking that the supervisor can make the substantial time commitments required for the adequate supervision of postgraduate students.