



## UNSW Course Outline

# CEIC6712 Pharmaceutical Design and Engineering - 2024

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## General Course Information

**Course Code :** CEIC6712

**Year :** 2024

**Term :** Term 2

**Teaching Period :** T2

**Is a multi-term course? :** No

**Faculty :** Faculty of Engineering

**Academic Unit :** School of Chemical Engineering

**Delivery Mode :** In Person

**Delivery Format :** Standard

**Delivery Location :** Kensington

**Campus :** Sydney

**Study Level :** Postgraduate, Undergraduate

**Units of Credit :** 6

### Useful Links

[Handbook Class Timetable](#)

## Course Details & Outcomes

### Course Description

With a growing demand for medications, supplements and nutritional products, the pharmaceutical industry has been growing rapidly over the last century. Chemical engineers play a key role in this industry, with contributions in areas ranging from nanoscale design and drug

discovery to manufacturing, processing, and distribution. Understanding and implementing modern technologies in the pharmaceutical industry are key to meeting the growing demand for pharmaceuticals.

In this course, you will learn how to design, develop and evaluate pharmaceutical and nutraceutical agents in line with research and industry methods, where chemical engineers, nutritionists and medical researchers work together to transform raw materials and small molecular agents to valuable pharma products. The contents will cover a broad range of competencies in pharmaceutical and nutraceutical sectors, including drug delivery, pharmaceutical design and processing, nanotechnology, drug regulation and approval, with emphasis on new technology innovation, translational process and commercialised healthcare-related products.

The course will be offered in collaboration with relevant pharmaceutical and/or nutraceutical companies, allowing you to use knowledge and skills to solve drug development problems currently challenging the pharmaceutical and nutraceutical industry. This course will set a foundation for a career in the pharmaceutical industry or research in related areas.

## Course Aims

This course aims to give students a foundational knowledge of the key competencies required to contribute to the pharmaceutical industry, as well as understand the latest developments in the field. By covering these areas, students will gain a foundational understanding of the key technologies and processes used by the industry.

## Course Learning Outcomes

| Course Learning Outcomes   |
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| CL01 : Illustrate and explain pharmaceutical design and engineering using examples of pharmaceutical products    |
| CL02 : Articulate the process of drug development and explain the features of each stage of the process.         |
| CL03 : Analyse the main components and technologies of manufacturing tablet and liquid pharmaceutical products.  |
| CL04 : Gain knowledge of advanced nanotechnology and biotechnology principles and techniques.                    |
| CL05 : Transform your deep knowledge of one or two specific topics into written and oral forms of communication. |

| Course Learning Outcomes   | Assessment Item   |
|--|---|
| CLO1 : Illustrate and explain pharmaceutical design and engineering using examples of pharmaceutical products    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quiz</li> <li>• Group presentation</li> <li>• Report</li> </ul>      |
| CLO2 : Articulate the process of drug development and explain the features of each stage of the process.         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mini quiz</li> <li>• Group presentation</li> <li>• Report</li> </ul> |
| CLO3 : Analyse the main components and technologies of manufacturing tablet and liquid pharmaceutical products.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quiz</li> <li>• Group presentation</li> <li>• Report</li> </ul>      |
| CLO4 : Gain knowledge of advanced nanotechnology and biotechnology principles and techniques.                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group presentation</li> <li>• Report</li> </ul>                      |
| CLO5 : Transform your deep knowledge of one or two specific topics into written and oral forms of communication. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group presentation</li> <li>• Report</li> </ul>                      |

## Learning and Teaching Technologies

Moodle - Learning Management System

## Other Professional Outcomes

### Engineers Australia, Professional Engineer Stage 1 Competencies

This course contributes to your development of the following EA Professional Engineer competencies:

- PE1.1 Comprehensive, theory based understanding of the underpinning natural and physical sciences and the engineering fundamentals applicable to the engineering discipline
- PE1.3 In-depth understanding of specialist bodies of knowledge within the engineering discipline
- PE1.5 Knowledge of engineering design practice and contextual factors impacting the engineering discipline
- PE2.1 Application of established engineering methods to complex engineering problem solving
- PE2.2 Fluent application of engineering techniques, tools and resources
- PE3.2 Effective oral and written communication in professional and lay domains

# Assessments

## Assessment Structure

| Assessment Item                                | Weight | Relevant Dates   |
|--|--------|--|
| Mini quiz<br>Assessment Format: Individual     | 10%    | Start Date: 04/06/2024 02:00 PM<br>Due Date: 04/06/2024 02:30 PM |
| Quiz<br>Assessment Format: Individual          | 20%    | Start Date: 25/06/2024 02:00 PM<br>Due Date: 25/06/2024 03:00 PM |
| Group presentation<br>Assessment Format: Group | 30%    | Start Date: 30/07/2024 02:00 PM<br>Due Date: 30/07/2024 05:00 PM |
| Report<br>Assessment Format: Individual        | 40%    | Start Date: Not Applicable<br>Due Date: 09/08/2024 11:59 PM      |

## Assessment Details

### Mini quiz

#### Assessment Overview

Online quiz to allow students to monitor, reinforce and reflect on their understanding of the Week 1 topics. Feedback will be provided verbally in class along with a revision session to explain quiz solutions.

#### Course Learning Outcomes

- CL02 : Articulate the process of drug development and explain the features of each stage of the process.

#### Assessment Length

20 minutes

### Quiz

#### Assessment Overview

Assessment to allow students to monitor, reinforce and reflect on their understanding of the principles and applications of the topics (Weeks 2 – 3). Feedback will be provided verbally in class along with a revision session to explain quiz solutions.

#### Course Learning Outcomes

- CL01 : Illustrate and explain pharmaceutical design and engineering using examples of pharmaceutical products
- CL03 : Analyse the main components and technologies of manufacturing tablet and liquid pharmaceutical products.

## Group presentation

### Assessment Overview

Students will work as a team to explain a problem in the pharmaceutical design and engineering and its potential solutions. The 15min group oral presentation will develop specialist knowledge of the field, as well as developing and reinforcing professional skills, including critical thinking, team work and communication.

The topic and content of the group presentation will be related to advanced pharmaceutical technologies and manufacturing. The assessment details will be introduced in Week 5.

All students will be expected to present components of the group presentations and participate in peer assessment of the presentations. Verbal feedback will be provided in class, as well as via a rubric.

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## Report

### Assessment Overview

Students will write a 2000 word report evaluating contemporary issue(s) in pharmaceutical development. This assessment provides an opportunity for students to further broaden their understanding of the industry, as well as developing and demonstrate their critical thinking skills. Feedback will be provided via marks and comments against a rubric.

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## General Assessment Information

### Grading Basis

Standard

## Course Schedule

| Teaching Week/Module         | Activity Type | Content  |
|------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Week 0 : 20 May - 26 May     | Other         | O-week   |
| Week 1 : 27 May - 2 June     | Lecture       | Lectures [Introduction to the Course] [Drug Design and Development] [Drug Commercialisation]                                     |
| Week 2 : 3 June - 9 June     | Blended       | Mini quiz + lecture [Pharmaceutical Manufacturing – Tablet Formulation]  |
| Week 3 : 10 June - 16 June   | Lecture       | Lectures [mini quiz revision] [Pharmaceutical Manufacturing – Tablet Formulation] [Pharmaceutical Manufacturing – Liquid Dosage] |
| Week 4 : 17 June - 23 June   | Lecture       | Lectures [GMP-GLP for Drug Production] [RNA/DNA Technology] [Cell Therapy Technology]  |
| Week 5 : 24 June - 30 June   | Blended       | Quiz + Lecture [Antibacterial Drugs and Technologies] [Introduction to the Assessments]  |
| Week 6 : 1 July - 7 July     | Other         | Flexibility week   |
| Week 7 : 8 July - 14 July    | Activity      | Field trip to a pharmaceutical plant at Rydalmere  |
| Week 8 : 15 July - 21 July   | Lecture       | Lecture [Pharmaceutical Nanotechnology]  |
| Week 9 : 22 July - 28 July   | Lecture       | Lecture [Biopharmaceuticals and Nutraceuticals]  |
| Week 10 : 29 July - 4 August | Presentation  | Group presentations  |

## Attendance Requirements

Students are strongly encouraged to attend all classes and review lecture recordings.

## Course Resources

### Prescribed Resources

Reading materials are available on lecture slides.

### Recommended Resources

Practical Pharmaceutical Engineering

By Gary Prager

Wiley-VCH, 2014

## [Nanotechnology Applied To Pharmaceutical Technology](#)

Carolina Alves dos Santos editor. ; Mahendra Rai editor. ;

Cham : Springer International Publishing, 2017

[Pharmaceutical technology. Tableting technology](#) M. H Rubinstein; Pharmaceutical Technology Conference (5th : 1986 : Harrogate, England) ; Halsted Press ed., Chichester, West Sussex, England : Ellis Horwood ; New York : Distributed by Halsted Press, 1987

## [Pharmaceutical Biotechnology](#)

Giora Z Feuerstein editor. ; Carlos A Guzmán editor. ; SpringerLink (Online service) ;

New York, NY : Springer New York, 2009

## [Pharmaceutical Biotechnology : Fundamentals and Applications](#)

Daan J. A Crommelin editor. ; Bernd Meibohm editor. ; Robert D Sindelar editor. ; SpringerLink (Online service) ;

4th ed 2013., New York, NY : Springer New York : Imprint: Springer, 2013

## [Pharmaceutical biotechnology : drug discovery and clinical applications](#)

Oliver Kayser ; Rainer H Müller ; John Wiley & Sons, Ltd. ;

Weinheim : Wiley-VCH, ©2004

## [Nutrition and Bone Health](#)

Michael F Holick editor. ; Jeri W Nieves editor. ; SpringerLink (Online service) ;

2nd ed 2015., New York, NY : Springer New York : Imprint: Humana Press, 2015

## **Course Evaluation and Development**

Students' feedback (incl. MyExperience survey) is highly valued and could be used to further develop the course to improve teaching and learning outcome.

# Staff Details

| Position | Name      | Email | Location                       | Phone          | Availability     | Equitable Learning Services Contact | Primary Contact |
|----------|-----------|-------|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Convenor | Sophia Gu |       | Hilmer Building (E10) Room 322 | +61 2 93854964 | Contact by email | No                                  | Yes             |

## Other Useful Information

### Academic Information

#### I. Special consideration and supplementary assessment

If you have experienced an illness or misadventure beyond your control that will interfere with your assessment performance, you are eligible to apply for Special Consideration prior to, or within 3 working days of, submitting an assessment or sitting an exam.

Please note that UNSW has a Fit to Sit rule, which means that if you sit an exam, you are declaring yourself fit enough to do so and cannot later apply for Special Consideration.

For details of applying for Special Consideration and conditions for the award of supplementary assessment, please see the information on UNSW's [Special Consideration page](#).

#### II. Administrative matters and links

All students are expected to read and be familiar with UNSW guidelines and policies. In particular, students should be familiar with the following:

- [Attendance](#)
- [UNSW Email Address](#)
- [Special Consideration](#)
- [Exams](#)
- [Approved Calculators](#)
- [Academic Honesty and Plagiarism](#)
- [Equitable Learning Services](#)

#### III. Equity and diversity

Those students who have a disability that requires some adjustment in their teaching or learning environment are encouraged to discuss their study needs with the course convenor prior to, or at the commencement of, their course, or with the Equity Officer (Disability) in the Equitable



Learning Services. Issues to be discussed may include access to materials, signers or note-takers, the provision of services and additional exam and assessment arrangements. Early notification is essential to enable any necessary adjustments to be made.

#### **IV. Professional Outcomes and Program Design**

Students are able to review the relevant professional outcomes and program designs for their streams by going to the following link: <https://www.unsw.edu.au/engineering/student-life/student-resources/program-design>.

*Note: This course outline sets out the description of classes at the date the Course Outline is published. The nature of classes may change during the Term after the Course Outline is published. Moodle or your primary learning management system (LMS) should be consulted for the up-to-date class descriptions. If there is any inconsistency in the description of activities between the University timetable and the Course Outline/Moodle/LMS, the description in the Course Outline/Moodle/LMS applies.*

#### **Academic Honesty and Plagiarism**

UNSW has an ongoing commitment to fostering a culture of learning informed by academic integrity. All UNSW students have a responsibility to adhere to this principle of academic integrity. Plagiarism undermines academic integrity and is not tolerated at UNSW. *Plagiarism at UNSW is defined as using the words or ideas of others and passing them off as your own.*

Plagiarism is a type of intellectual theft. It can take many forms, from deliberate cheating to accidentally copying from a source without acknowledgement. UNSW has produced a website with a wealth of resources to support students to understand and avoid plagiarism, visit: [student.unsw.edu.au/plagiarism](https://student.unsw.edu.au/plagiarism). The Learning Centre assists students with understanding academic integrity and how not to plagiarise. They also hold workshops and can help students one-on-one.

You are also reminded that careful time management is an important part of study and one of the identified causes of plagiarism is poor time management. Students should allow sufficient time for research, drafting and the proper referencing of sources in preparing all assessment tasks.

Repeated plagiarism (even in first year), plagiarism after first year, or serious instances, may also be investigated under the Student Misconduct Procedures. The penalties under the procedures

can include a reduction in marks, failing a course or for the most serious matters (like plagiarism in an honours thesis or contract cheating) even suspension from the university. The Student Misconduct Procedures are available here:

[www.gs.unsw.edu.au/policy/documents/studentmisconductprocedures.pdf](http://www.gs.unsw.edu.au/policy/documents/studentmisconductprocedures.pdf)

## Submission of Assessment Tasks

Work submitted late without an approved extension by the course coordinator or delegated authority is subject to a late penalty of five percent (5%) of the maximum mark possible for that assessment item, per calendar day.

The late penalty is applied per calendar day (including weekends and public holidays) that the assessment is overdue. There is no pro-rata of the late penalty for submissions made part way through a day. This is for all assessments where a penalty applies.

Work submitted after five days (120 hours) will not be accepted and a mark of zero will be awarded for that assessment item.

For some assessment items, a late penalty may not be appropriate. These will be clearly indicated in the course outline, and such assessments will receive a mark of zero if not completed by the specified date. Examples include:

- Weekly online tests or laboratory work worth a small proportion of the subject mark;
- Exams, peer feedback and team evaluation surveys;
- Online quizzes where answers are released to students on completion;
- Professional assessment tasks, where the intention is to create an authentic assessment that has an absolute submission date; and,
- Pass/Fail assessment tasks.

## Faculty-specific Information

[Engineering Student Support Services](#) – The Nucleus - enrolment, progression checks, clash requests, course issues or program-related queries

[Engineering Industrial Training](#) – Industrial training questions

[UNSW Study Abroad](#) – study abroad student enquiries (for inbound students)

[UNSW Exchange](#) – student exchange enquiries (for inbound students)

[UNSW Future Students](#) – potential student enquiries e.g. admissions, fees, programs, credit transfer

## Phone

(+61 2) 9385 8500 – Nucleus Student Hub

(+61 2) 9385 7661 – Engineering Industrial Training

(+61 2) 9385 3179 – UNSW Study Abroad and UNSW Exchange (for inbound students)

## School-specific Information

### Course Workload

Course workload is calculated using the Units-Of-Credit (UOC). The normal workload expectation for one UOC is approximately 25 hours per term. This includes class contact hours, private study, other learning activities, preparation and time spent on all assessable work.

Most coursework courses at UNSW are 6 UOC and involve an estimated 150 hours to complete, for both regular and intensive terms. Each course includes a prescribed number of hours per week (h/w) of scheduled face-to-face and/or online contact. Any additional time beyond the prescribed contact hours should be spent in making sure that you understand the lecture material, completing the set assignments, further reading, and revising for any examinations. Most 6 UoC courses will involve approximately 10-12 hours per week of work on your part. If you're not sure what to do in these hours of independent study, the resources on the [UNSW Academic Skills](#) pages offer some suggestions including: making summaries of lectures, read/summarise sections from the textbook, attempt workshop problems, reattempting workshop problems with some hints from the solutions, looking for additional problems in the textbook.

Full-time enrolment at university means that it is a *full-time* occupation for you and so you would typically need to devote 35 hours per week to your studies to succeed. Full-time enrolment at university is definitely incompatible with full-time employment. Part-time/casual employment can certainly fit into your study schedule but you will have to carefully balance your study obligations with that work and decide how much time for leisure, family, and sleep you want left after fulfilling your commitments to study and work. Everyone only gets 168 hours per week; overloading yourself with both study commitments and work commitments leads to poor outcomes and dissatisfaction with both, overtiredness, mental health issues, and general poor

quality of life.

## **On-campus Class Attendance**

Most classes at UNSW are "In Person" and run in a face-to-face mode only. Attendance and participation in the classes is expected. As an evidence-driven engineer or scientist, you'll be interested to know that education research has shown students learn more effectively when they come to class, and less effectively from lecture catch-up recordings. If you have to miss a class due to illness, for example, we expect you to catch up in your time, and within the coming couple of days.

For most courses that are running in an "in person" mode:

- Lectures are normally recorded to provide an opportunity to review material after the lecture; lecture recordings are not a substitute for attending and engaging with the live class.
- Workshops/tutorials are not normally recorded as the activities that are run within those sessions normally cannot be captured by a recording. These activities may also include assessable activities in some or all weeks of the term.
- Laboratories are not recorded and require in-person attendance. Missing laboratory sessions may require you to do a make-up session later in the term; if you miss too many laboratory sessions, it may be necessary to seek a Permitted Withdrawal from the course and reattempt it next year, or end up with an Unsatisfactory Fail for the course.
- Assessments will often require in-person attendance in a timetabled class or a scheduled examination.

## **Submission of Assessment Tasks**

In the School of Chemical Engineering, all written work will be submitted for assessment via Moodle unless otherwise specified. Attaching cover sheets to uploaded work is *not* required unless specifically requested for an individual assessment task; when you submit work through Moodle for assessment you are agreeing to uphold the Student Code.

Some assessments will require you to complete the work online and it may be difficult for the course coordinator to intervene in the system after the due date. You should ensure that you are familiar with assessment systems well before the due date. If you do this, you will have time to get assistance before the assessment closes.

All submissions are expected to be neat and clearly set out. Your results are the pinnacle of all your hard work and should be treated with respect. Presenting results clearly gives the marker the best chance of understanding your method; even if the numerical results are incorrect.

Please make it easy for the markers who are looking at your work to see your achievement and give you due credit.

Marking guidelines for assignment submissions will be provided at the same time as assignment details to assist with meeting assessable requirements. Submissions will be marked according to the marking guidelines provided.

## Academic Integrity

**Academic integrity** is fundamental to success at university. Academic integrity can be defined as a commitment to six fundamental values in academic pursuits: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, responsibility and courage (International Center for Academic Integrity, 'The Fundamental Values of Academic Integrity', T. Fishman (ed), Clemson University, 2013). At UNSW, this means that your work must be your own, and others' ideas should be appropriately acknowledged. If you don't follow these rules, plagiarism may be detected in your work.

Further information about academic integrity and plagiarism can be located at:

- The [Current Students site](#)
- The [ELISE training site](#)

The Conduct and Integrity Unit provides further resources to assist you to understand your conduct obligations as a student: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/conduct>.

To help describe what we are looking for, here are some things that we consider to be quite acceptable (even desirable!) actions for many assessments, and some that we consider to be unacceptable in most circumstances. Please check with the instructions for your assessments and your course coordinator if you're unsure. As a rule of thumb, if you don't think you could look the lecturer in the eye and say "this is my own work", then it's not acceptable.

### Acceptable actions

☑ reading/searching through material we have given you, including lecture slides, course notes, sample problems, workshop problem solutions

☑ reading/searching lecture transcripts

☑ reading/searching resources that we have pointed you to as part of this course, including textbooks, journal articles, websites

- ☒ reading/searching through your own notes for this course
- ☒ all of the above, for any previous courses
- ☒ using spell checkers, grammar checkers etc to improve the quality of your writing
- ☒ studying course material with other students

### Unacceptable actions

- ☒ asking for help completing an assessment from other students, friends, family
- ☒ asking for help on Q&A or homework help websites
- ☒ searching for answers to the specific assessment questions online or in shared documents
- ☒ copying material from any source into your answers
- ☒ using generative AI tools to complete or substantially complete an assessment for you
- ☒ paying someone else to do the assessment for you

**Referencing** is a way of acknowledging the sources of information that you use to research your assignments. You need to provide a reference whenever you draw on someone else's words, ideas or research. Not referencing other people's work can constitute plagiarism. Further information about referencing styles can be located at <https://student.unsw.edu.au/referencing>.

For assessments in the School of Chemical Engineering, we recommend the use of referencing software such as [Mendeley](#) or [EndNote](#) for managing references and citations. Unless required otherwise specified (i.e. in the assignment instructions) students in the School of Chemical Engineering should use either the APA 7th edition, or the American Chemical Society (ACS) referencing style as canonical author-date and numbered styles respectively.

**Artificial intelligence tools** such as ChatGPT, CodePilot, and built-in tools within Word are modern tools that are useful in some circumstances. In your degree at UNSW, we're teaching you skills that are needed for your professional life, which will include how to use AI tools responsibly plus lots of things that AI tools cannot do for you. AI tools already are (or will soon be) part of professional practice for all of us. However, if we were only teaching you things that AI could do, your degree would be worthless, and you wouldn't have a job in 5 years.

Whether the use of AI tools in an assessment is appropriate will depend on the goals of that assessment. As ever, you should discuss this with your lecturers – there will certainly be assessments where the use of AI tools is encouraged, as well as others where it would interfere with your learning and place you at a disadvantage later. Our goal is to help you learn how to ethically and professionally use the tools available to you. To learn more about the use of AI, [see this discussion we have written](#) where we analyse the strengths and weaknesses of generative AI tools and discuss when it is professionally and ethically appropriate to use them.

While AI may might provide useful tools to help with some assessments, UNSW's policy is quite clear that taking the output of generative AI and submitting it as your own work will never be appropriate, just as paying someone else to complete an assessment for you is serious misconduct.

## Asking Questions

Asking questions is an important part of learning. Learning to ask good questions and building the confidence to do so in front of others is an important professional skill that you need to develop. The best place to ask questions is during the scheduled classes for this course, with the obvious exception being questions that are private in nature such as special consideration or equitable learning plans. Between classes, you might also think of questions – some of those you might save up for the next class (write them down!), and some of them you might ask in a Q&A channel on Teams or a Q&A forum on Moodle. Please understand that staff won't be able to answer questions on Teams/Moodle immediately but will endeavour to do so during their regular working hours (i.e. probably not at midnight!) and when they are next working on this particular course (i.e. it might be a day or two). Please respect that staff are juggling multiple work responsibilities (teaching more than one course, supervising research students, doing experiments, writing grants, ...) and also need to have balance between work and the rest of their life.

## School Contact Information

For assistance with enrolment, class registration, progression checks and other administrative matters, please see [the Nucleus: Student Hub](#). They are located inside the Library – first right as you enter the main library entrance. You can also contact them via <http://unsw.to/webforms> or reserve a place in the face-to-face queue using the UniVerse app.

For course administration matters, please contact the Course Coordinator.

Questions about the this course should normally be asked during the scheduled class so that everyone can benefit from the answer and discussion.