

SGY700 Foundations of Anterior Hip Arthroplasty

School: School of Health - Anatomy

2026 | Session 2

Online

ONLINE

You can do this course without coming onto campus, unless your program has specified a mandatory onsite requirement.

Please go to unisc.edu.au for up to date information on the teaching sessions and campuses where this course is usually offered.

1. What is this course about?

1.1. Description

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the theoretical, technical and clinical knowledge considered necessary for surgeons learning the direct anterior approach to total hip arthroplasty (DAA|THA).

1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
ONLINE			
Online – 12 modules of structured asynchronous online learning activities.	4hrs	Week 1	12 times

1.3. Course Topics

The course will comprise of 12 online asynchronous modules. Each module will be complemented with case- and scenario- based learning activities, so that the student can self-evaluate their progress and revise the content in preparation for assessment tasks 1 and 2.

- Functional anatomy, physiology and pathologies of the pelvis and hip
- History and latest advances in total hip arthroplasty
- Prosthesis design, selection and implantation
- Imaging and pre-operative planning
- Anaesthetic techniques, peri-operative protocols, and pain management
- Orthopaedic assessment and patient selection, positioning and surgical approach
- Direct anterior approach to total hip arthroplasty procedure and perioperative care
- Traditional anterior minimally invasive surgery and off-table modifications
- Avoiding and managing complication
- Postoperative recovery, physiotherapy and rehabilitation
- Revision surgery and bikini incision technique
- Complex primary total hip arthroplasty

2. What level is this course?

700 Level (Specialised)

Demonstrating a specialised body of knowledge and set of skills for professional practice or further learning. Advanced application of knowledge and skills in unfamiliar contexts.

3. What is the unit value of this course?

12 units

4. How does this course contribute to my learning?

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES	GRADUATE QUALITIES
On successful completion of this course, you should be able to...	Completing these tasks successfully will contribute to you becoming...
1 Explain the hip and pelvis in anatomical, physiological and pathological terms.	Knowledgeable
2 Demonstrate a comprehensive technical knowledge of hip prostheses, materials and tribology.	Empowered
3 Apply appropriate clinical and radiological evaluation techniques to identify candidates for DAATHA.	Creative and critical thinker
4 Demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of the technical aspects required to perform direct anterior approach total hip arthroplasty.	Empowered Sustainability-focussed
5 Demonstrate a safe approach to complication management.	Creative and critical thinker
6 Develop appropriate perioperative protocols to improve patient experience and outcomes.	Ethical

5. Am I eligible to enrol in this course?

Refer to the [UniSC Glossary of terms](#) for definitions of “pre-requisites, co-requisites and anti-requisites”.

5.1. Pre-requisites

Enrolled in Program SC526

5.2. Co-requisites

Not applicable

5.3. Anti-requisites

Not applicable

5.4. Specific assumed prior knowledge and skills (where applicable)

Not applicable

5.5. Microcredential Information

Not applicable

6. How am I going to be assessed?

6.1. Grading Scale

Standard Grading (GRD)

High Distinction (HD), Distinction (DN), Credit (CR), Pass (PS), Fail (FL).

6.2. Details of early feedback on progress

Early formative feedback checkpoints are embedded throughout each of the course modules. These concept checks are constructively aligned to scaffold and prepare students for summative assessment tasks in this course.

6.3. Assessment tasks

DELIVERY MODE	TASK NO.	ASSESSMENT PRODUCT	INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP	WEIGHTING %	WHAT IS THE DURATION / LENGTH?	WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT?	WHERE SHOULD I SUBMIT IT?
All	1	Quiz/zes	Individual	50%	30 minutes per quiz, to be completed after each module.	Throughout teaching period (refer to Format)	Online Test (Quiz)
All	2	Artefact - Professional, and Written Piece	Individual	50%	Maximum 2000 word submission.	Refer to Format	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check

All - Assessment Task 1: Case-based concept evaluation

GOAL:	To demonstrate and apply your knowledge, and comprehension of all aspects relating to the direct anterior approach for total hip arthroplasty, through a range of technical, clinical and surgical scenarios.		
PRODUCT:	Quiz/zes		
AUTHORSHIP STATEMENT:			
FORMAT:	Multiple choice and short answer questions. Two attempts per quiz.		
CRITERIA:	No.		Learning Outcome assessed
	1	To demonstrate your knowledge, understanding and comprehension of all aspects relating to the direct anterior approach to total hip arthroplasty.	1 2 3 6
	2	Evaluate and apply ethical and professional best practice outcomes for patient-centred care.	4
GENERIC SKILLS:	Communication, Problem solving, Applying technologies, Information literacy		

All - Assessment Task 2: Artefact Case evaluations

GOAL:	To demonstrate and apply your understanding of the latest advances in anterior hip arthroplasty and revision surgeries to enact best surgical practice, post-operative rehabilitation for improved patient health outcomes.													
PRODUCT:	Artefact - Professional, and Written Piece													
AUTHORSHIP STATEMENT:														
FORMAT:	Select 5 clinical vignettes (comprising of clinical history, pertinent examination findings and radiological findings), to conduct an orthopaedic preoperative assessment to determine patient suitability for DAATHA. Also outline the pre-operative assessment, perioperative surgical milestones and subsequent postoperative care plan. To be submitted by Friday week 8 of the session enrolled.													
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7. Directed study hours

A 12-unit course will have total of 150 learning hours which will include directed study hours (including online if required), self-directed learning and completion of assessable tasks. Student workload is calculated at 12.5 learning hours per one unit.

8. What resources do I need to undertake this course?

Please note: Course information, including specific information of recommended readings, learning activities, resources, weekly readings, etc. are available on the course Canvas site– Please log in as soon as possible.

8.1. Prescribed text(s) or course reader

There are no required/recommended resources for this course.

8.2. Specific requirements

Not applicable

9. How are risks managed in this course?

Health and safety risks for this course have been assessed as low. It is your responsibility to review course material, search online, discuss with lecturers and peers and understand the health and safety risks associated with your specific course of study and to familiarise yourself with the University's general health and safety principles by reviewing the [online induction training for students](#), and following the instructions of the University staff.

10. What administrative information is relevant to this course?

10.1. Assessment: Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the ethical standard of university participation. It ensures that students graduate as a result of proving they are competent in their discipline. This is integral in maintaining the value of academic qualifications. Each industry has expectations and standards of the skills and knowledge within that discipline and these are reflected in assessment.

Academic integrity means that you do not engage in any activity that is considered to be academic fraud; including plagiarism, collusion or outsourcing any part of any assessment item to any other person. You are expected to be honest and ethical by completing all work yourself and indicating in your work which ideas and information were developed by you and which were taken from others. You cannot provide your assessment work to others. You are also expected to provide evidence of wide and critical reading, usually by using appropriate academic references.

In order to minimise incidents of academic fraud, this course may require that some of its assessment tasks, when submitted to Canvas, are electronically checked through Turnitin. This software allows for text comparisons to be made between your submitted assessment item and all other work to which Turnitin has access.

10.2. Assessment: Additional Requirements

Eligibility for Supplementary Assessment

Your eligibility for supplementary assessment in a course is dependent of the following conditions applying:

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10.3. Assessment: Submission penalties

Late submissions may be penalised up to and including the following maximum percentage of the assessment task's identified value, with weekdays and weekends included in the calculation of days late:

- (a) One day: deduct 5%;
- (b) Two days: deduct 10%;
- (c) Three days: deduct 20%;
- (d) Four days: deduct 40%;
- (e) Five days: deduct 60%;
- (f) Six days: deduct 80%;
- (g) Seven days: A result of zero is awarded for the assessment task.

The following penalties will apply for a late submission for an online examination:

- Less than 15 minutes: No penalty
- From 15 minutes to 30 minutes: 20% penalty
- More than 30 minutes: 100% penalty

10.4. Links to relevant University policy and procedures

For more information on Academic Learning & Teaching categories including:

- Assessment: Courses and Coursework Programs
- Review of Assessment and Final Grades
- Supplementary Assessment
- Central Examinations
- Deferred Examinations
- Student Conduct
- Students with a Disability

For more information, visit <https://www.usc.edu.au/explore/policies-and-procedures#academic-learning-and-teaching>

10.5. Student Charter

UniSC is committed to excellence in teaching, research and engagement in an environment that is inclusive, inspiring, safe and respectful. The [Student Charter](#) sets out what students can expect from the University, and what in turn is expected of students, to achieve these outcomes.

10.6. General Enquiries

In person:

- **UniSC Sunshine Coast** - Student Central, Ground Floor, Building C, 90 Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs
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