



Graduate Certificate in Health-General Practice Nursing 2010

Educational Aims

The program aims to provide a sound theoretical and clinical basis for nursing practice in a primary care setting. It will equip registered nurses to practice collaboratively with general practitioners and other health professionals in promoting the health and well being of individuals, families and the community.

Expected Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this topic, students will be able to:

- demonstrate the ability to formulate, implement and evaluate nursing practice protocols, guidelines and clinical pathways based on evidence based best practice principles in the context of General Practice
- differentiate the role of the registered nurse, the general practitioner, and the practice manager within the General Practice context
- demonstrate the ability to incorporate clinical decision support systems (integrating clinical guidelines) into clinical practice
- incorporate risk management strategies into clinical nursing practice to promote a safe care environment, and continuous quality improvement
- critically analyse clinical nursing practice within General Practice to promote optimal outcomes for patients
- implement behavioural change strategies to promote the patient's confidence in self-care management
- integrate and promote a consumer focus within the General Practice Nursing context
- employ sound ethical, professional, legal and creative problem solving abilities in decision making.
- critically analyse own clinical nursing practice and to implement change based on evidence based best practice
- demonstrate effective and collaborative work practices within the multidisciplinary health care team within general practice
- demonstrate clinical competence within the general practice context.

Syllabus

The modules of study covered in the topic will include: Professional Context of GP Nursing (evidence based practice & professional issues); Legal Aspects; Ethics; Cultural Considerations; General Practice Management; Communication; Conflict Resolution; Health Promotion; Enhanced Primary Care Assessment (x 2 weeks); Informatics; Risk Management & Infection Control (related to primary health care) and Pathology.

This topic will include four compulsory modules of study plus a choice from nine elective modules.

Compulsory modules include: Triage; Mental Health; Palliative Care; Alcohol and Drugs.

Elective modules include: Immunisation; Diabetes; Wound Management; Women's Health; Cardiac Care; Maternal Health; Paediatrics; Trauma for Rural Nurses; Domestic Violence; Respiratory Care and Chest Pain.

These modules will be developed in the context of primary health nursing and if the student wishes to develop further skills as a speciality, referral information will be provided at the end of each module.

Course costs are \$ 1,327 for each semester

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