Graduate Certificate in Intensive Care Nursing (NS30)

Year offered: 2010
Admissions: No
Course duration (part-time): 2 semesters
Course duration (external): 2 semesters
Domestic fees (indicative): 2010: Full fee tuition $7,250 (indicative) per semester
International Fees (indicative): 2010: $10,500 (indicative) per semester
Domestic Entry: February and July
Total credit points: 48
Standard credit points per part-time semester: 24
Course coordinator: All course enquiries to email: nursing.enquiries@qut.com or phone: 07 3138 3824
Discipline coordinator: Dr Fiona Coyer
Campus: Kelvin Grove

No further intake
No new admissions are being accepted into this program from 2009. A study area in Intensive Care Nursing is available in NS32 Graduate Certificate in Nursing.

Overview
The Graduate Certificate in Intensive Care Nursing has been designed to provide graduates with a short, focused program to upgrade qualifications, knowledge and skills in intensive care nursing. The course will enable students to develop competence in the practice of intensive care nursing, examine major issues and trends in intensive care nursing scholarship and practice and develop an understanding of research applied to intensive care nursing practice. Students are required to undertake suitable workplace based clinical experience during the program, by maintaining employment in a level two or three intensive care unit at least 0.6 FTE.

Entry requirements
Applicants must be registered as a nurse with the Queensland Nursing Council (QNC) or the nurse regulatory authority in the student's state or territory of residence, have a degree in nursing (or equivalent) from a recognised institution, and normally have at least one year of appropriate post-registration clinical experience. Students enrolling must have had at least three months recent clinical experience in an intensive care facility and be working at least 0.6 FTE in a level two or three intensive care facility.

Applicants may be admitted on the basis of relevant experience at the discretion of the Head of School of Nursing.

All applicants should complete the questionnaire to accompany their applications available at http://www.studentservices.qut.edu.au/pdfs/forms/pg_forms/PostgradNursingQuestion.pdf

Course Structure
The Graduate Certificate in Intensive Care Nursing comprises four units. Three core units address topics including advanced health assessment; evidence based approaches to nursing practice in intensive care; and theory, processes and practices associated with preventing and managing common health problems experienced by clients within an intensive care environment. The fourth unit enables students to further develop knowledge and skills relevant to a particular critical care environment. These environments may include cardiac, emergency or intensive care practice settings.

The course can be undertaken by internal or external mode and mid-year entry is available.

Course Articulation
The Graduate Certificate in Intensive Care Nursing has full articulation with the Graduate Diploma in Nursing and the Master of Nursing programs.

International Student Entry
This course is not available to international students.

Further information
For further information about this course, please call the School of Nursing and Midwifery +617 3138 3824 or email nursing.enquiries@qut.com

Part-Time Course Structure (February entry)

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Potential Careers:
Nurse.

UNIT SYNOPSES

NSN701 ADVANCED HEALTH ASSESSMENT
This unit aims to develop an advanced understanding of health assessment in nursing practice. This will be achieved by exploring the theoretical, conceptual and practical knowledge required to effectively assess the individual, family and their environment to provide nursing care within the context of specialist practice.

Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 3 per week  Campus: Kelvin Grove and External  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1

NSN721 KEY ISSUES IN EMERGENCY AND INTENSIVE CARE NURSING
Health service delivery is undergoing rapid change, and the nature and scope of nursing practice reflects this. Registered nurses working in Intensive Care and Emergency settings require the ability to care for patients that are increasingly critically ill in an environment that evidences increasingly complex technology. As such, registered nurses require knowledge and skills that enable them to understand a client’s health needs, determine appropriate interventions, predict and manage complications, and develop specific plans of care for critically ill individuals and their families that are appropriate to their unique needs and personal context.

Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 3 per week  Campus: Kelvin Grove and External  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1

NSN722 PRINCIPLES OF INTENSIVE CARE NURSING
Registered nurses working in Intensive Care require the ability to care for patients who are increasingly critically ill in an environment that evidences increasingly complex technology. Nurses working in this field require an advanced level of knowledge of evidence based principles and practices appropriate to prevent and manage these health problems, as well as skills in the implementation and evaluation of intervention strategies, in the context of a multidisciplinary team.

Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 3 per week  Campus: Kelvin Grove and External  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-2

NSN723 SPECIALISATION IN CRITICAL CARE NURSING
Critical care environments provide care for individuals with a diverse range of health problems. This unit will provide the opportunity for students to further develop and consolidate prior learning in a critical care clinical setting of their choice. In this unit students will expand on their theoretical, professional & practical knowledge to assess patients, plan and implement nursing care in a particular critical care environment.

Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 3 per week  Campus: Kelvin Grove and External  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-2