Graduate Certificate in Cancer Nursing (NS31)

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
Domestic Entry: February and July
Total credit points: 48
Standard credit points per part-time semester: 24
Course coordinator: All course enquires to email: nursing.enquiries@qut.com or phone: 07 3138 3824
Discipline coordinator: Prof Patsy Yates
Campus: Kelvin Grove

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

Overview
The Graduate Certificate in Cancer Nursing has been designed to provide graduates with a short, focused program to upgrade qualifications, knowledge and skills in cancer nursing. The course will enable students to develop competence in the practice of cancer nursing, examine major issues and trends in cancer nursing scholarship and practice, and develop an understanding of research applied to cancer nursing practice. Students are normally required to undertake suitable workplace based clinical experience during the program, by maintaining employment in an oncology/haematology setting 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.

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

Students not employed in a clinical setting relevant to their program may be required to undertake additional supernumerary clinical experiences to meet the requirements of the course.

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
This course comprises three core units and one elective unit offered by the School of Nursing. Core units address topics including advanced health assessment, evidence based approaches to nursing practice in cancer care; and theory, processes and practices associated with preventing and managing common health problems experienced by people with oncological or haematological malignancies. The elective unit enables students to further develop knowledge and skills relevant to a particular speciality within the field of cancer care. These may include chemotherapy practice settings, palliative care services, transplant units or other selected areas of cancer practice.

This course can be undertaken by internal or external mode and may be commenced mid-year.

Course Articulation
The Graduate Certificate in Cancer Nursing has full articulation with the Graduate Diploma of Nursing or the Master of Nursing.

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

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

Part-Time Course structure

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year 1, Semester 1</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>NSN701 Advanced Health Assessment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NSN724 Advanced Nursing Practice</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year 1, Semester 2</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>NSN726 Advanced Clinical Practice</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NSN723 Specialisation in Critical Care Nursing or</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NSN725 Specialisation in Medical/Surgical And Cancer Nursing</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

UNIT SYNOPSISES
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

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

NSN724 ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE
This unit is designed to present a foundation of theoretical and practice concepts required for registered nurses to provide effective, consumer focused nursing care within a variety of clinical contexts in a range of practice settings. The unit provides a framework from which students can develop an understanding of the impact of selected health problems on individuals, families, and communities. This will include practice concepts (philosophies, evidence based practice, competencies and continuity of care); physiological, pathophysiological and psychosocial underpinnings of advanced speciality or generalist practice; planning of appropriate strategies/interventions for client care; and development of related technical skills.

Credit points: 12  Campus: Kelvin Grove and External  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1

NSN725 SPECIALISATION IN MEDICAL/SURGICAL AND CANCER NURSING
This clinically based unit will provide the opportunity for students to further develop and consolidate prior learning in a clinical setting of their choice. This unit will enable students to discuss issues and trends occurring in nursing practice in a selected medical/surgical or cancer care environment, and critically analyse the advanced concepts that underpin specialist nursing practice. Students will demonstrate clinical judgement and reflective skills through the application of theoretical concepts to common health problems experienced by clients in a selected medical/surgical or cancer care environment.

Prerequisite(s): NSN701  Contact hours: Negotiable  Campus: Kelvin Grove and External

NSN726 ADVANCED CLINICAL PRACTICE
This unit aims to develop students' understanding of the theory, process and practice of advanced nursing in a designated practice context, to enable them to effectively prevent and manage common health problems experienced by individuals and families in a range of locations within their field. Content which relates to a broad range of clinical nursing practice will be addressed. This will include: physiological, pathophysiological and psychosocial underpinnings of advanced nursing practice across a broad range of body systems and health problems; planning of appropriate strategies/interventions for client care; and development of related technical skills.

Credit points: 12  Campus: Kelvin Grove and External  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-2