Graduate Certificate in Community Practice (NS34)

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 enquiries to email: nursing.enquiries@qut.com or phone: 07 3138 3824
Discipline coordinator: Ms Fran Sanders
Campus: Kelvin Grove

No further intake
This course is being discontinued and no new admissions will be accepted from 2009.

Overview
The Graduate Certificate in Community Practice has been designed to provide graduates from nursing and other health disciplines with a short, focused program to upgrade qualifications, knowledge and skills in community health. The course is designed for registered nurses or other health professionals working in community settings to enable them to develop advanced knowledge and skills in key areas of community health practice. Students will examine major issues and trends in community health practice, and develop an understanding of research and evaluation applied to community health practice.

Entry requirements
Applicants for admission must have a degree or diploma in a health profession (or equivalent). Applicants who are registered nurses or who hold other qualifications and/or professional experience approved by the Head of School of Nursing may be admitted.

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 Community Practice comprises three core units and one elective unit offered by the School of Nursing. Core units address topics including: principles of primary health care, including community participation, public health and health promotion; developing and maintaining collaborative partnerships in community practice; and project management and program planning, implementation and evaluation in community practice. The elective unit enables students to further develop knowledge and skills in an area of choice relevant to community health practice.

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

Course Articulation
The Graduate Certificate in Community Practice 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 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

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NSN508 Advanced Readings in Nursing
NSN427 Prevention of Violence Against Women
NSN626 Studies in Dementia
NSN516 Sexual and Reproductive Health

Potential Careers:
Nurse, Secondary School Teacher, Statistician.

UNIT SYNOPSES

HLN405 QUALITATIVE RESEARCH
This unit addresses a range of qualitative methodologies and methods which represent alternative approaches to the application of the quantitative paradigm in health science research. The predominance of the natural sciences in nursing/health research has come into question in recent times and thus the unit introduces students to the origins of such challenges, to the knowledge bases of the alternative approaches to investigating the microsocial world of health/illness and to the relevant research methods. The unit comprises a series of lectures, seminar presentations and relevant readings.
Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 3 per week  Campus: Kelvin Grove and External  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

NSN427 PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
The unit explores the prevalence, incidence, and impact of abuse on the individual, family, community and society. A range of approaches to prevention and intervention will be explored, both from local, national and international perspectives, to enable students to contextualise the learning to their discipline area.
Credit points: 12  Campus: Kelvin Grove  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-2

NSN508 ADVANCED READINGS IN NURSING
This unit provides the opportunity for students to access and review a body of literature relevant to an area of individual interest in nursing. This will enable students to extend their knowledge and understanding of a topic which is not specifically addressed elsewhere in the course. In addition, students undertaking this unit will have the opportunity to develop advanced skills information retrieval, critical analysis and writing for publication.
Credit points: 12  Campus: Kelvin Grove and External  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

NSN516 SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH
This unit will bring together current research and evidence-based practice and information as well as, a health-oriented approach to the subject of sexuality and reproduction. The purpose of this unit is to highlight the fundamental issue that even though screening programs have emerged and improved women's health, women continue to have health problems that are unique to them as women. The aim of this unit is for the student to come to the understanding that a woman's sexual health encompasses not only the medical and physical components of sexual activity but a holistic understanding of physical and mental health. These are seen as being influenced by self-esteem, values, culture and socio-economic factors as well as societal influences.
Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 3 per week  Campus: Kelvin Grove and External  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-2

NSN626 STUDIES IN DEMENTIA
Dementia is characterised by progressive impairment of brain functions involving memory, perception, language, personality and cognition. Estimates of the prevalence of dementia have been reported as doubling every five years of age after the age of 65 and as affecting nearly one in four of those aged 85 and over (AIHW, 2004). Providing services for people with dementia and support to their carers presents a significant challenge to health service providers both now and into the future. The aim of this unit is to allow you to explore a range of health service delivery and community care issues associated with dementia, particularly Alzheimer's disease.
Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 3 per week  Campus: Kelvin Grove and External  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1

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

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

PUN106 POPULATION HEALTH
This unit addresses some of the significant issues of population health including the complex relationship between health and social, economic, political and lifestyle factors and social disadvantage and health. It examines contemporary concepts of health and illness also draws on international examples. Potential health issues facing Australia and the world, such as the aging of the population, the impact of genetic technology on health and the health of specific sub-populations are also examined.
Antirequisites: PUP010    Credit points: 12    Contact hours: 3    Campus: External    Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1

PUP034 ADVANCED STUDIES AND PRACTICE IN HEALTH PROMOTION
This advanced unit identifies the repertoire of practice skills that health promotion students need to address health problems. It integrates needs identification, systematic planning and evaluation models into practice. Internal students put this knowledge into practice through participation in a group based health promotion project. The process of developing and implementing a health promotion program develops an understanding of issues such as ethics, writing goals and objectives, resources and time management. External students conduct a needs assessment and use the data to write a health promotion program proposal.
Prerequisites: PUP032 and PUP038    Antirequisites: PUN613 and PUP023    Credit points: 12    Contact hours: 3 per week    Campus: Kelvin Grove and External    Teaching period: 2010 SEM-2

PUP037 HEALTH PROGRAM EVALUATION
The aim of the unit is to provide students with skills and knowledge of health program evaluation, its place in public health and health sector contexts, the influences of evidence and contexts, both organisational and political in program evaluation and the application of program evaluation techniques. This unit complements health studies and deepens students' understanding of program evaluation in practice.
Assumed knowledge: Knowledge of the principles of health promotion planning is assumed.    Credit points: 12    Campus: Kelvin Grove and External    Teaching period: 2010 SEM-2

PUP038 NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN HEALTH PROMOTION
The unit provides students with a critical understanding of the foundations of health promotion nationally and internationally, and its influence and evidence in improving population health outcomes through new conceptual and practice perspectives. This unit complements public health and other studies and provides a foundation for health professionals of the fundamental underpinnings of the discipline nationally and internationally.
Credit points: 12    Campus: Kelvin Grove and External    Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1