Graduate Certificate in Paediatric, Child and Youth Health Nursing (NS35)

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
Total credit points: 48
Standard credit points per part-time semester: 24
Course coordinator: Dr Fiona Coyer
Discipline coordinator: Ms Jo Ramsbotham
Campus: Kelvin Grove

No further intake
No new admissions are being accepted into this program from 2009. A study area in Paediatric, Child and Youth Health Nursing is available in NS32 Graduate Certificate in Nursing.

Overview
This course is designed for nurses working in either acute or community settings to enable them to develop competence in the practice of paediatric, child and youth health nursing. Students will examine major issues and trends in paediatric, child and youth health nursing scholarship and practice, and develop an understanding of research applied to paediatric, child and youth health nursing practice.

Students are normally required to undertake suitable workplace-based clinical experience during the program, by maintaining employment in an acute paediatric or community child or youth health setting at least 0.6 FTE. Students who are not working in a suitable clinical or community setting during the course will be required to undertake additional supernumerary clinical experience to meet the requirements of the course.

Entry requirements
Students 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 gained a degree in nursing (or equivalent) from a recognised institution, and normally have at least one year of appropriate post-registration clinical experience.

Students who are 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.

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

Course Structure
This course comprises four units. The three core units address topics including child and family health assessment; evidence-based approaches to practice in paediatric, child and youth health nursing; and theory, processes and practices associated with primary and secondary prevention and management of common health problems experienced by individuals and families within paediatric, child and youth health settings.

The choice of elective units enables students to further develop knowledge and skills relevant to particular specialities within either acute paediatric or community child and youth health settings. This course may be undertaken by internal or external mode.

Course Articulation
The Graduate Certificate in Paediatric, Child and Youth Health 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 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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UNIT SYNOPSES

NSN002 KEY ISSUES IN CHILD AND YOUTH HEALTH NURSING
This unit addresses contemporary issues in child and youth health, to provide the basis for further study in this field. A Primary Health Care framework will be used to consider issues that impact on the health of children and young people. In addition key policy frameworks will provide direction for study in the unit. The unit will consider the impact of social determinants on child, youth and family health and examine current strategies to address such impacts. Students will have the opportunity to examine local programs and strategies aimed at improving health outcomes.

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

NSN003 PRINCIPLES OF PAEDIATRIC, CHILD AND YOUTH HEALTH NURSING
Students in this unit are introduced to issues facing nursing when providing care for children and families in the acute and community service environment. The unit presents an overview of the contemporary health problems faced by the Australian child and family and explores nursing interventions that enhance adaptation and health.

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

NSN004 ACUTE PAEDIATRIC NURSING
This unit is designed to provide registered nurses with advanced knowledge and skills to enable them to provide safe and competent care to children experiencing acute paediatric illness. This unit will focus on acute health problems in children, employing clinical assessment, problem solving and critical thinking skills. Following completion of this unit the registered nurse will be able to demonstrate knowledge and skills in the nursing management of acute and chronic health problems within paediatric clinical practice.

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

NSN005 COMMUNITY CHILD AND YOUTH HEALTH NURSING
This unit is designed to provide a sound basis for nursing practice in the area of community child and youth health. Students will examine contemporary issues relating to their professional role in caring for children, youth and families within the community context. The unit adopts a primary health care approach to examine the nurses’ role in primary and secondary prevention, in supporting families in the community and in health education and community development.

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

NSN006 SPECIALISATION IN PAEDIATRIC, CHILD AND YOUTH HEALTH NURSING
This unit will provide students with clinical knowledge and understanding in a selected area of paediatric or child and youth health sub-speciality. The unit is based on a learning contract that will include both theoretical and clinical learning activities and assessment.

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