Graduate Certificate in Emergency Nursing (NS41)

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: 12
Course coordinator: Dr Fiona Coyer
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 Emergency Nursing is available in NS32 Graduate Certificate in Nursing.

Overview
The Graduate Certificate in Emergency Nursing is offered in conjunction with key industry partners. Two units (24 credit points) are advanced standing from accredited programs, such as the Queensland Health Transition to Emergency Nursing program. The remaining two units (24 credit points) in the Graduate Certificate in Emergency Nursing address topics such as nursing assessment, evidence-based approaches to nursing practice in the emergency setting and the process and practices associated with managing common client presentations to the the emergency settings.

Entry Requirements
Applicants must be eligible for registration as a nurse with the Queensland Nursing Council (QNC), have a degree in nursing (or equivalent) from a recognised institution, have completed the Queensland Health Transition to Emergency Nursing Program (or its equivalent) within the past three years, normally have at least one year of appropriate post-registration clinical experience, have at least three months recent clinical experience in an emergency facility, and be working at least 0.6 FTE in a level four-six emergency facility.

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

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

Course Structure
The Graduate Certificate comprises 48 credit points made up of 24 credit points advanced standing from accredited programs, plus 24 credit points from units offered by the School of Nursing.

The course may be undertaken in internal or external mode and is available for mid-year entry.

Course Articulation
All units successfully completed may be credited towards the Graduate Diploma in Nursing or the Master of Nursing.

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 on +617 3138 3824 or email nursing.enquiries@qut.com

Part-time Course Structure

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Students who enrol in July undertake NSN723 in the first semester

UNIT SYNOPSIS

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:
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