



The University of Southern Queensland

## Course specification

The current and official versions of the course specifications are available on the web at <http://www.usq.edu.au/coursespecification/current>.  
Please consult the web for updates that may occur during the year.

### Description: Contemporary Nursing Issues

Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
NUR	3250	78663	2, 2008	EXT	1.00	Toowoomba

<b>Academic group:</b>	FOSCI
<b>Academic org:</b>	FOS004
<b>Student contribution band:</b>	National Priority Nursing
<b>ASCED code:</b>	060301

### STAFFING

Examiner: Cheryl Perrin  
Moderator: Roslyn Reilly

### REQUISITES

Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in Program: BNPO

### RATIONALE

Nurses require knowledge of contemporary issues such as leadership, management and models of health care to be able to fulfil their professional roles in rapidly changing health care systems.

### SYNOPSIS

This course introduces nurses to leadership, management issues and model of health care as well as building on their knowledge of professional nursing issues relevant to their country of employment.

### OBJECTIVES

On completion of this course students will be able to:

1. identify the major management and leadership theories and apply to contemporary nursing (Assignment 1);
2. analyse nursing's responses to changes in health care systems, both in terms of changes in consumer needs and in models of health care (Assignment 2).

### TOPICS

Description	Weighting (%)
1. LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT: Nursing Leadership, Management and Leadership and Management Theory & Practice.	50.00

2. HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS: Health organizations, nursing practice and the delivery of health care. 50.00

### **TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED**

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at <http://bookshop.usq.edu.au> click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

Ellis, JR & Hartley, CL 2005, *Managing and coordinating nursing care*, 4th edn, Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins, Philadelphia.

### **REFERENCE MATERIALS**

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

MacFarlane, PJ & Reid, SJ 2003, *Queensland Health Law Handbook*, Queensland Department of Health, Brisbane.

National Health and Medical Research Council 1997, *Donating Organs After Death: Ethical Issues*, Australian Government Publishing Service, Canberra.

(Available electronically at [http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/publications/\\_files/e29.pdf](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/publications/_files/e29.pdf))

National Health and Medical Research Council 1997, *Ethical Issues in Donation of Organs or Tissues by Living donors*, Australian Government Publishing Service, Canberra.

(Available electronically at [http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/publications/\\_files/e30.pdf](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/publications/_files/e30.pdf))

National Health and Medical Research Council 1997, *Ethical Issues Raised by Allocation of Transplant Resources*, Australian Government Publishing Service, Canberra.

(Available electronically at [http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/publications/\\_files/e31.pdf](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/publications/_files/e31.pdf))

Queensland Government 1998, 'A Guide to the New Laws about Enduring Power of Attorney' (Available: <http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/guardian/poa.htm>).

Sale, DNT 2006, *Quality Assurance: A Pathway to Excellence*, MacMillan Press Ltd, Basingstoke.

### **STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS**

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Assessments	15.00
Directed Study	130.00
Private Study	30.00

## ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg (%)	Due date
ASSIGNMENT 1	40.00	40.00	21 Jul 2008 (see note 1)
ASSIGNMENT 2	60.00	60.00	21 Jul 2008 (see note 2)

### NOTES

1. Assignment dates will be made available at the beginning of the semester.
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## IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:  
There are no attendance requirements for this course. However, it is the students' responsibility to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration.
- 2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:  
To complete the assignment satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for the assignment
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:  
If students submit assignments after the due date without (prior) approval of the examiner then a penalty of 5% of the total marks gained by the student for the assignment may apply for each working day late up to ten working days at which time a mark of zero may be recorded. No assignments will be accepted after model answers have been posted.
- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:  
To be assured of receiving a passing grade a student must achieve at least 50% of the total weighted marks available for the course.
- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:  
The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the aggregate of the weighted marks obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.
- 6 Examination information:  
There is no examination in this course.
- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:  
There will be no Deferred or Supplementary examinations in this course.
- 8 University Regulations:  
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL <http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm> or in the current USQ Handbook.

## ASSESSMENT NOTES

- 9 The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the despatch date, if requested by the Examiner.

- 10 Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. If requested, students will be required to provide a copy of assignments submitted for assessment purposes. Such copies should be despatched to USQ within 24 hours of receipt of a request to do so from the Examiner.
- 11 The examiner may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances.
- 12 The Faculty will normally only accept assessments that have been written, typed or printed on paper-based media.
- 13 The Faculty will NOT accept submission of assignments by facsimile.
- 14 Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in the course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of the course within the normally prescribed time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM (Incomplete - Make up). An IM grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of the examiner, a student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the course after a period of non directed personal study.
- 15 Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an assignment at the scheduled time may apply to defer an assessment in a course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. One of the following temporary grades may be awarded IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up).

## **OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

- 1 Students need to be conversant with and will require access to e-mail and internet access to USQConnect for this course.
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