



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

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Description: Healing and Therapeutics

Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
MHN	5170	90239	2, 2009	EXT	1.00	Toowoomba

Academic group:	FOSCI
Academic org:	FOS004
Student contribution band:	National Priority Nursing
ASCED code:	060305

STAFFING

Examiner: Don Gorman
Moderator: Geoff Wilson

REQUISITES

Pre-requisite: MHN5130 and Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MMHN.

RATIONALE

Mental health nurses use a variety of therapeutic strategies. When working collaboratively they need an understanding of a range of therapies, when working independently they need an indepth understanding of the approaches they use.

SYNOPSIS

This course builds on the skills developed in MHN5130 Counselling and Group Work, by exploring and practicing a therapeutic modality. While using the ACMHN Standards of Practice for Mental Health Nursing in Australia as a framework for practice, students will develop skills in a therapeutic approach which will enable them to work with clients from across the lifespan and in a range of settings while being aware of the cultural basis of therapeutic strategies and of the need to adapt an inter-cultural approach to clients. Students will be given the opportunity to explore and practice advanced skills in one or more areas of their interest. There is a requirement for 80 hours of preceptored clinical in this course.

OBJECTIVES

On successful completion of this course students will able to:

1. demonstrate skills of the student's choice of a particular mental health nursing strategy or therapy (Learning Contract, Evid Expert in Therapeutic Study, 2000 Word Essay, 80 Hours Clinical Experience);
2. demonstrate satisfactory completion of 80 hours of preceptored clinical experience as partial fulfilment of QNC requirements (80 Hours Clinical Experience).

TOPICS

Description	Weighting (%)
1. Development of student's area of special interest.	100.00

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).

Corsini, R & Wedding, D (eds) 2008, *Current psychotherapies*, 8th edn, Brooks/Cole/Thomson, Belmont, Ca.

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.

Boyd, M & Nihart, M 2005, *Psychiatric Nursing: Contemporary Practice*, 3rd edn, Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins, Philadelphia.

Kaplan, H & Sadock, B 2003, *Kaplan and Sadock's Synopsis of Psychiatry: Behavioural Sciences Clinical Psychiatry*, 9th edn, Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins, Philadelphia.

Wright, B 1993, *Caring in Crisis: A Handbook of Intervention Skills for Nurses*, 2nd edn, Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Clinical Experience	80.00
Directed Study	56.00
Private Study	35.00

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg (%)	Due date
LEARNING CONTRACT	1.00	30.00	10 Aug 2009
EVID EXPERT IN THERAPEUTIC STY	1.00	30.00	19 Oct 2009
2000 WORD ESSAY	1.00	39.00	02 Nov 2009
80HRS CLINICAL EXPERIENCE	1.00	1.00	02 Nov 2009

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:
It is the students' responsibility to attend and participate appropriately in all activities (such as clinical experience) scheduled for them, and 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 each of the assignments satisfactorily, students must obtain one mark for each assignment. To complete the Clinical Experience satisfactorily, students must complete 80 hours of Clinical Experience as organized by the Nursing Department and obtain a satisfactory standard on the performance evaluation profile thus gaining the 1 mark for Clinical Experience.
- 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% for the course and satisfactorily complete the Clinical Experience.
- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
As P is the only passing grade available for this course, all students who are qualified for a passing grade as in Assessment 4 will be given a grade of P. Other students will be given either a Failing grade or an Incomplete grade.
- 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 being made.