



The University of Southern Queensland

## Course specification

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### Description: Clinical AA Situated Practice

Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
NUR	2199	86912	1, 2009	ONC	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: Patricia Bourke  
Moderator: Bridget Birrell

### REQUISITES

Pre-requisite: (NUR2000 and NUR2099) or NUR2010

### OTHER REQUISITES

Recommended prior study: NUR1200; BIO1203 or NSC1931

### RATIONALE

Nursing is a practice profession and as such the inclusion of a sequence of professional skill experience is fundamental to ensure safe practice not only as a beginning practitioner, but also as a student, during actual clinical courses. This course, consistent with the Philosophy of the Department of Nursing, enables the student to blend the knowledge of natural and behavioural sciences, together with critical thinking and professional nursing skills. This blending is accomplished with the underpinning belief that students must be able to practice in an environment which is safe for them, and which is also safe for their future clients of care, both as students and as beginning practitioners as Registered Nurses.

### SYNOPSIS

This course applies the concepts of personal and client vulnerability and safety, from a bio-psycho-social perspective. It promotes a holistic approach to client assessment and management as students extend their prior learning by utilising simulated learning situations coupled with their clinical experiences. This will facilitate the development of students' personal and therapeutic communication skills with the aim of producing learners who are able to demonstrate critical thinking, reflection and safe transfer of theory from the simulated situations to the real world of practice and to their subsequent courses of study. A two (2) week clinical practicum experience is incorporated in this course to enable students to apply their learning to the 'real world of nursing practice.'

## OBJECTIVES

On completion of this course students will be able to:

1. perform accurate nursing assessments of clients or simulated clients experiencing problems relating to altered homeostasis both in simulated situations and in clinical practice (Laboratory Attendance and Participation Assessment, Laboratory Assessments, Clinical Practicum, Psychomotor Skills Assessment, Clinical Reflections and Activities Assessments, End of Semester Examination).
2. identify the appropriate theory, the principles for nursing practice and the evidence for practice which support the implementation of psychomotor nursing skills. (Laboratory Attendance and Participation Assessment, Laboratory Assessments, Clinical Practicum, Psychomotor Skills Assessment, Clinical Reflections and Activities Assessment, End of Semester Examination).
3. transfer interpersonal and psychomotor skills learned in simulated clinical laboratory sessions to provide appropriate and effective safe client care as determined by Tollefson criteria for Clinical Laboratory Assessment and the ANMC competencies on the clinical practicum evaluation tool. (Clinical Practicum, Psychomotor Skills Assessment, Clinical Reflections and Activities Assessment).
4. use professional, therapeutic written and verbal communication effectively when interacting with clients and members of the health care team (Clinical Practicum, Psychomotor Skills Assessment, Clinical Reflections and Activities Assessment).
5. apply transcultural principles of practice when planning, delivering and evaluating outcomes of client care (Clinical Practicum, Clinical Reflections and Activities Assessments).
6. provide appropriate client teaching related to safe use of medications (including action, dosage, contraindications, adverse reactions of medications) (Laboratory Attendance and Participation Assessment, Laboratory Assessments, Clinical Practicum, Psychomotor Skills Assessments, Clinical Reflections and Activities Assessment, End of Semester Examination).
7. safely administer medications to clients suffering altered health processes (Laboratory Attendance and Participation Assessments, Laboratory Assessments, Clinical Practicum, Psychomotor Skills Assessment, Clinical Reflections and Activities Assessment, End-semester Examination).
8. act as client advocate in clinical situations (Clinical Practicum, Clinical Reflections and Activities).
9. critically analyse, interpret events and intervene appropriately in the care of vulnerable clients (Laboratory Assessments, Clinical Practicum, Clinical Reflections and Activities Assessment, End of Semester Examination)

## TOPICS

	Description	Weighting (%)
1.	Applying Assessment models in practice	10.00
2.	Therapeutic interactions with the client experiencing complex health breakdown processes	50.00
3.	Professional and Therapeutic communication	40.00

## **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).

Brown, D & Edwards, H 2007, *Lewis's medical-surgical nursing: Assessment and Management of Clinical Problems*, 2nd edn, Elsevier Australia, Marrickville, NSW.

Crisp, J & Taylor, C (eds) 2005, *Potter & Perry's Fundamentals of Nursing, Australian Adaption*, Elsevier Australia, Marrickville, NSW.

Faculty of Sciences 2009, 'Clinical Placement Information Guide and Workbook, 2009 - Course NUR2199 Clinical Practice AA: Situated Practice' (Available: USQ Moodle).

Tiziani, A 2006, *Harvard's Nursing Guide to Drugs*, 7th edn, Elsevier-Mosby, Marrickville, N.S.W.

Tollefson, J 2007, *Clinical Psychomotor Skills: Assessment Tools for Nursing Students*, 3rd edn, Thomson Learning Australia Pty Ltd, South Melbourne.

## **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.

Beverage, D (ed.) 2008, *Assessment Made Incredibly Easy*, 4th edn, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, Philadelphia.

Jenkins, G & Tortura, G 2007, *Anatomy and Physiology: From Science to Life*, 6th edn, Wiley, New York (ISBN: 047081280X).

((Pack includes textbook, DVD & WileyPlus Access card for online access))

## **STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS**

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Clinical Experience	80.00
Laboratory or Practical Classes	26.00
Private Study	44.00
Test	2.00

## ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg (%)	Due date
LABORATORY ASSESSMENTS	40.00	20.00	03 Mar 2009 (see note 1)
CLINICAL PRACTICUM	1.00	1.00	03 Mar 2009 (see note 2)
PSYCHOMOTOR SKILLS ASSESSMENT	1.00	1.00	03 Mar 2009 (see note 3)
CLINICAL REFLECTION EXERCISE	20.00	7.00	03 Mar 2009 (see note 4)
LAB ATTEND AND PARTICIPATION	1.00	1.00	03 Mar 2009 (see note 5)
PT A OF 2HR RESTRICTED EXAM	40.00	35.00	END S1 (see note 6)
PT B OF 2HR RESTRICTED EXAM	20.00	35.00	END S1 (see note 7)

### NOTES

1. Dates for Laboratory Assessments will be advised by the examiner at the commencement of the semester.
2. Clinical Practicum will be held towards the end of semester one. Dates will be advised by the examiner at the commencement of the semester.
3. All required Psychomotor Assessment skills must be complete by the date advised by the examiner at the beginning of semester.
4. Clinical Reflections and Activities Assessment must be complete following completion of Clinical Practicum. The due date will be provided by the Examiner at the beginning of semester.
5. Laboratory Attendance and Participation Assessments will be assessed by the lecturer on a weekly basis throughout the semester.
6. Examination dates will be available during the Semester. Please refer to the examination timetable when published.
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## IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

### 1 Attendance requirements:

In order to maximise their chances of satisfying the clinical objectives of this course, students must attend and actively participate in all laboratory sessions and clinical practice scheduled for the course. Students must complete 80 hours of clinical experience in order to satisfy the requirements of the Queensland Nursing Council. In order to ensure the achievement of clinical objectives, it is the students' responsibility to attend 100% of the clinical placement period (80 hours) and participate appropriately in all activities (such as, in-service sessions and practical, research work) 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 satisfactorily complete Laboratory Assessments and Clinical Practicum students must fulfil the 100% attendance and participation and obligations of the Laboratory Attendance and Participation Assessment. To satisfactorily complete the Clinical Practicum students must attend 100% of the 80 hours of clinical practice and demonstrate each of the competencies on the Clinical Performance Evaluation Tool to a satisfactory level (S on the tool) to obtain the mark of (1) available for this item. To satisfactorily complete the Psychomotor Skill Assessment, students must demonstrate these skills to a Satisfactory standing as per the Tollefson book, thus earning the mark of (1) for this item. To satisfactorily complete the end of semester examination students must achieve at least 50% of the combined weighted marks available for Part A and Part B of this exam. To satisfactorily complete the Clinical Reflections and Activities Assessment and Laboratory Assessments, students must achieve at least 50% of the total marks for each of these items. (Depending upon the requirements in Statement 4 below, students may not have to satisfactorily complete each assessment item to receive a passing grade in this course.)
- 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 will be deducted for each working day late.
- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:  
To be assured of a passing grade, students must be assessed at a satisfactory level (the mark of 1) on the Laboratory Attendance and Participation Assessment, Clinical Performance Evaluation Tool, the Psychomotor Skill Assessment and obtain at least 50% of the weighted marks available for this course in each of the following: the End of Semester Examination; the Clinical Reflections and Activities Assessment; and the Laboratory Assessment.
- 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 will be a 2 hour examination for this course. Exams for this course are restricted: Candidates are allowed access only to specific materials during a restricted examination. The only material that candidates may use in the restricted examination for this course are: writing materials (non-electronic and free from material which could give the student an unfair advantage in the examination); calculators which cannot hold textual information or be programmed (students must indicate on their examination paper the make and model of any calculator(s) they use during the examination). Students whose first language is not English, may take an appropriate unmarked non-electronic translation dictionary (but not technical dictionary) into the examination. Dictionaries with any handwritten notes will not be permitted. Translation dictionaries will be subject to perusal and may be removed from the candidates's possession until appropriate disciplinary action is completed if found to contain material that could give the candidate an unfair advantage.
- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:  
Week 2 of the next semester
- 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**

- 1 There is a two hour examination in this course. Students may have access to a non-programable calculator and if English is a second language may take an appropriate non-electronic translation dictionary (not a technical dictionary) in the examination.
- 2 Any Deferred or Supplementary tests for this course will be held in week two of the following semester.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.
- 5 The examiner may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances.
- 6 The Faculty will normally only accept assessments that have been written, typed or printed on paper-based media.
- 7 The Faculty will NOT accept submission of assignments by facsimile.
- 8 Students need to be conversant with and will require access to e-mail and internet access to USQ Connect for this course.
- 9 Students who do not have regular mail services or who are otherwise disadvantaged by these regulations will be given special consideration. They should contact the examiner of the course as soon as possible to make arrangements for this.
- 10 In the event that an assignment is due on a public holiday in their local area such as a show day, the due date will be the next day. Students must note on the assignment cover the date of the show day for the examiner's convenience.
- 11 Students who for medical, family, personal or employer related reasons are unable to complete an assignment or sit for an examination at the scheduled time may apply through the Faculty Assessment Section. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. One of the following temporary grades may be awarded; IDS (incomplete deferred examination), IDM Incomplete deferred makeup), IDB (Incomplete both deferred examination and make-up work).
- 12 Students can expect that questions in assessment items in this course may draw upon knowledge and skills that they can reasonably be expected to have acquired before enrolling in the course. This includes knowledge contained in pre-requisite courses and appropriate communication, information literacy, analytical, critical thinking, problem solving or numeracy skills. Students who do not possess such knowledge and skills should not expect to achieve the same grades as those students who do possess them.

## **OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

- 1 Students of clinical courses need to be certain they have submitted the following documents to the Faculty Office to ensure they will be allowed to proceed to a clinical placement - Current CPR Certification Completion of the Queensland Health Orientation Deed Polls, submission of the Hepatitis B titre declaration and titre results and Suitability for Working with Children Card (Blue Card).