



The University of Southern Queensland

## Course specification

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Please consult the web for updates that may occur during the year.

### Description: Trends and Perspectives in Nursing

Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
NUR	3230	90234	2, 2009	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: Roslyn Reilly  
Moderator: Jill Scanlan

### REQUISITES

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

### RATIONALE

Nurses fulfil their professional role in a health care system which is heavily influenced, by sociological factors. These factors have a direct impact on the way in which Nursing is perceived and utilised within the system, as well as the way in which nurses perceive themselves, and their role. Nurses must identify the forces which historically have shaped the profession of nursing in order to accurately assess and discuss the issues which confront nurses today. These include industrial and professional nursing issues, current paradigms and theories within nursing, images of nursing, ethico-legal issues, gender issues, and socio-political and economic issues.

### SYNOPSIS

This course introduces the student to the position of Nursing in the Health Care System. Perspectives to be explored will include social, political, organisational and legal/ethical factors. Professional issues will be examined and the politics of health will be discussed.

### OBJECTIVES

On completion of the course students will be able to:

1. relate relevant legal principles to specific nursing and related health care situations (Assignment 2);
2. apply ethical principles which will form the basis for ethical reasoning in nursing practice (Assignment 2);
3. identify and debate contemporary issues in nursing (Assignment 2 and 3);
4. describe the role of Professional nursing organisations (Assignment 1);

5. discuss the attributes of professional practice as they relate to Nursing and the individual nurse (Assignments 1 and 2);
6. describe the position of nursing within the health care system (Assignment 2 and 3);
7. describe the basic structure and function of a Health Care System (Assignment 3);
8. discuss political ideological perspectives on a Health Care System and health care delivery (Assignment 3).

## TOPICS

	Description	Weighting (%)
1.	NURSING HISTORY - Origins of Nursing and Social, political, economic, gender influences on the development of nursing	5.00
2.	NURSING PRAXIS - Theories and models of nursing and Nursing knowledge, theory and praxis	10.00
3.	LAW AND ETHICS IN NURSING - Introduction to Law; Negligence; Vicarious liability; Consent and record keeping; Statute Law and nursing and Introduction to ethics	50.00
4.	PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IN NURSING - Professionalism in nursing; ANC competencies; Nursing Organisations and Career structures in nursing	35.00

## 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).

Johnstone, MJ 2009, *Bio-ethics: a nursing perspective*, 5th edn, Churchill Livingstone, Sydney.  
 Staunton, P & Chiarella, M 2008, *Nursing and the law*, 6th edn, Elsevier Australia, Marrickville, NSW.

## 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.

'Australian Nursing Federation (ANF)' (Available: <http://www.anf.org.au>).

'Code of Ethics for Nurses - Published July 1993, revised in 2002 and 2008' (Available: Available [http://www.anmc.org.au/professional\\_standards/index.php](http://www.anmc.org.au/professional_standards/index.php)).

'Code of Professional Conduct for Nurses in Australia:' (Available: [http://www.anmc.org.au/professional\\_standards/index.php](http://www.anmc.org.au/professional_standards/index.php)).

'Legal Eye Newsletter for the Nursing Profession (USQ)' (Available: <http://www.nursinglaw.com/>).

'Drug Errors (USA)' (Available: <http://www.mederrors.com>).

'Lippincott Nursing Centre' (Available: <http://www.nursingcenter.com>).

'Ethics' (Available: <http://www.ualberta.ca/~ethics/bb5-3byr.htm>).

'Nursing Review' (Available: <http://www.nursing.camrev.com.au>).

'Australian Legal Information Institute' (Available: <http://www.austlii.edu.au>).

'Royal College of Nursing Australia' (Available: <http://rcna.org.au>).

## STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Directed Study	56.00
Private Study	114.00

## ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg (%)	Due date
ASSIGNMENT 1	20.00	20.00	10 Aug 2009
ASSIGNMENT 2	45.00	45.00	14 Sep 2009
ASSIGNMENT 3	35.00	35.00	19 Oct 2009

## 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 an assessment item satisfactorily, students must gain at least 50% of the marks available for that assessment item.
- 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 weighted aggregate of the 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 In the event that a due date for an assignment falls on a local public holiday in their area, such as a Show holiday, the due date for the assignment will be the next day. Students are to note on the assignment cover the date of the public holiday for the Examiner's convenience.
- 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.