The University of Southern Queensland

Course Specification

Description: Trends and Perspectives in Nursing 2

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Academic Org: FOS004
HECS Band: 1
ASCED Code: 060301

STAFFING

Examiner: Joachim Ferrer
Moderator: Roslyn Reilly

RATIONALE

Nurses require knowledge of leadership and management issues to fulfil their professional role in a rapidly changing health care system. It will also focus on legal and ethical decision making as a professional issue.

SYNOPSIS

This course builds on the foundations for understanding law and ethics as they relate to nursing practice. It also introduces nurses to leadership and management issues.

OBJECTIVES

On completion of this course the student will be able to:

- demonstrate knowledge of the relevant legal issues and structures involving the nurse in the Australian Health Care System and in their country of employment;
- discuss the legal implications of contract of employment of the independent nurse contractor;
- define Worker's Compensation;
- apply the main principles of Australian criminal law specifically to abortion, surrogacy, drug offences and sexual assault cases;
- discuss the nurses' role in coronial inquiries and documentation of wills;
- discuss critically the ethical codes for health care workers in Australia and in their country of employment;
- debate ethical arguments surrounding current dilemmas in the health care system;
- discuss the allocation of health resources from an ethical position;
- analyse nursing's responses to changes in the Australian health care system, both in terms of changes in consumer needs, and changes in models of health care;
- outline the duties of the Health Rights Commission;
- identify the major theories and techniques used in Management;
- identify the underpinnings of demand and supply in health care;
- outline the economics of health care in their country of employment;

**TOPICS**

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<td>3. MANAGEMENT ISSUES Nursing Management and its Challenges Management Theory &amp; Practice Economic &amp; Political Aspects of Health Care.</td>
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**TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED:**

Books can be ordered by fax or telephone. For costs and further details use the 'Book Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au by entering the author or title of the text.

Swansburg, R.C. and Swansburg, R.J., 1999, {Introductory Management and Leadership for Nurses, 2nd Edn, Jones and Bartlett, Massachusetts.


**STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS**

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**ASSESSMENT DETAILS**

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NOTES:
1. Further details about the due dates are detailed in the assessment section of the Course Specifications.
2. Examination dates will be available during the Semester. Please refer to the examination timetable when published.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS
1. Attendance Requirements: It is the students’ responsibility to actively participate in all activities scheduled for them, and to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximize their chance of meeting the objectives of the Course and to be informed of Course-related activities and administration.
2. Minimum Requirements to Pass the Course: A score of 50% is required to gain a passing grade in Assignment 1. An overall score of 60% is required to gain a passing grade in this course.
3. Students will select which module they will use as a basis for the assignment. The three modules will be assessed by the end of semester examination. The module chosen for the assignment must be studied first.
4. Assignments: The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must dispatch the assignment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the dispatch date, if requested by the Examiner. Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be produced within five days if required by the Examiner. In accordance with University’s Assignment Extension Policy (Regulation 5.6.1), the examiner of a Course may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances. This policy may be found in the USQ Handbook, the Distance Education Student Guide and the Faculty of Sciences’ Orientation Handbook for on-campus students. All students are advised to study and follow the guidelines associated with this policy. Assignments submitted after the due date will be penalised for each day late, as follows, unless the student can convince the examiner that such a penalty is not required. 5% - 1 calendar day, 10% - 2 calendar days, 20% - 3 calendar days, 30% - 4 calendar days, 50% - 5 calendar days, 60% - 6 calendar days, 100% - 7 calendar days late.
   Examinations: Closed Examination: a closed examination is an examination where the candidates are allowed to bring only writing and drawing instruments into the examination.
5. Supplementary and Deferred Examinations: Students who obtain an overall passing mark, but who do not perform satisfactorily in an examination, may, at the discretion of the examiner, be granted a supplementary examination. Students will be granted a deferred examination only if they perform satisfactorily in all other assessment items. Any supplementary or deferred examinations for this Course will be held during the following semester examination period.