The University of Southern Queensland

Course Specification

Description: Nursing Honours Project A

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

STAFFING
Examiner: Kristine Martin-McDonald
Moderator: Roslyn Reilly

RATIONALE
This course is part of a supervised research project which provides opportunities for students to undertake advanced study and to produce a research based dissertation. Students develop the appropriate research skills and specialist knowledge which will enhance their career prospects or allow them to undertake further studies at postgraduate level. The emphasis of the course is on developing the appropriate knowledge and skills to undertake independent research and professional practice.

SYNOPSIS
This course and other courses with the course numbers in the range of NUR4101 to NUR4102 comprise the research component of the Bachelor of Nursing (Honours). On completion of all of the courses, students will have prepared and undertaken a supervised research project and prepared a dissertation for examination. Students will also present at least one seminar, each year of their enrolment. The enrolment patterns in units NUR4101 to NUR4102 will need to be established by the Honours Coordinator for each student on enrolment. Activities to be undertaken in each of the courses will be determined on an individual student basis by the student's supervisor.

OBJECTIVES
On successful completion of this course students will be able to:

- identified their research topic;
- demonstrated their ability to proceed with the research topic;
- gained ethical clearance for their project;
- prepared their research proposal to their supervisors' satisfaction;
• demonstrated their ability to think analytically, critically and creatively about a chosen research topic and related issues within the area chosen;
• demonstrated competence in each component of the research process, by identification and analysis of the research problem, understanding and selection of an appropriate methodology, formulation of research question(s), collected data, used appropriate methods, analysed and interpreted results and drawn appropriate conclusions.
• Competently written a dissertation based on the research project to communicate all aspects of the project to professional peers;
• presented one seminar, each year of their enrolment in the course, to the Department of Nursing Residential School, outlining the project in progress.

TOPICS

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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.
Nil.

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.

To be determined by the student's supervisor(s).

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.

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: The course will be graded as SP (Satisfactory Progress) or F (Fail). A grade of SP is required to allow progress to the next course/s in the sequence NUR4101 to NUR4102. To be awarded the grade of SP, student must have achieved all objectives to the satisfaction of the supervisors, and have presented, at a satisfactory standard, one seminar, each year of their enrolment, reporting on the scope and progress of the project work, to the Department of Nursing, Residential School.

3. Procedures associated with the assessment of this course will be consistent with those contained in Sections 4.4.1 and 4.6.1 of the University Calendar. Presentation, at a satisfactory standard, of at least one seminar reporting on their project work is a necessary requirement for students to gain passing grades in this course. 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. An assignment, submitted after the due date without an extension approved by the Examiner, will attract a penalty of 20 percent of the assigned mark for each day (or part thereof) that the assignment is late. 8 This Course will be graded as P (Pass) or F (Fail).