The University of Southern Queensland
Course Specification

Description: Master of Nursing/Midwifery/Health Project A

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Academic Group: FOSCI
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HECS Band: 1
ASCED Code: 060399

STAFFING
Examiner: Kristine Martin-McDonald
Moderator: Jackie Doolan

PRE-REQUISITES
Pre-requisite: NUR 4040 and HSC 4050

RATIONALE
This course, and NUR8062 are offered to develop the research skills and knowledge of students enrolled in Masters courses in Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health. It is envisaged that students who complete this course and course NUR8062 will have developed skills as a beginning researcher.

SYNOPSIS
This course, with the course NUR8062, provides the student with an opportunity to undertake a minor research project in a selected area of nursing or allied health of interest to the student, under the supervision of a staff member. In this course, students will identify their research topic, design a research plan, gain ethical approval and begin data collection. In course NUR8062, students will finalise and submit their dissertation. To complete this course, and the course NUR8062, the student will be required to submit a dissertation containing 15,000 to 20,000 words on an approved project. This course has a compulsory four-day residential school. All students will require the approval of the Postgraduate Coordinator of the Department of Nursing to enrol in this course.

OBJECTIVES
On successful completion of this course students will have:

- identified their research topic;
- prepared their research proposal to their supervisors' satisfaction;
• gained ethical clearance for their project;
• demonstrated their ability to proceed with the research topic;
• designed data collection tools
• undertaken some fieldwork relating to data collection;
• demonstrated their ability to think analytically, critically and creatively about their chosen research topic and related issues; and
• presented a seminar to the Department of Nursing Residential School, describing the project and its progress.

TOPICS

Description Weighting (%)
1. Project 100.00

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.

Other texts or reading materials may be recommended by the examiner and/or supervisors when the project topic has been finalised.


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.
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OTHER REQUIREMENTS
1. Attendance Requirements: It is the students' responsibility to actively participate in all classes 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. Minimum Requirements to Complete the Course: To be awarded the grade of SP, a student must obtain at least 60% of the marks available for assessment items 1, 2 and 3 in the Assessment Details section above. A grade of SP is required to allow progress to the course NUR8062. Students who commence their project in Semester 2 will be expected to satisfy the objectives and complete the assessment items of this course whilst enrolled in the course NUR8062. Students will be given the appropriate course specification for their enrolment pattern.
3. Grading: The course will be graded as SP (Satisfactory Progress) or F (Fail).
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. 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.