Description: Master of Nursing/Midwifery/Health Project B

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HECS Band: 1
ASCED Code: 060399

STAFFING
Examiner: Kris Martin-McDonald
Moderator: Jackie Doolan

RATIONALE
This course, and the course NUR8061 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 these two courses will have developed skills as a beginning researcher. The emphasis of the course is on developing the appropriate knowledge and skills to undertake research and professional practice.

SYNOPSIS
This course, in conjunction with NUR8061, provides the student with an opportunity to undertake a research activity in a selected area of nursing or allied health of interest to the student under the supervision of a staff member. The dissertation will contain between 15,000 and 20,000 words on the project. 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 be able to:

- collect data relating to their research topic;
- analyse the data;
- prepare a 15,000 to 20,000 word dissertation which demonstrates 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; and
- competently present a seminar to the Department of Nursing Residential School, describing the project and its progress.
TOPICS

Description Weighting (%)
1. Project 100.00

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.

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


STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

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ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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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:
Not Applicable.
3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
   Not Applicable
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 available weighted marks for the summative assessment items.
5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
   As P is the only passing grade available for this course, all students who are
   qualified for a passing grade as in Assessment 4 will be given a grade of P. Other
   students will be given either a Failing grade or an Incomplete grade.
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/SECARIAT/calendar/Part5/ or in the printed version of the
   current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

9 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.