

NUR121 Health Care and the Professions

School: School of Health - Nursing

2025 | Semester 1

UniSC Sunshine Coast
UniSC Moreton Bay
UniSC Caboolture
UniSC Fraser Coast
UniSC Gympie

**BLENDED
LEARNING**

You can do this course without coming onto campus, unless your program has specified a mandatory onsite requirement.

Please go to usc.edu.au for up to date information on the teaching sessions and campuses where this course is usually offered.

1. What is this course about?

1.1. Description

Nursing and midwifery are integral to and have a leadership role within health care. Using a case based approach, you will develop your understanding of the social, cultural and political influences, that shape health care and the health professions. You will consider the social determinants of health and analyse ways nursing and midwifery can mitigate these influences using approaches to care that are centred on, and advocate for, the perspectives and needs of the person and community.

1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
BLENDED LEARNING			
Learning materials – Online asynchronous learning and teaching materials.	1hr	Week 1	13 times
Tutorial/Workshop 1 – On campus tutorial	2hrs	Week 1	13 times

1.3. Course Topics

- Introduction to the course and learning to learn – the case-based approach. The Australian health care system
- Australian health priorities and health care issues.
- The relationship between social justice and health. Influences that shape health and health care.
- Cultural safety, impacts on health and health service provision, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspective and their interpretation of health.
- Health care in global contexts. Sustainable Development Goals (UN), International Indigenous health perspectives (WHO) & (UN).
- Nursing and midwifery roles in health care
- The role of Leadership: an introduction.
- The role of Advocacy in Healthcare Professions.
- Approaches to providing health care in the nursing and midwifery professions.
- Consumer and community engagement in healthcare.
- Digital health and contemporary approaches.

2. What level is this course?

100 Level (Introductory)

Engaging with discipline knowledge and skills at foundational level, broad application of knowledge and skills in familiar contexts and with support. Limited or no prerequisites. Normally, associated with the first full-time study year of an undergraduate program.

3. What is the unit value of this course?

12 units

4. How does this course contribute to my learning?

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES	GRADUATE QUALITIES MAPPING	PROFESSIONAL STANDARD MAPPING *
On successful completion of this course, you should be able to...	Completing these tasks successfully will contribute to you becoming...	Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
1 Identify and analyse the major influences which shape health and health care both locally and globally.	Creative and critical thinker	1, 1.7, 2, 3, 4.4
2 Describe health priorities and social determinants of health through a social justice framework.	Ethical	1, 2, 2.3, 2.4, 3
3 Describe the role of nursing and midwifery in contemporary health care environment including their roles in leadership and advocacy.	Knowledgeable	1, 1.7, 2, 3, 3.1, 3.2, 7.3
4 Discuss approaches to care where the perspectives of individuals, families and communities are central.	Creative and critical thinker	1, 2, 2.7, 3, 5.3
5 Apply principles and practices of academic writing and referencing.	Ethical	1, 1.2, 1.6, 2, 3
6 Demonstrate ethical use of intellectual property	Ethical	

* Competencies by Professional Body

CODE	COMPETENCY
NURSING AND MIDWIFERY BOARD OF AUSTRALIA	
1	Standard 1: Thinks critically and analyses nursing practice
1.2	The midwife accesses, analyses, and uses the best available evidence, that includes research findings, for safe, quality midwifery practice
1.6	The midwife supports the development, implementation and evaluation of evidenced-based health initiatives and programs
1.7	The midwife identifies and promotes the role of midwifery practice and the midwifery profession in influencing better health outcomes for women
2	Standard 2: Engages in therapeutic and professional relationships
2.3	The midwife practises ethically, with respect for dignity, privacy, confidentiality, equity and justice
2.4	The midwife practises without the discrimination that may be associated with race, age, disability, sexuality, gender identity, relationship status, power relations and/or social disadvantage
2.7	The midwife develops, maintains and concludes professional relationships in a way that differentiates the boundaries between professional and personal relationships
3	Standard 3: Maintains the capability for practice

CODE	COMPETENCY
3.1	The midwife understands their scope of practice
3.2	The midwife practises within relevant legal parameters and professional standards, codes and guidelines
4.4	The midwife assesses the resources that are available to inform planning
5.3	The midwife co-ordinates resources effectively and efficiently for planned actions
7.3	The midwife uses evaluation and reflection to inform future practice and professional development

5. Am I eligible to enrol in this course?

Refer to the [UniSC Glossary of terms](#) for definitions of “pre-requisites, co-requisites and anti-requisites”.

5.1. Pre-requisites

Enrolled in Program SC017, SC391 or SC393

5.2. Co-requisites

Not applicable

5.3. Anti-requisites

Not applicable

5.4. Specific assumed prior knowledge and skills (where applicable)

Not applicable

6. How am I going to be assessed?

6.1. Grading Scale

Standard Grading (GRD)

High Distinction (HD), Distinction (DN), Credit (CR), Pass (PS), Fail (FL).

6.2. Details of early feedback on progress

The individual Online quizzes will provide you with early feedback to support you with further learning and assessments.

6.3. Assessment tasks

DELIVERY MODE	TASK NO.	ASSESSMENT PRODUCT	INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP	WEIGHTING %	WHAT IS THE DURATION / LENGTH?	WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT?	WHERE SHOULD I SUBMIT IT?
All	1	Quiz/zes	Individual	15%	15 minutes x 3	Refer to Format	Online Test (Quiz)
All	2	Artefact - Creative, and Written Piece	Individual	40%	1000 words	Week 8	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check
All	3	Case Study	Individual	45%	2000 words	Week 13	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check

All - Assessment Task 1: On Line Quizzes Weeks 2,3 & 4

GOAL:	To demonstrate your understanding of the key concepts delivered in the first 4 weeks of the semester.		
PRODUCT:	Quiz/zes		
FORMAT:	In weeks 2,3 & 4, you will be required to complete a weekly online quiz linked to you weekly course topics and learning materials.		
CRITERIA:	No.		Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Understanding of contemporary health priorities or healthcare issues in Australia.	1 2
	2	Identification of relevant social, cultural, political influences and the social determinants of health as they relate to health and healthcare	1 2
GENERIC SKILLS:	Communication, Applying technologies, Information literacy		

All - Assessment Task 2: Digital poster

GOAL:	To describe the role of nursing or midwifery in the provision of healthcare and present as a digital poster		
PRODUCT:	Artefact - Creative, and Written Piece		
FORMAT:	You will develop a digital poster which describes the role of nursing and /or midwifery in the provision of healthcare, from a local, regional or global perspective. A range of options will be provided for you on CANVAS. You will use current APA 7 referencing style.		
CRITERIA:	No.		Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Description and analysis of the role of nursing and/or midwifery in the provision of healthcare- from a local, regional or global perspective.	1 3
	2	Discussion of the importance of leadership and advocacy in the chosen context.	1 3
	3	Apply principles and practices of academic writing and referencing	5
	4	Demonstrate ethical use of intellectual property	6
GENERIC SKILLS:	Communication, Problem solving, Organisation, Applying technologies, Information literacy		

All - Assessment Task 3: Case Study Workbook

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PRODUCT:	Case Study																									
FORMAT:	Using the framework provided you will respond and comment on a number of selected care studies. You will use the current APA7 referencing style and submit in Week 13.																									
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7. Directed study hours

A 12-unit course will have total of 150 learning hours which will include directed study hours (including online if required), self-directed learning and completion of assessable tasks. Student workload is calculated at 12.5 learning hours per one unit.

8. What resources do I need to undertake this course?

Please note: Course information, including specific information of recommended readings, learning activities, resources, weekly readings, etc. are available on the course Canvas site– Please log in as soon as possible.

8.1. Prescribed text(s) or course reader

There are no required/recommended resources for this course.

8.2. Specific requirements

Not applicable

9. How are risks managed in this course?

Health and safety risks for this course have been assessed as low. It is your responsibility to review course material, search online, discuss with lecturers and peers and understand the health and safety risks associated with your specific course of study and to familiarise yourself with the University's general health and safety principles by reviewing the [online induction training for students](#), and following the instructions of the University staff.

10. What administrative information is relevant to this course?

10.1. Assessment: Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the ethical standard of university participation. It ensures that students graduate as a result of proving they are competent in their discipline. This is integral in maintaining the value of academic qualifications. Each industry has expectations and standards of the skills and knowledge within that discipline and these are reflected in assessment.

Academic integrity means that you do not engage in any activity that is considered to be academic fraud; including plagiarism, collusion or outsourcing any part of any assessment item to any other person. You are expected to be honest and ethical by completing all work yourself and indicating in your work which ideas and information were developed by you and which were taken from others. You cannot provide your assessment work to others. You are also expected to provide evidence of wide and critical reading, usually by using appropriate academic references.

In order to minimise incidents of academic fraud, this course may require that some of its assessment tasks, when submitted to Canvas, are electronically checked through Turnitin. This software allows for text comparisons to be made between your submitted assessment item and all other work to which Turnitin has access.

10.2. Assessment: Additional Requirements

Eligibility for Supplementary Assessment

Your eligibility for supplementary assessment in a course is dependent of the following conditions applying:

- (a) The final mark is in the percentage range 47% to 49.4%; and
- (b) The course is graded using the Standard Grading scale

10.3. Assessment: Submission penalties

Late submissions may be penalised up to and including the following maximum percentage of the assessment task's identified value, with weekdays and weekends included in the calculation of days late:

- (a) One day: deduct 5%;
- (b) Two days: deduct 10%;
- (c) Three days: deduct 20%;
- (d) Four days: deduct 40%;
- (e) Five days: deduct 60%;
- (f) Six days: deduct 80%;
- (g) Seven days: A result of zero is awarded for the assessment task.

The following penalties will apply for a late submission for an online examination:

Less than 15 minutes: No penalty

From 15 minutes to 30 minutes: 20% penalty

More than 30 minutes: 100% penalty

10.4. SafeUniSC

UniSC is committed to a culture of respect and providing a safe and supportive environment for all members of our community. For immediate assistance on campus contact SafeUniSC by phone: [07 5430 1168](tel:0754301168) or using the [SafeZone](#) app. For general enquires contact the SafeUniSC team by phone [07 5456 3864](tel:0754563864) or email safe@usc.edu.au.

The SafeUniSC Specialist Service is a Student Wellbeing service that provides free and confidential support to students who may have experienced or observed behaviour that could cause fear, offence or trauma. To contact the service call [07 5430 1226](tel:0754301226) or email studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au.

10.5. Study help

For help with course-specific advice, for example what information to include in your assessment, you should first contact your tutor, then your course coordinator, if needed.

If you require additional assistance, the Learning Advisers are trained professionals who are ready to help you develop a wide range of academic skills. Visit the [Learning Advisers](#) web page for more information, or contact Student Central for further assistance: +61 7 5430 2890 or studentcentral@usc.edu.au.

10.6. Wellbeing Services

Student Wellbeing provide free and confidential counselling on a wide range of personal, academic, social and psychological matters, to foster positive mental health and wellbeing for your academic success.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au or call 07 5430 1226.

10.7. AccessAbility Services

Ability Advisers ensure equal access to all aspects of university life. If your studies are affected by a disability, learning disorder mental health issue, injury or illness, or you are a primary carer for someone with a disability or who is considered frail and aged, [AccessAbility Services](#) can provide access to appropriate reasonable adjustments and practical advice about the support and facilities available to you throughout the University.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email AccessAbility@usc.edu.au or call 07 5430 2890.

10.8. Links to relevant University policy and procedures

For more information on Academic Learning & Teaching categories including:

- Assessment: Courses and Coursework Programs
- Review of Assessment and Final Grades
- Supplementary Assessment
- Central Examinations
- Deferred Examinations
- Student Conduct
- Students with a Disability

For more information, visit <https://www.usc.edu.au/explore/policies-and-procedures#academic-learning-and-teaching>

10.9. Student Charter

UniSC is committed to excellence in teaching, research and engagement in an environment that is inclusive, inspiring, safe and respectful. The [Student Charter](#) sets out what students can expect from the University, and what in turn is expected of students, to achieve these outcomes.

10.10. General Enquiries

In person:

- **UniSC Sunshine Coast** - Student Central, Ground Floor, Building C, 90 Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs
- **UniSC Moreton Bay** - Service Centre, Ground Floor, Foundation Building, Gympie Road, Petrie
- **UniSC SouthBank** - Student Central, Building A4 (SW1), 52 Merivale Street, South Brisbane
- **UniSC Gympie** - Student Central, 71 Cartwright Road, Gympie
- **UniSC Fraser Coast** - Student Central, Student Central, Building A, 161 Old Maryborough Rd, Hervey Bay
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