

NUR213 Developing Professional Experience: Professional Experience Placement

School: School of Health - Nursing

2027 | Trimester 1

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**BLENDED
LEARNING**

Most of your course is on campus but you may be able to do some components of this course online.

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1. What is this course about?

1.1. Description

In this course, you will undertake 240 hours of supervised Professional Experience Placement in a range of healthcare settings. You will work as part of a multidisciplinary team to provide safe, evidence-based, person-centred care, with increasing responsibility for prioritising and coordinating care for people with complex health needs. Your practice will be evaluated against the NMBA Registered nurse standards for practice. This course is for UB013 Graduate Entry pathway students only.

Trimester 1 commences in orientation week*

Session 5 commences four weeks early*

*for start dates please refer to your nursing calendar

1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
BLENDED LEARNING			
Placement – Professional Experience Placement	240hrs	Not applicable	Once Only

1.3. Course Topics

Indicative course topics

- Nursing practice
- NMBA National Standards for Practice for Registered Nurses
- Australian Nursing Standards Assessment Tool (ANSAT)
- NMBA Code of Conduct for nurses
- ICN Code of Ethics

2. What level is this course?

200 Level (Developing)

Building on and expanding the scope of introductory knowledge and skills, developing breadth or depth and applying knowledge and skills in a new context. May require pre-requisites where discipline specific introductory knowledge or skills is necessary. Normally, undertaken in the second or third full-time year of an undergraduate programs.

3. What is the unit value of this course?

18 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 Integrate nursing and critical thinking skills applied to safe patient care.	Engaged	1.1, 1.5, 1.6, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.6, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3
2 Practices safely within scope of practice.	Engaged	1.1, 1.4, 1.5, 6.2, 6.5, 6.6
3 Apply culturally safe communication strategies in collaboration with patients, families, and healthcare teams.	Creative and critical thinker	1.3, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.6, 2.7
4 Critically appraise clinical knowledge of nursing interventions during Professional Experience Placement.	Engaged	1.1, 1.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6
5 Critically reflect on professional growth and development through Professional Experience Placement	Engaged	1.2, 3.3, 3.5
6 Integrate academic conventions, effective communication techniques, and proficient digital literacy skills to produce coherent, ethical, scholarly, and professionally relevant work, engaging collaboratively where required	Ethical	1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 2.2, 2.6, 3.1, 3.3, 7.2, 7.3

* Competencies by Professional Body

CODE	COMPETENCY
NURSING AND MIDWIFERY BOARD OF AUSTRALIA	
1.1	The RN accesses, analyses, and uses the best available evidence, that includes research findings for safe quality practice
1.2	The RN develops practice through reflection on experiences, knowledge, actions, feelings and beliefs to identify how these shape practice
1.3	The RN 1.3 respects all cultures and experiences, which includes responding to the role of family and community that underpin the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and people of other cultures
1.4	The RN complies with legislation, common law, policies, guidelines and other standards or requirements relevant to the context of practice when making decisions
1.5	The RN uses ethical frameworks when making decisions
1.6	The RN maintains accurate, comprehensive and timely documentation of assessments, planning, decision- making, actions and evaluations
2.1	The RN establishes, sustains and concludes relationships in a way that differentiates the boundaries between professional and personal relationships

CODE	COMPETENCY
2.2	The RN communicates effectively, and is respectful of a person's dignity, culture, values, beliefs and rights
2.3	The RN recognises that people are the experts in the experience of their life
2.6	The RN uses delegation, supervision, coordination, consultation and referrals in professional relationships to achieve improved health outcomes
2.7	The RN actively fosters a culture of safety and learning that includes engaging with health professionals and others, to share knowledge and practice that supports person-centred care
3.1	The RN considers and responds in a timely manner to the health and well being of self and others in relation to the capability for practice
3.3	The RN uses a lifelong learning approach for continuing professional development of self and others
3.4	The RN accepts accountability for decisions, actions, behaviours and responsibilities inherent in their role, and for the actions of others to whom they have delegated responsibilities
3.5	The RN seeks and responds to practice review and feedback
3.6	The RN actively engages with the profession
4.1	The RN conducts assessments that are holistic as well as culturally appropriate
4.2	The RN uses a range of assessment techniques to systematically collect relevant and accurate information and data to inform practice
4.3	The RN works in partnership to determine factors that affect, or potentially affect, the health and well being of people and populations to determine priorities for action and/or for referral
4.4	The RN assesses the resources available to inform planning
5.1	The RN uses assessment data and best available evidence to develop a plan
5.2	The RN collaboratively constructs nursing practice plans until contingencies, options priorities, goals, actions, outcomes and timeframes are agreed with the relevant persons
5.3	The RN documents, evaluates and modifies plans accordingly to facilitate the agreed outcomes
5.4	The RN plans and negotiates how practice will be evaluated and the time frame of engagement
5.5	The RN coordinates resources effectively and efficiently for planned actions
6.1	The RN provides comprehensive safe, quality practice to achieve agreed goals and outcomes that are responsive to the nursing needs of people
6.2	The RN practises within their scope of practice
6.3	The RN appropriately delegates aspects of practice to enrolled nurses and others, according to enrolled nurse's scope of practice or others' clinical or non- clinical roles
6.5	The RN practises in accordance with relevant nursing and health guidelines, standards, regulations and legislation
6.6	The RN uses the appropriate processes to identify and report potential and actual risk related system issues and where practice may be below the expected standards
7.1	The RN evaluates and monitors progress towards the expected goals and outcomes
7.2	The RN revises the plan based on the evaluation
7.3	The RN determines, documents and communicates further priorities, goals and outcomes with the relevant persons

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

NUR210 and enrolled in UB013 Graduate Entry pathway

5.2. Co-requisites

Not applicable

5.3. Anti-requisites

NUR287

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

Not applicable

5.5. Microcredential Information

Not applicable

6. How am I going to be assessed?

6.1. Grading Scale

Limited Grading (PNP)

Pass (PU), Fail (UF). All assessment tasks are required to be passed for successful completion of the course.

6.2. Details of early feedback on progress

Feedback is provided continuously throughout this Professional Experience Placement. The ANSAT will be used to provide further feedback.

6.3. Assessment tasks

DELIVERY MODE	TASK NO.	ASSESSMENT PRODUCT	INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP	WHAT IS THE DURATION / LENGTH?	WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT?	WHERE SHOULD I SUBMIT IT?
All	1	Placement performance	Individual	240 hours	Refer to Format	SONIA

All - Assessment Task 1: Professional Experience Placement

GOAL:	The goal of your Professional Experience Placement is to provide you with authentic opportunities to apply your learning in real healthcare settings, develop your skills under supervision, and demonstrate your progress against the NMBA Registered Nurse Standards for Practice using the Australian Nursing Standards Assessment Tool (ANSAT).		
PRODUCT:	Placement performance		
AUTHORSHIP STATEMENT:	Yes: A3 - Direct / V3 - Supervised		
FORMAT:	1. Completion of required hours You must complete the allocated placement hours for your course. Evidence of attendance and completion will be recorded in Sonia and must be submitted to finalise your placement. 2. Progressive assessment During your placement, you will engage in regular feedback and reflection with your facilitator. This process helps you review your practice, track your progress against the ANSAT criteria, and identify strategies to support your success. 3. Final assessment At the end of placement, your clinical facilitator/preceptor will complete the summative ANSAT based on your overall performance. The ANSAT is then submitted to the course coordinator for review and final approval of results in line with UniSC assessment policies. 4. Ongoing feedback and support: You will receive formative feedback throughout your placement as part of your professional development. If any areas of concern arise, a learning plan will be developed in partnership with you to guide improvement and ensure you have every opportunity to meet the required standards. 5. Professional expectations You are expected to maintain safe practice at all times in line with the NMBA Code of Conduct for Nurses and the ICN Code of Ethics. Unsafe practice, breaches of professional standards, or behaviours that place patients at risk may result in removal from placement and failure of the course. 6. Supportive pathways to success If a learning plan is required, you will be supported to meet all requirements before the final assessment. Successful completion of your Professional Experience Placement requires both full attendance of allocated hours and achievement of the required ANSAT at the developing level.		
CRITERIA:	No.		Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Completes the required 240 hours of placement with satisfactory attendance and participation.	1 2
	2	Demonstrates nursing and critical thinking skills applied to safe patient care at a developing level.	1
	3	Integrates clinical knowledge with nursing interventions in authentic care settings.	1 4
	4	Practices safely within scope of practice, showing accountability and responsibility for patient safety.	2
	5	Applies culturally safe communication strategies when collaborating with patients, families, and healthcare teams.	3
	6	Reflects on professional learning to support ongoing growth in practice.	5 6
GENERIC SKILLS:	Communication, Collaboration, Problem solving, Organisation		

6.4. Assessment to competency mapping

PROGRAMME DELIVERY MODE	ASSESSMENT TYPE	TITLE	COMPETENCY	TEACHING METHODS
REGISTERED NURSE STANDARDS FOR PRACTICE - 1 JUNE 2016				
All delivery modes	Placement performance	Professional Experience Placement	1.1	Assessed
			1.2	Assessed
			1.4	Assessed
			1.5	Assessed
			1.6	Assessed
			3.1	Assessed
			3.2	Assessed
			3.3	Assessed
			3.4	Assessed
			3.5	Assessed
			3.6	Assessed
			4.1	Assessed
			4.2	Assessed
			4.3	Assessed
			4.4	Assessed
			5.1	Assessed
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			5.3	Assessed
			5.4	Assessed
			5.5	Assessed
			6.1	Assessed
			6.2	Assessed
			6.3	Assessed
			6.4	Assessed
			6.5	Assessed
			6.6	Assessed
			7.1	Assessed
			7.2	Assessed
			7.3	Assessed

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

You need regular access to the resource(s) below. Many texts are available as ebooks through the [Library](#) at no additional cost.

REQUIRED?	AUTHOR	YEAR	TITLE	EDITION	PUBLISHER
Required	Joanne Tollefson,Elspeth Hillman	2024	Clinical Psychomotor Skills 9e	n/a	Cengage AU
Required	Julie Martyn,Mathew Carey,John D. Gatford,Nicole Phillips	2022	Gatford and Phillips' Drug Calculations	n/a	Elsevier

8.2. Specific requirements

To support your success on placement, please read the Student Handbook (available via Sonia). This handbook provides important information, expectations, and procedures that guide your work integrated learning experience.

Your Summative ANSAT assessment will only be finalised once you have completed the allocated placement hours for this course. If you miss any scheduled hours, you will be required to make these up. Your final course grade cannot be released until all placement requirements are satisfactorily completed.

While on placement, you are required to wear the official UniSC nursing/midwifery student uniform. Please also be aware that some placements may require travel, and associated costs are your responsibility.

9. How are risks managed in this course?

Risk assessments have been performed for all field activities and low to moderate levels of health and safety risk exists. Moderate risks may include working in an Australian bush setting, working with people, working outside normal office hours for example. 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

This course will be graded as Pass in a Limited Grade Course (PU) or Fail in a Limited Grade Course (UF) as per clause 5.1.1.3 and 5.1.1.4 of the Grades and Grade Point Average (GPA) - Academic Policy.

In a course eligible to use Limited Grades, all assessment items in that course are marked on a Pass/Fail basis and all assessment tasks are required to be passed for a student to successfully complete the course. Supplementary assessment is not available in courses using Limited Grades.

Your eligibility for supplementary assessment in a course is dependent of the following conditions applying: The final mark is in the percentage range 47% to 49.4% The course is graded using the Standard Grading scale You have not failed an assessment task in the course due to academic misconduct.

10.3. Assessment: Submission penalties

You must contact your Course Coordinator and provide the required documentation if you require an extension or alternate assessment.

Refer to the Assessment: Courses and Coursework Programs – Procedures.

10.4. 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>

10.5. 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.

10.6. General Enquiries

For course-specific questions, contact your teaching staff or Course Coordinator.

For other enquiries or to access support, please contact Student Central:

- [UniSC Student Central](#)
- [UniSC Adelaide Student Central](#)