

NUR300 Nursing Internship

School: School of Health - Nursing

2024 | Session 6

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

**BLENDED
LEARNING**

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

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

In your final professional experience placement (PEP) as you prepare to transition to practice as a registered nurse you undertake 8 weeks (320 hours) of supervised nursing practice in healthcare settings such as acute care, specialty care, primary and community care, and aged care. You will work in healthcare teams to plan, prioritise, and manage person centred care, underpinned by quality and safety standards. You will consolidate your learning and critically self-appraise your practice in preparation for practice with your facilitator evaluating your performance using the NMBA Registered nurse standards for practice at a level consistent with a graduate nursing student.

1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
BLENDED LEARNING			
Placement – PEP	320hrs	Not applicable	Once Only

1.3. Course Topics

- Nursing practice
- NMBA Registered nurse standards of practice
- Australian Nursing Standards Assessment Tool (ANSAT)
- NMBA Code of Conduct for Nurses
- ICN Code of Ethics

2. What level is this course?

300 Level (Graduate)

Demonstrating coherence and breadth or depth of knowledge and skills. Independent application of knowledge and skills in unfamiliar contexts. Meeting professional requirements and AQF descriptors for the degree. May require pre-requisites where discipline specific introductory or developing knowledge or skills is necessary. Normally undertaken in the third or fourth full-time study year of an undergraduate program.

3. What is the unit value of this course?

24 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 Demonstrate a satisfactory level of nursing practice according to the NMBA Registered nurse standards for practice at a graduate student level, in the areas of person-centred care; and communication and interaction with the multidisciplinary team to ensure optimal patient care patient safety.	Ethical Engaged	1, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 2, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9, 3, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 4, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 5, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 6, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 7, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3
2 Know and behave in accordance with the NMBA Code of Conduct for nurses and ICN Code of Ethics.	Ethical Engaged	1, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 2, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9, 3, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 4, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 5, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 6, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 7, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3
3 Have completed the allocated practice hours for the course.	Ethical Engaged	1, 6

* Competencies by Professional Body

CODE	COMPETENCY
NURSING AND MIDWIFERY BOARD OF AUSTRALIA	
1	Standard 1: Thinks critically and analyses nursing practice
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
1.7	The RN contributes to quality improvement and relevant research
2	Standard 2: Engages in therapeutic and professional relationships
2.1	The RN establishes, sustains and concludes relationships in a way that differentiates the boundaries between professional and personal relationships
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
2.4	The RN provides support and directs people to resources to optimise health related decisions
2.5	The RN advocates on behalf of people in a manner that respects the person's autonomy and legal capacity
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

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2.8	The RN participates in and/or leads collaborative practice
2.9	The RN reports notifiable conduct of health professionals, health workers and others.
3	Standard 3: Maintains the capability for practice
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
3.2	The RN provides the information and education required to enhance people's control over health
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
3.7	The RN identifies and promotes the integral role of nursing practice and the profession in influencing better health outcomes for people
4	Standard 4: Comprehensively conducts assessments
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	Standard 5: Develops a plan for nursing practice
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	Standard 6: Provides safe, appropriate and responsive quality nursing practice
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
6.4	The RN provides effective timely direction and supervision to ensure that delegated practice is safe and correct
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	Standard 7: Evaluates outcomes to inform nursing practice
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

(NUR287 and NUR303 and NUR304) or NUR311 and enrolled in Program SC391, SC392. Session 4 offering is only for students who commenced a mid-year offering of SC391 and any student in SC392.

5.2. Co-requisites

Not applicable

5.3. Anti-requisites

Not applicable

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

As attained in pre-requisite courses

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

Please see information in the assessment task description. It sets out the early and progressive feedback you will receive on your performance throughout your PEP.

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	320 Hours.	Week 8	SONIA

All - Assessment Task 1: Assessment of clinical practice

GOAL:	The purpose of this assessment is for you to demonstrate satisfactory performance based on the NMBA Registered nurse standards for practice at a graduate student level as measured using the Australian Nursing Standards Assessment Tool (ANSAT) and completion of your allocated placement hours for this course.
PRODUCT:	Placement performance
FORMAT:	<p>You will have a progressive assessment of practice which provides you with the opportunity to work with your facilitator to reflect on your practice during the initial period of the PEP, review your progress against the criteria using the ANSAT, and develop a plan to support your successful completion of this PEP.</p> <p>Finalisation of assessment: The clinical facilitator/preceptor will use the ANSAT to finalise the assessment. You need to complete all the required hours and meet a satisfactory level of performance in all standards for practice. The summative ANSAT will be submitted to the course coordinator for final judgement. Ultimate accountability for assessing students in relation to clinical practice resides with the course coordinator and results and course grades are finalised through the USC assessment policy and procedures.</p> <p>Please note: You will also receive ongoing feedback throughout your PEP as a formative and developmental process. If you are not meeting satisfactory standards for practice at any point, learning processes will be implemented to guide and support you to satisfactorily meet each standard. Unsatisfactory performance which put patient/client safety at risk or practices that do not adhere with the NMBA Code of Conduct for nurses and/or ICN Code of Ethics may result in removal from your PEP at any time during the clinical placement and failure of the course. If a learning plan is required during your PEP, you must meet all the requirements and standards for practice at a satisfactory level to proceed to a final assessment.</p>

CRITERIA:	No.		Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Satisfactory practice as measured against the NMBA Registered nurse standards for practice by achieving a level of 3 across all domains of the ANSAT.	1
	2	Satisfactory participation, interaction, and reflection in multidisciplinary work when planning and providing person-centred care	1
	3	Evidence of adherence to Code of Conduct for Nurses and Code of Ethics for Nurses.	2
	4	Completion of allocated practice hours (320).	3

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

Please note that you need to have regular access to the resource(s) listed below. Resources may be required or recommended.

REQUIRED?	AUTHOR	YEAR	TITLE	EDITION	PUBLISHER
Required	Audrey Berman, Shirlee Snyder, Tracy Levett-Jones, Trish Burton, Nichole Harvey	2020	Skills in Clinical Nursing	2nd	Pearson
Required	Adriana Tiziani	2021	Havard's Nursing Guide to Drugs	10th ed	Elsevier
Required	USC	2022	Student Clinical Placement Handbook.	n/a	n/a
Recommended	Tracy Levett-Jones, Kerry Reid-Searl, Sharon Bourgeois	2018	The Clinical Placement	n/a	Elsevier Health Sciences

8.2. Specific requirements

Please familiarise yourself with the Student Handbook available through the link in Sonia Online. It contains all the information and procedures which guide the conduct of your work integrated learning experience in this course. Please note your Summative ANSAT will not be finalised until you have completed the allocated hours for this course. If you are unable to attend any hours you will be required to complete these. Your grade for the course will not be finalised until all requirements are satisfactorily completed. You are required to wear the approved uniform to clinical placement. You may need to travel to placement and you will need to cover these costs.

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

Limited Graded Course:

This course will be graded as Pass in a Limited Grade Course (PU) or Fail in a Limited Grade Course (UF) as per clause 4.1.3 and 4.1.4 of the Grades and Grade Point Average (GPA) - Institutional Operating Policy of the USC.

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.

10.3. Assessment: Submission penalties

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

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
- **UniSC Caboolture** - Student Central, Level 1 Building J, Cnr Manley and Tallon Street, Caboolture

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