

NUR310 Professional Experience 6: Nursing Internship

School: School of Health - Nursing

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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.

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

This capstone internship integrates prior learning and prepares you for transition to registered nursing practice. Across 240 hours of supervised placement, you will demonstrate safe, evidence-informed, and holistic care in diverse clinical environments. Structured reflection, assessments, and planning support graduate readiness. Aligned with the NMBA Registered Nurse Standards for Practice, the NMBA decision-making framework, and the National Safety and Quality Standards, it also incorporates career development tools.

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

- Consolidated Nursing Practice – Integration of knowledge, skills, and attitudes developed across the program to provide safe, competent, and autonomous care as a graduate-ready nurse
- Application of the NMBA Registered Nurse Standards for Practice – Demonstrating graduate-level capability across all standards, including professional conduct, evidence-based decision making, culturally safe care, and collaboration in interprofessional teams
- Assessment with the Australian Nursing Standards Assessment Tool (ANSAT) – Ongoing formative and summative evaluation of practice in clinical settings, with an expectation of achieving a graduate-level standard across all domains
- Professional and Ethical Practice – Consistent demonstration of behaviours aligned with the NMBA Code of Conduct for Nurses and the ICN Code of Ethics, including accountability, advocacy, respect, and person-centred care
- Professional Identity and Transition to Practice – Refining leadership, communication, and reflective practice skills to support the transition into the role of a registered nurse, and commitment to lifelong learning

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 readiness for safe graduate practice through competent, autonomous nursing care	Empowered	1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5
2 Apply NMBA Registered Nurse Standards in planning, delivering, and evaluating care	Ethical	1.1, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 6.1, 6.2, 7.1, 7.2
3 Collaborate in interprofessional teams to provide holistic, person-centred care	Engaged	2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 3.3
4 Prioritise and manage patient care across a dynamic clinical workload under supervision	Engaged	4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 6.1, 6.2, 6.4
5 Critically self-appraise and reflect upon professional practice to support lifelong learning and development	Creative and critical thinker	1.2, 3.1, 3.3, 3.5, 7.3
6 Synthesize and justify academic, professional, and digital communication choices to produce ethical, scholarly, and professionally accountable communication appropriate to the role and responsibilities of a graduate nurse	Ethical Engaged	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

CODE	COMPETENCY
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
2.8	The RN participates in and/or leads collaborative 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
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
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
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
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

NUR306 and NUR309 and enrolled in UB013

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

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

Students must successfully complete both the theoretical and PEP components of each professional experience course. A Fail grade in either component prevents progression to subsequent courses, ensuring safe practice is consistently demonstrated before advancing.

In this Professional Experience course, you will receive ongoing, formative feedback through your active participation in classes and your simulation activities. By engaging fully, you will have frequent opportunities to receive early feedback on your knowledge, skills, and professional behaviours. This feedback helps you monitor your progress, build confidence, and prepare for both assessments and safe, effective clinical practice.

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	Portfolio	Individual	As determined by your Course Coordinator	Refer to Format	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check
All	2	Placement performance	Individual	240 hours	Refer to Format	SONIA

All - Assessment Task 1: Professional Portfolio

GOAL:	The goal of the professional portfolio in your final Professional Experience course is to consolidate and communicate your readiness to practise as a Registered Nurse.	
PRODUCT:	Portfolio	
FORMAT:	<p>By this stage, your portfolio should clearly demonstrate your capability to provide safe, ethical, person-centred care and your achievement of the NMBA Registered Nurse Standards for Practice. The portfolio now serves as a professional document that reflects your emerging nurse identity and supports your transition into graduate practice. Across the teaching period, you will refine and curate your existing portfolio, rather than add large amounts of new evidence. Your focus is to ensure that your selected evidence clearly aligns to the NMBA Standards, represents your development over time, and demonstrates your readiness to transition into practice.</p> <p>You will also complete a final Integrative Reflection that critically reflects on your role in interprofessional collaboration during your Internship and articulates your strengths, learning, and ongoing development as you enter the profession. Your portfolio should be presented professionally, suitable for use in Graduate program applications and interviews and support your ongoing professional development.</p> <p>This portfolio represents the culmination of your learning journey and your preparedness to practise as a Registered Nurse.</p>	
CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Portfolio demonstrates achievement of graduate readiness and alignment with the NMBA RN Standards for Practice 1 2 4
	2	Portfolio demonstrates ongoing professional learning and preparedness for transition to practice 3 4
	3	Final Integrative Reflection demonstrates critical self-appraisal and formation of professional identity 3 5 6
GENERIC SKILLS:	Communication, Collaboration, Organisation	

All - Assessment Task 2: 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) at a graduate level.																
PRODUCT:	Placement performance																
FORMAT:	<p>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. 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. 4. 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. 5. 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 graduate ANSAT level for your year of study.</p>																
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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
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			1.4	Assessed
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			1.6	Assessed
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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

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	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

Please familiarise yourself with the Student Handbook available through the link in Sonia. It contains all the information and procedures that guide the conduct of your work integrated learning experience in this course.

Please note your Summative ANSAT tool 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 UniSC nursing student 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

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.

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. 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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