

# NUR332 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Cultural Safety

School: School of Health - Nursing

2024 | Semester 2

Online

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You can do this course without coming onto campus.

Please go to [usc.edu.au](http://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 course will enable you to understand and analyse practices and issues related to the provision of health care and health education that addresses the health inequities that are currently present in the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in comparison to their mainstream Australian counterparts. You will continue to develop your understanding of working with Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in a culturally safe way.

### 1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
<b>ONLINE</b>			
<b>Online</b> – Online asynchronous learning and teaching materials that are offered in 4 modules. Student support via 1 hour Zoom sessions that are offered 3 times per week	4hrs	Week 1	13 times

### 1.3. Course Topics

The impact of colonisation on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People's health, origins of Cultural Safety and the code of ethics and the code of conduct.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples maternal, child and family health, and the National Health Plan and Closing the Gap.

Past government policies and the adverse impacts on the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's today and addressing racism in healthcare.

## 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?

12 units

#### 4. How does this course contribute to my learning?

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES		GRADUATE QUALITIES
On successful completion of this course, you should be able to...		Completing these tasks successfully will contribute to you becoming...
1	Apply professional standards, guidelines and codes of practice as they relate to culturally safe decision making and practice.	Creative and critical thinker Ethical
2	Analyse information relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' health in order to formulate effective person-centred health care strategies, behaviours and communication.	Ethical Sustainability-focused
3	Explain the principles of cultural safety within a Social Justice framework and apply them to decision making in healthcare settings to support the needs and aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.	Creative and critical thinker Sustainability-focused
4	Apply principles and practices of academic writing and referencing. Correct use of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander terminology and protocols.	Ethical
5	Apply ethical use of intellectual property.	Ethical

#### 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

NUR117 or NUR141 or HLT132 and enrolled in Program SC391, SC392, 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

Task 1 - Assesses knowledge of the Professional Standards and Codes of Practice. This assessment prepares students for Task 2 and Task 3.

##### 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	20%	40 minutes	Week 3	Online Test (Quiz)
All	2	Artefact - Creative	Individual	30%	1000 words	Week 6	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check
All	3	Written Piece	Individual	50%	2000 words	Week 12	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check

### All - Assessment Task 1: Online Quiz

<b>GOAL:</b>	The aim of this task is for you review the NMBA Registered nurse and Registered midwife standards for practice, CATSINaM guidelines and other practice codes to demonstrate knowledge of the appropriate terminology relating to culture and professional practice.						
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<b>FORMAT:</b>	You will access your on-line Quiz on Canvas						
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<b>GENERIC SKILLS:</b>	Communication, Collaboration, Information literacy						

### All - Assessment Task 2: Digital Poster.

<b>GOAL:</b>	The goal of this task is to use information about a specific health issue relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to produce a case study which informs decision making and best practice.																		
<b>PRODUCT:</b>	Artefact - Creative																		
<b>FORMAT:</b>	<p>You will use information provided on the course Canvas site to develop a case study scenario analysis for a Digital poster presentation. You will:</p> <p>Using information provided to you, you will develop a poster presentation that addresses the information using the principles of Cultural Safety within a Social Justice framework</p> <p>You will draw on relevant evidence and sources of information to analyse the implications of the case study for decision making and practice relating to Closing the Gap.</p> <p>Make recommendations for best practice to respond to the health issue. You will use the referencing style appropriate to the discipline.</p>																		
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### All - Assessment Task 3: Written Assignment

<b>GOAL:</b>	The goal of task is for you understand how past Australian government policies relating to Indigenous Australians have contributed to the present health crisis facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. You will then demonstrate how you will incorporate this knowledge of the principles of Cultural Safety in your current and continuing practice. You will understand and address racism in healthcare.	
<b>PRODUCT:</b>	Written Piece	
<b>FORMAT:</b>	You will write a 2000 word written piece. You will use the referencing style appropriate to the discipline.	
<b>CRITERIA:</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Learning Outcome assessed</b>
	1	Analysis of credible sources in support of rationale and position taken in response to the written assignment statement provided relating to the Assimilation policy of 1961. 2
	2	Analysis and explanation of the determinants of health that impact on the health status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' both in the past and today including racism as a determinant of health. 3
	3	1st person perspective on and application of the principles of Cultural Safety to decision making for healthcare that applies to the needs and aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples'. 4
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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

N/A

## 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

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

Late submission of assessment tasks may be penalised at the following maximum rate:

- 5% (of the assessment task's identified value) per day for the first two days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task.

- 10% (of the assessment task's identified value) for the third day - 20% (of the assessment task's identified value) for the fourth day and subsequent days up to and including seven days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task.

- A result of zero is awarded for an assessment task submitted after seven days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task. Weekdays and weekends are included in the calculation of days late. To request an extension you must contact your course coordinator to negotiate an outcome.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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