Graduate Diploma in Nursing
(Medical and Surgical Nursing)
UNDA Course Code 4086
Not available for international students
2010

INTRODUCTION
This program has been designed to provide nurses working in the area of medical & surgical nursing, an avenue to consolidate their knowledge and apply new skill to their practice. This course has been developed as a result of an articulated need by nurses working in this specialty area. The Graduate Diploma in Nursing (Medical & Surgical Nursing) consists of 8 units of study which includes an UNDA core unit. It is anticipated that the course will take two years to complete. Students will be able to exit with a Graduate Certificate after one year upon successful completion of four units of study. This course also articulates with the Master of Nursing.

This program is aimed at enabling the registered nurse to develop knowledge and consolidate skills to function as a specialist in the field of medical and surgical nursing. It is also aimed at providing currently practicing medical & surgical nurses with opportunities to advance their own professional practice.

COURSE OUTLINE
There are 8 units of study which include four specified nursing units, three electives from the range of post graduate nursing units available and 1 core unit.

The specified units are:
- Advanced Health Assessment
- Pathophysiology and Disease Processes
- Pharmacology
- Wound and Ostomy care

The electives can come from any of the following areas:
- Aged care
- Forensics
- Haematology
- Nursing education
- Oncology
- Orthopaedics
- Primary Health
- Clinical Governance
- Clinical Nursing

Please note the course sequence, units and specialty areas may be subject to change.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
This Program will be available to students who have a previous nursing degree or equivalent and who have accumulated appropriate experience. Registered nurses not holding an undergraduate degree must first complete a Graduate Certificate.

Applications will be available from the Health Service coordinator in consultation with the Post Graduate Coordinator. For further information please contact the Postgraduate Co-ordinator, School of Nursing on 9433 0249.

MODE OF STUDY & ASSESSMENT
Students should discuss their study program with the course coordinator before commencing. The assessment of each unit is variable and may consist of tutorial presentations, case study, written assignments, projects and journals.

FURTHER INFORMATION
The information contained in this publication is designed as a basic course description. If you would like further details regarding the courses, or information pertaining to admissions, fees or the University itself, please consult the University prospectus.

If you would like to view the University facilities please contact the Prospective Students Office on (08) 9433 0533 or at future@nd.edu.au.

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