

NURS 7040 PERSPECTIVES ON NURSING

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 400774

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Description This subject addresses the origins and development of nursing knowledge. A major focus is the development and progress of the discipline of nursing. It includes an in-depth exploration of the history and philosophy of nursing science, including epistemology and strategies for theory generation in nursing. The impact of borrowed perspectives on research, theory and practice in the discipline of nursing is also explored. In addition, the subject addresses the development of theoretical perspectives in nursing including areas of controversy in the discipline. Numerous perspectives on the relationship between nursing theory, research and practice are considered. A major emphasis in the subject is development of knowledge and understanding of the link between nursing theory, research, practice and related issues.

School Nursing & Midwifery

Discipline General Nursing

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 1 10cp

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Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Equivalent Subjects LGYA 7149 - Nursing Knowledge Concepts Models and Theories

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in a postgraduate program.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Appraise major perspectives in nursing and their impacts on the development and application of nursing theories and conceptual models
2. Synthesize the applicability and importance of nursing theories for nursing science, practice and research.
3. Critically evaluate major approaches to concept development, concept analysis and concept clarification
4. Critically evaluate concepts applicable to own area and level of nursing practice using concept analysis methods
5. Critically reflect on espoused and personal-theory-in-use in nursing practice in general and the application of one's own nursing practice in particular

Subject Content

Empirics

Evolution of the discipline of nursing

Generating theory from practice

Human science and nursing

Inductive approaches to theory development

Nursing epistemology

Nursing development unit model

Paradigmatic perspectives in nursing

Philosophy and nursing
Reflective practice
Social science and nursing epistemology
Analysis and evaluation of conceptual models and theories of nursing
Conceptual models and nursing theories
Future of nursing theory
Ideas in nursing knowledge (concepts, constructs, propositions, hypothesis, theories, principles, laws, frameworks and models)
International perspectives on nursing theory
Nursing theory as a guide to practice and research
Theory-practice debate

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Essay	2000 words	40	N	Individual	N
Essay	2000 words	40	N	Individual	N
Short Answer	1000 words	20	N	Individual	N

Prescribed Texts

- There is no essential textbook.

Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025)

Online

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