

# NURS 7068 CHRONIC CONDITIONS AND DISABILITY

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 401456

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**Description** Chronic Conditions and Disability utilises an evidence-based approach to develop an understanding of pathophysiology, pharmacological interventions, and nursing care for people across the lifespan who experience chronic conditions and/or disability.

**School** Nursing & Midwifery

**Discipline** Nursing

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 1 10cp

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**Level** Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

**Co-requisite(s)** NURS 7071 - Introduction to alterations in health

## Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in program 4785 - Master of Nursing Practice (Preregistration).

## Assumed Knowledge

Primary health care, foundational knowledge of human biological sciences including human body systems, basic concepts in pharmacology and pathophysiology and the National Health Priorities and the relationship to nursing practice.

## Learning Outcomes

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

1. Interpret the causes, pathophysiology, clinical manifestations, and diagnostic procedures related to common chronic conditions.
2. Deliberate ethical, legal and professional issues when caring for a person living with a chronic condition or disability.
3. Analyse the best evidence related to common chronic conditions or persons with a disability.
4. Recommend strategies that promote a shared decision-making process in collaboration with carers, families, and individuals living with a chronic condition or disability.
5. Develop evidence-based rationales for safe, person-centred care of people with chronic conditions or persons with a disability.

## Subject Content

1. Knowledge and application of the following concepts to inform professional nursing practice related to chronic conditions and disability affecting the endocrine, neurological and respiratory body systems:

- a. Cause: Risk factors
- b. Clinical manifestations
- c. Diagnosis

d. Pathophysiology

e. Treatment: Pharmacological and non-pharmacological

f. Nursing role and responsibilities: evidenced based practice by accessing and analysing the best available evidence, that includes research findings, for safe, quality practice

2. Concepts and principles of care related to chronicity and disability

a. Rehabilitation and habilitation

b. Person-centred care

c. Shared decision-making

## Special Requirements

Essential equipment

Access to an internet enabled device is essential in order to be able to: access course materials; to participate in discussion groups; and to access additional resources provided by the lecturer during the session.

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## 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
Report	500 words	30	N	Individual	Y
Case Study	1500 words	40	N	Individual	Y
Quiz	40 minutes x 1	30	N	Individual	Y
Participatio	All teaching weeks	S/U	Y	Individual	Y

Teaching Periods

## Spring (2025)

### Hawkesbury

#### On-site

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### Parramatta - Victoria Rd

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