

NURS 4009 READINGS AND METHODOLOGY

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 400201

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Description This subject will broaden and deepen students understanding of research methodologies and methods and develop research skills in order to enable them to apply these to a specific Bachelor of Nursing (Honours) research project that can contribute to evidence-based practice and nursing disciplinary knowledge.

School Nursing & Midwifery

Discipline General Nursing

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 1 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 4 subject

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in 4529 Bachelor of Nursing (Honours).

Assumed Knowledge

A basic knowledge of research methods at undergraduate level or equivalent is required.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Critically evaluate a research methodology and develop a coherent research proposal and plan
2. Evaluate specific data collection method(s) and analyses
3. Identify and devise strategies to ensure rigour/validity/reliability of a planned research study
4. Identify potential ethical dilemmas and devise strategies to mitigate risk

Subject Content

1. Research methodology and research design
2. Data collection method(s) and analysis
3. Planning to ensure Rigour/Validity and Reliability
4. Use of ethical principles in the conduct of research

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	1,500 words	40	N	Individual	N
Presentatio	10 minutes	20	N	Individual	N

Proposal	2,500 words	40	N	Individual	N
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Prescribed Texts

- Wood, M. J., & Ross-Kerr, J. C.. (2011). Basic steps in planning nursing research: From question to proposal (7th ed.). Sudbury, MA: Jones and Bartlett

Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025)

Parramatta - Victoria Rd

Hybrid

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Spring (2025)

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