

NURS 7019 CULTURAL AND SOCIAL DIVERSITY IN HEALTH CARE

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 401082

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Description This subject encourages students to investigate and discuss the concepts of health and illness in the context of cultural and social diversity. The subject promotes the attainment of critical knowledge and core principles necessary for students to become holistic, culturally and socially sensitive and appropriately adaptable when meeting the health needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, other marginalised and vulnerable groups including refugees and those from LGBTI community, and people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds. A multicultural approach provides a framework for students to explore the impact of different attitude and value systems relating to the health of peoples in Australia.

School Nursing & Midwifery

Discipline Nursing

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 1 10cp

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Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in a postgraduate program.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Critique the social determinants of health among culturally and socially diverse communities
2. Critically reflect on own values and attitudes when working in culturally and socially diverse communities
3. Apply integrated knowledge of culture, ethnicity and diversity into the provision of health care for a multicultural society
4. Differentiate health related risk factors for people from diverse cultural groups
5. Critique the impact of past events, and health care policies on the health of Australia's culturally diverse communities, particularly on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

Subject Content

1. Understanding culturally and socially diverse communities

- Critical reflection
- Attitudes and values
- Culture and diversity
- Social determinants of health

2. Impact of Culture, diversity and health

- Risk factors within and across cultural groups
- Health status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People
- Health status of different cultural groups including refugees and asylum seekers, LGBTI and culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) community

3. Culture and diversity in health care

- Health care policies and service provision
- Primary health care action in relation to social determinants of health
- Close the gap - Indigenous health campaign

4. Culturally sensitive and appropriate health care for

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People
- Refugees and asylum seeker
- LGBTI
- Culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) community

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	Mandatory Task
Presentation	10 minutes	40	N	Individual	N
Essay	1,500 words	40	N	Individual	N
Quiz	20 multiple choice questions/20 minutes	20	N	Individual	N

Alternate 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	Mandatory Task
Essay	2000 words	50	N	Individual	N
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Prescribed Texts

- There is no essential textbook.

Teaching Periods

Hong Kong Baptist - Autumn (2025)

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On-site

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Hong Kong Baptist - Spring (2025)

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Spring (2025)

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Parramatta - Victoria Rd

On-site

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Hong Kong Baptist - Term 3 (2025)

Hong Kong Baptist University

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