

# NURS 7078 PROFESSIONAL NURSING PRACTICE

**Credit Points** 20

**Legacy Code** 401465

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**Description** Professional Nursing Practice provides an opportunity to consolidate the development of the role and clinical skills of the registered nurse in preparation for transition to graduate practice. A simulated professional task will assist with the development of essential clinical communications and a professional experience placement to evaluate clinical skills development. The unit includes 240 hours of Professional Experience Placement. All assessments in this unit are mandatory. Attendance is also mandatory in all workshops and Clinical Practice Unit sessions in this unit.

**School** Nursing & Midwifery

**Discipline** General Nursing

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 1 20cp

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**Level** Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

**Pre-requisite(s)** NURS 7075

**Co-requisite(s)** NURS 7079

**Restrictions**

Successful completion of 120 credit points and students must be enrolled in program 4785 - Master of Nursing Practice (Preregistration).

**Assumed Knowledge**

Completed all other subjects in 4785 - Master of Nursing Practice (Graduate Entry).

## Learning Outcomes

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

1. Analyse leadership when initiating and managing collaborative practice in nursing
2. Coordinate resources effectively with justification for planned actions
3. Explain the application of strategies to respond appropriately and professionally to situations that may create personal discomfort including giving and receiving feedback
4. Comply with legislation, regulations, policies, guidelines and other standards or requirements relevant to the context of practice when making decisions
5. Practise in accordance with relevant policies, guidelines, standards, regulations, and legislation

## Subject Content

Transition to graduate practice  
Working in multi-disciplinary teams and understanding intraprofessional and interprofessional relationships  
Clinical practicum

Consolidate and review Core Practice Skills, including Hand Hygiene  
Recognising and responding to variations in health status  
? ECG  
? BGL  
? Vital signs  
? Work of breathing  
Risk assessment ? falls, pressure injury, venous thromboembolism (VT)  
? Oxygenation  
? Medication therapy  
Prioritising care across the lifespan  
? Recognising the deteriorating patient  
? Primary survey  
? National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards  
Working in complex and dynamic acute healthcare contexts  
? Rapid Response Teams  
? Basic and Advanced Life Support  
? Emergency drugs  
Complex IV Therapy, Parental Nutrition and Central Venous Access Devices  
? Multiple infusions  
? Dressing of lines ? when, how, why  
? Arterial lines  
Scenarios: Using low medium and high-fidelity simulation-based case studies to facilitate improvement in  
? Time management  
? Clinical judgement  
? Teamwork and responsibilities of care providers  
? Managing others/ leadership and delegation  
? Accountability  
? Nurse as educator  
? Family focused care  
? Numeracy ? medication calculations  
? Principles of Work Health and Safety in clinical practice

## Special Requirements

Legislative pre-requisites

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To be eligible to enrol in a subject and attend a health-related placement in your program, students must meet Western Sydney University program requirements and Special Legislative Requirements to be assessed in their first year of study against the following.

1. National Criminal History Check: Students must have a current (expiring 3 years from date of issue) check valid for their entire program. A valid National Criminal history check must be an Australia wide check, include the student's full name matching their Student ID card and date of birth and not have any offences listed. If a student has a criminal history identified on their check, they must provide a Clinical Placement Authority Card (CPAC) or conditional letter from the NSW HealthShare Employment Screening and Review Unit [https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/careers/student\\_clearance/Documents/appendix-10-student-application.pdf](https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/careers/student_clearance/Documents/appendix-10-student-application.pdf) International students must additionally have a translated International Police Check or statutory declaration.
2. A NSW Working with Children Check (WWCC) clearance letter issued under the category of volunteer valid for their entire program.
3. A current approved first aid certificate valid for their entire program. Approved provider courses can be found at <http://training.gov.au> (<http://training.gov.au/>).
4. A completed vaccination/immunisation card with all serology results containing expiry dates and currency must be maintained by the student to ensure compliance for their entire course.
5. NSW Undertaking/Declaration form.
6. Completed any additional health forms required (such as NSW Health Code of Conduct, Health Student Undertaking/Declaration and Tuberculosis (TB) Assessment Tool).

7. Relevant Local Health District specific documentation as requested. Contact your School for further details. Resources are also available on the Placement Hub website

[https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/learning\\_futures/home/placements\\_hub/placements\\_hub/student\\_compliance](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/learning_futures/home/placements_hub/placements_hub/student_compliance) ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/learning\\_futures/home/placements\\_hub/placements\\_hub/student\\_compliance/](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/learning_futures/home/placements_hub/placements_hub/student_compliance/))

## 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.

Item	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task
Viva Voce	20 minutes	S/U	Y	Individual
Professional Placement Performance	240 hours	S/U	Y	Individual
Participation	100%	S/U	Y	Individual

Teaching Periods