

# NURS 7073 NURSING PRACTICE 1

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 401460

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**Description** Nursing Practice 1 focuses on the development of the role and skills of the registered nurse when assessing and providing care for people across the lifespan who are experiencing acute, but usually resolvable conditions. A simulated professional task will assist with the development of essential clinical communications and simulated skills assessment and a professional experience placement will support clinical skill development. The subject includes 160 hours of Professional Experience Placement.

**School** Nursing & Midwifery

**Discipline** General Nursing

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

Check your fees via the Fees ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current\\_students/fees/](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/fees/)) page.

**Level** Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

**Co-requisite(s)** NURS 3040 Foundations of Nursing Practice  
NURS 7077 Pharmacology Knowledge for Nursing Practice  
NURS 7071 Introduction to Alterations in Health

## Restrictions

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

## Assumed Knowledge

Well development basic nursing skills and knowledge related to safe medication administration.

## Learning Outcomes

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

1. Justify the principles of safe medication administration in clinical scenarios and their application in simulated and clinical learning environments.
2. Exhibit competence in maintaining accurate, comprehensive, and timely documentation of assessments and nursing care plans
3. Communicate effectively within interprofessional teams in a clinical scenario.
4. Investigate evidence to support a range of assessment techniques to systematically collect relevant and accurate information to develop knowledge and integrate care
5. Competently perform safe medication administration, with a focus of non-parenteral and parenteral medications, and the application for people who are experiencing acute but usually resolvable conditions in a simulated and clinical learning environment.
6. Practise in accordance with legislation, regulations, policies, guidelines and other relevant standards or requirements in nursing.

## Subject Content

1. Principles of nursing frameworks
2. The experience of pain and pain management during the perioperative period
3. Assessment, admission procedures and the Nursing History
4. Accesses and analyses the best available evidence, for safe, quality practice
5. Recognising and Responding to Variations in Health Status Bowel Cancer, Fractures, Crohn's disease
6. Ulcerative colitis, Breast cancer
7. Perioperative and post-operative care
8. Fluid Balance & Fluid replacement
9. Numeracy – medication calculations
10. Working in multi-disciplinary teams
11. Health informatics and health technology – electronic charting
12. Application of legal-ethical principles
13. Family focused care
14. Clinical Practicum

## Special Requirements

Legislative pre-requisites

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To be eligible to enrol in this unit and complete any required health-related placements or experiences, students must meet Western Sydney University course requirements as well as any special, legislated, or policy-mandated requirements.

### Western Course Requirements

Visit the Special Requirements webpage for details about your course.

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Mandatory NSW Health student placement policy requirements

To be able to undertake placement in any NSW Health facility you must be assessed as compliant with NSW Health student placement policy in the first year of your course, regardless of when you expect to go on your first placement. Access and read the NSW Student Compliance Information Booklet.

Please ensure that you

1. Find your existing National Police Check or apply for one
2. Gather documentary evidence of your vaccination history
3. Print and complete all relevant NSW Health forms relevant to the campus you are enrolled at or online enrolment requirements
4. Follow booklet instructions on how to have your compliance documents assessed by NSW health staff.

International students have additional requirements: the link to the booklet will inform you of these requirements.

### School Requirements

Contact your School for further details regarding your School's requirements, if any, such as

If you live outside of NSW or Australia and need to meet your state, territory or country's compliance requirements

If you need to meet different state, territory or country compliance requirements.

NSW Working with Children Check (WWCC) or other state equivalent, valid for your entire course.

Current approved first aid certificate valid for your entire course - approved course providers can be found at the Government Training website

<http://training.gov.au>

View timetable ([https://classregistration.westernsydney.edu.au/odd/timetable/?subject\\_code=NURS7073\\_25-AUT\\_PS\\_1#subjects](https://classregistration.westernsydney.edu.au/odd/timetable/?subject_code=NURS7073_25-AUT_PS_1#subjects))

#### Other non-health related requirements.

Student Compliance Resources are also available on the Placements Hub web page (NSW Students only)

[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/))

Essential equipment

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Students must wear the School of Nursing and Midwifery clinical uniform, including correct fully enclosed ALL black shoes [that meet WHS requirements - Shoes must be low heeled, fully enclosed, non-slip soles (Reeboks, joggers, sandshoes, sneakers, gym shoes, sandals, slippers, ballet shoes, etc. are NOT acceptable)] to all CPU classes and the clinical placement. The uniform can be purchased from the retail store on campus.

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. See [http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current\\_students/services\\_and\\_facilities/uwsonline\\_student\\_support](http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/uwsonline_student_support) for further information.

### 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
Professional Task	80 minutes	S/U	Y	Individual	Y
Professional Task	10 minutes	S/U	Y	Individual	Y
Practical Exam	25 minutes	S/U	Y	Individual	Y
Participation	All teaching weeks	S/U	Y	Individual	Y
Professional Placement Performance	60 hours	S/U	Y	Individual	Y

Teaching Periods

## Autumn (2025)

### Hawkesbury

#### On-site

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### Parramatta - Victoria Rd

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