

# Unit Outline (Higher Education)

**Institute / School:** Institute of Health and Wellbeing

**Unit Title:** NURSING INQUIRY

**Unit ID:** HCNUR6031

**Credit Points:** 15.00

**Prerequisite(s):** Nil

**Co-requisite(s):** Nil

**Exclusion(s):** (HEASC4003)

**ASCED:** 060301

## Description of the Unit:

This course explores the underpinning epistemological foundations of nursing. The related ethico-legal, socio-political and economic influences are analysed for their contributions to contemporary nursing knowledge. Students will evaluate their own level of knowledge development and map their pathway to high order professional knowledge in nursing practice.

**Grade Scheme:** Graded (HD, D, C, P, MF, F, XF)

## Work Experience:

No work experience: Student is not undertaking work experience in industry.

**Placement Component:** No

**Supplementary Assessment:** Yes

Where supplementary assessment is available a student must have failed overall in the Unit but gained a final mark of 45 per cent or above and submitted all major assessment tasks.

## Learning Outcomes:

### Knowledge:

- K1.** Investigate the ways knowledge for practice is generated and used
- K2.** Explore the use of evidence to inform practice.

### Skills:

- S1.** Analyse contemporary ethico-legal, socio-political, historical and economic influences on nursing knowledge
- S2.** Interpret and develop personal practice knowledge
- S3.** Appraise the hallmarks of nursing scholarship

**Unit Content:**

Topics may include:

- Concepts of epistemology and practice epistemology
- Traditional perspectives on knowledge development
- Models of knowledge development in practice disciplines
- Use of reflective practice to identify current level of practice knowledge
- Current ethico-legal, socio-political and economic debates related to health care
- Key influences on the development of nursing knowledge
- Evidence based practice

**Values:**

- V1.** Appreciate the tensions between different types and sources of evidence influential in practice

**Learning Task and Assessment:**

Assessment Tasks	Assessment Type	Weighting
Investigation and application of a model of practice knowledge development to interpret and develop personal practice knowledge	On-line group participation in a narrative analysis Equivalent to 500 words	10%
Investigation and application of a model of practice knowledge development to interpret and develop personal practice knowledge	Essay 2,000 – 2,500 words	30%
Investigation and application of a model of practice knowledge development to interpret and develop personal practice knowledge	Essay 2,500 -3,000 words	40%
Critical examination of professional practice in the context of contemporary ethico-legal, socio-political and economic debates in health care	Assignment 2,500-3,000 words	60%

**Adopted Reference Style:**

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