



Neonates with special needs

The Faculty of Health at Deakin University is a leader in providing education for people working or aiming to work, in health and human services. We collaborate with major employer and professional groups, ensuring that our programs are at the cutting edge of current research and practice.

The Professional Development Unit (PDU) at Deakin University offers high quality educational learning packages. These learning packages provide nurses with the opportunity to update their professional skills, support their current practice, take another career direction or seek an alternative entry pathway into higher education.

Each full learning package is equivalent to 0.5 credit point, and multiples of 1 point may attract Credit for Prior Learning in a Graduate Diploma/Masters degree. There are two (2) learning packages available in this suite. Participants are encouraged to reflect on their experiences, incorporating theoretical concepts while developing skills and strategies for application in practice.

PDU325 Risk factors influencing neonatal health

PDU326 Assessment and care of neonates

Learning package one: Risk factors influencing neonatal health

In order to prepare nurses to work in a special care nursery the learning package aims to provide assessment techniques and nursing management strategies essential for assessing and caring for neonates who require admission to a special care nursery and for their families.

The content of this learning package includes:

- Pre existing maternal disease states and possible impact on the fetus/neonate
- Maternal health factors that impact upon perinatal/neonatal health
- Health assessment of the neonate
- Congenital and chromosomal abnormalities of the neonate
- Gestational age assessment of the neonate
- Challenges of feeding the ill neonate
- Professional practice in neonatal care
- Ethics in neonatal practice

Assessment: Assignment: 2500 words (100%)

Learning package two: Assessment and care of neonates

This learning package aims to explore common neonatal disorders, therapeutic interventions, resuscitation and transfer to a tertiary health care centre; understand health assessment of the neonate in the special care nursery, their developmental needs and care of the family.

The content of this learning package includes:

- Family centered and development nursing care
- Care of the newborn with
 - a respiratory illness, including oxygen therapy and apnoea
 - jaundice and haemolytic disease of the newborn including phototherapy management
 - hypoglycaemia including blood glucose monitoring: infant of a diabetic mother and hyperglycaemia
 - Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) and neonatal drug exposure
 - infection including IV therapy and antibiotic administration
- Resuscitation of the neonate
- Stabilisation and preparation of a neonate for transfer to a tertiary health care centre

Assessment: Assignment: 2500 words (100%)

Admission requirements

- Registered nurses with hospital certificate or undergraduate diploma or degree
- Other health professionals will be assessed on an individual basis

Fees and Refund Policies

PLEASE NOTE: Deakin University's ABN is listed on the enrolment form to act as a tax invoice. The Employer sponsored payment of fees **MUST** accompany the enrolment form to guarantee enrolment in the desired Trimester. No exceptions.

Please refer to the PDU website for information on current refund policies:
deakin.edu.au/health/pdu/

Enquiries and applications

Applications close four weeks prior to the start of each Trimester. Contact the Professional Development Unit for specific dates.

For information and an application form, please go to :
deakin.edu.au/health/pdu/enrolment.php

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