Paediatric Nursing

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 learning package is equivalent to 0.5 credit point, and multiples of 1 point may attract advanced standing into a Graduate Diploma/Masters degree. Learning packages are delivered via distance education over a 10 week period. Students are able to work at their own pace within this timeframe. Learning packages are offered in Trimester 1, Trimester 2 and Summer Trimester (numbers permitting). 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.

Registered nurses intending to work in the United States of America must first get approval from the State Registering Board in which they intend to practice, before commencing these packages.

Please note: Completion of these learning packages no longer meets the California Board of Registered Nursing’s requirements.

PDU130  Paediatric Nursing: The well child
PDU133  Paediatric Nursing: Nursing management of the sick child and Family

Learning package one: The well child

This learning package aims to provide the opportunity to review and extend knowledge in paediatric health; enhance existing skills and provide preparation to deliver holistic care to children and significant others.

The content of this learning package includes:

- factors influencing children’s development and well-being
- knowledge of the concepts of development to infant and childcare
family types and structures
functions of family in relation to the growth and development of infants and children
principles of assessment of the well child
strategies to minimize the incidence of infectious diseases of childhood and the current immunization schedules

Assessment: Assignment: 2000 words (80%) and Online examination (20%)

Learning package two: Nursing management of the sick child and family
This learning package aims to build on existing knowledge and skills in paediatric nursing practice and application to the care of the sick infant/child.
The content of this learning package includes:

- care of infants/children/young people and their families as a client group
- assessment of the child and the child’s family

Assessment: Assignment: 2000 words (80%) and Online examination (20%)

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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