



Advanced Clinical Nursing in the Adult Patient

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 Credit for Prior Learning in a Graduate Diploma/Masters degree. Learning packages are delivered via distance education over a 10 week period in Trimesters 1, 2 and 3 (numbers permitting). Students are able to work at their own pace within this timeframe.

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.

PDU291 Advanced Clinical Nursing - Patient Assessment

PDU292 Advanced Clinical Nursing - Clinical Management

As the acuity of patient care increases and the length of stay decreases in hospitals, it is imperative that registered nurses ensure their level of practice and knowledge is current and of a high standard. These learning packages cover a wide variety of topics that will act as building blocks for further study to deliver safe and effective care of acutely ill patients in several settings.

Learning package one: Patient Assessment

The content of this learning package includes:

- patient assessment skills
- respiratory assessment
- cardiac assessment

- neurological assessment
- renal assessment
- fluid balance and electrolyte balance
- acid base balance
- basic ECG fundamentals

Assessment: Open book examination (100%)

Learning package two: Advanced Clinical Nursing - Clinical Management

The content of this learning package includes:

- acid base balance
- basic haemodynamic monitoring
- management of respiratory conditions
- management of chest pain
- pharmacology
- pain management

Assessment: Open book examination (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 refund policies: deakin.edu.au/health/pdu/

Enquiries and applications

Applications close four weeks prior to the start of each Trimester. Please 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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