



NURS20171 Nursing and Professional Practice 1

Term 2 - 2024

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General Information

Overview

This unit will provide you with the knowledge and skills to enhance your confidence and competence as a registered nurse. In this unit you will critically appraise your clinical environment, nursing decisions and professional practice. You will develop advanced clinical skills including assessment, planning, intervention implementation, and evaluation of nursing actions in the care of people in diverse clinical settings.

Details

Career Level: *Postgraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 8*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 7

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Students must be enrolled in CL22 Master of Clinical Nursing or CL16 Graduate Certificate in Clinical Nursing to undertake this unit.

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

Offerings For Term 2 - 2024

- Online

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

Class and Assessment Overview

Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 6-credit Postgraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 12.5 hours of study per week, making a total of 150 hours for the unit.

Class Timetable

[Regional Campuses](#)

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

[Metropolitan Campuses](#)

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

Assessment Overview

1. **Reflective Practice Assignment**

Weighting: 40%

2. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 60%

Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the [University's Grades and Results Policy](#) for more details of interim results and final grades.

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback – Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

Previous Student Feedback

Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

Feedback from SUTE

Feedback

The learning materials that are uploaded were so interesting and informative. I really enjoyed the podcasts, videos and articles that were shared with us. It gave me access to some really interesting material that I probably would have never come across otherwise.

Recommendation

Continue to provide a range of relevant material.

Feedback from SUTE

Feedback

Marking rubrics - can be confusing with the Assessment task sheet.

Recommendation

The rubric will be amended for consistency and clarity in the future.

Feedback from SUTE

Feedback

The weekly module setup was concise and not complicated and directed you to the relevant and specific resources to assist further learning.

Recommendation

Promote the Week 1 Zoom session and the Introduction to the Unit tile so that future students can navigate Moodle.

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Demonstrate application of ethical, legal and professional practice concepts to the continued development of your professional identity.
2. Analyse and apply psychosocial, ethical and legal considerations in clinical decision-making.
3. Demonstrate advanced clinical skills in the evaluation and implementation of evidence-based nursing interventions in diverse clinical settings.
4. Critically reflect on the application of your nursing knowledge, and ethical, legal and professional practice and identify strengths and areas for professional development.

Not applicable.

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes

 N/A Level	 Introductory Level	 Intermediate Level	 Graduate Level	 Professional Level	 Advanced Level
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Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes			
	1	2	3	4
1 - Reflective Practice Assignment - 40%	•	•	•	•
2 - Written Assessment - 60%	•	•	•	•

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes			
	1	2	3	4
1 - Knowledge	◦	◦	◦	◦
2 - Communication	◦	◦	◦	◦
3 - Cognitive, technical and creative skills	◦	◦	◦	◦
4 - Research	◦	◦	◦	◦
5 - Self-management	◦			◦
6 - Ethical and Professional Responsibility	◦	◦	◦	◦
7 - Leadership	◦			◦
8 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures				

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

There are no required textbooks.

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)
- Academic Learning Centre services
- Access to MIMS through the university library
- CQ U library search engines for research articles
- CQUniversity library literature search tools
- Microsoft Word
- Wordprocessing, spreadsheeting and powerpoint software
- Zoom account (Free)
- Zoom app on your smart phone or access to Zoom on your laptop
- CQUniversity Library Resources
- Endnote bibliographic software. This is optional for formatting references.
- CQUniversity Library Nursing Resources
- Zoom (both microphone and webcam capability)

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: [American Psychological Association 7th Edition \(APA 7th edition\)](#)

For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

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Schedule

WEEK 1 - WELCOME AND SELF DIRECTED LEARNING - 08 Jul 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Welcome to the Unit.
Self-directed Learning, e-Portfolio,
something about the unit.

Review the Moodle site and click on all the links.
Review the lecture and online Zoom tutorial timetable.
Find out what is in Student Support?
How do I find the Library?
Click on the link and learn what is the Academic Learning Centre?
Review the eReadings and activities as outlined in the module.

Zoom - Tutorial and Unit content and assessment question and answer.

Activity - Access the General Discussion page and introduce yourself to your colleagues by providing your name:

1. Name
2. Where you work
3. Why you are studying GCN

Assessments 1 and 2 - Review the assessment tasks and make a study plan.

Foundations of Academic Integrity Program - complete your annual program.

Announcement and Discussion Boards - Check for posts and updates.

Set-up your CQU student emails so you receive current, up-to-date information.

MODULE 1 - WEEK 2 - PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE AND PROFESSIONALISM - 15 Jul 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Professionalism in nursing and professional nursing practice.	Complete the readings and activities as outlined in the Module.	<p>Zoom - Tutorial and Unit content and assessment question and answer.</p> <p>Activity - General Discussion - What professional organisation/s are you a member of? Why? Are there any other organisations that you are interested in?</p> <p>Assessment 1 - Make a plan to research and write your assessment. Start reviewing the CQU library databases for evidence to use to support your assessment. You might wish to seek assessment preparation help from the Academic Learning Centre and/or Studiosity.</p> <p>Announcement and Discussion Boards - Check for posts and updates and check your CQU student emails.</p>

MODULE 1 - WEEK 3 - PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT - 22 Jul 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Professional improvement.	Complete the readings and activities as outlined in the Module.	<p>Zoom - Tutorial and Unit content and assessment question and answer.</p> <p>Activity - General Discussion- Identify what aspect/s of nursing care you would like to improve on and explain why. What does diversity mean to you? What are your thoughts about diversity in your organisation?</p> <p>Assessment 1 - Continue searching the CQU library databases for evidence to support your assessment. Review the credibility of this evidence. Start writing your first draft of your assessment.</p> <p>Announcement and Discussion Boards - Check for posts and updates and check your CQU student emails.</p>

MODULE 2 - WEEK 4 - THE FOUR PARADIGMS OF NURSING - 29 Jul 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Nursing Knowledge - Why do we need to know that? Complete the readings and activities as outlined in the Module.

Zoom - Tutorial and Unit content and assessment question and answer.
Activity - General Discussion - What nursing knowledge excites you?
Assessment 1 - Continue preparing/writing your assessment. You might wish to seek assessment preparation help from the Academic Learning Centre and/or Studiosity.
Announcement and Discussion Boards - Check for posts and updates and check your CQU student emails.

MODULE 2 - WEEK 5 - THE FOUR PARADIGMS OF NURSING - 05 Aug 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Law that impacts nursing.	Complete the readings and activities as outlined in the Module.	<p>Zoom - Tutorial and Unit content and assessment question and answer. Activity - General Discussion - What law affecting your practice would you like changed? How? Why? Assessment 1 - Start finalising your assessment. Check the originality of your work through Turnitin. Assessment 2 - Read the task to start making a research and writing plan. Announcement and Discussion Boards - Check for posts and updates and check your CQU student emails.</p>

Vacation Week - 12 Aug 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Vacation week.	Please use this mid-term break as an opportunity to rest and recover. Enjoy your break!	No timetabled learning activities. Please use this week to progress your assessments.

MODULE 2 - WEEK 6 - THE FOUR PARADIGMS OF NURSING - 19 Aug 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Ethics and nursing.	Complete the readings and activities as outlined in the Module.	<p>Zoom - Tutorial and Unit content and assessment question and answer. Assessment 1 - Check the originality of your work through Turnitin and make relevant changes to your assessment. Announcement and Discussion Boards - Check for posts and updates and check your CQU student emails.</p> <p>Reflective Practice Assignment Due: Week 6 Wednesday (21 Aug 2024) 5:00 pm AEST</p>

MODULE 2 - WEEK 7 - THE FOUR PARADIGMS OF NURSING - 26 Aug 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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The Nursing Profession – What’s that? Complete the readings and activities as outlined in the Module.

Zoom - Tutorial and Unit content and assessment question and answer.
Activity - General Discussion- What ethical question caused you the most angst as a student nurse?
Assessment 2 - Make a plan to research and write your assessment. Start reviewing the CQU library databases for evidence to use to support your assessment. You might wish to seek assessment preparation help from the Academic Learning Centre and/or Studiosity.
Announcement and Discussion Boards - Check for posts and updates and check your CQU student emails.

MODULE 3 - WEEK 8 - CLINICAL DECISION MAKING - 02 Sep 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Clinical decision making.	Complete the readings and activities as outlined in the Module.	<p>Zoom - Tutorial and Unit content and assessment question and answer. Activity - General Discussion – Identify the best and the worst clinical decisions you have made – please do not include names or places. Assessment 2 - Start writing your assessment draft, explore the CQU library databases for appropriate evidence, start reviewing the evidence. Announcement and Discussion Boards - Check for posts and updates and check your CQU student emails.</p>

MODULE 3 - WEEK 9 - CLINICAL DECISION MAKING - 09 Sep 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Factors affecting clinical decision making.	Complete the readings and activities as outlined in the Module.	<p>Zoom - Tutorial and Unit content and assessment question and answer. Activity - General Discussion – What things have affected your clinical decision making? What have you done about this? Assessment 2 - Continue progressing your written assessment. Check at least one draft for originality through Turnitin. Announcement and Discussion Boards - Check for posts and updates and check your CQU student emails.</p>

MODULE 4 - WEEK 10 - ADVANCED NURSING CARE - 16 Sep 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Advanced clinical skills.	Complete the readings and activities as outlined in the Module.	<p>Zoom - Tutorial and Unit content and assessment question and answer. Activity - General Discussion – What assessments do you learn the most from? How do you know your assessment tool is a validated tool? Assessment 2 - Continue progressing your written assessment. Check at least one draft for originality through Turnitin. Announcement and Discussion Boards - Check for posts and updates and check your CQU student emails.</p>

MODULE 4 - WEEK 11 - ADVANCED NURSING CARE - 23 Sep 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Clinical evaluation.	Complete the readings and activities as outlined in the Module.	Zoom - Tutorial and Unit content and assessment question and answer. Activity - General Discussion - say farewell. Assessment 2 - Continue preparing your assessment. Check the originality of your assessment through Turnitin; make relevant changes to your assessment in response to your originality report. Announcement and Discussion Boards - Check for posts and updates and check your CQU student emails.

MODULE 4 - WEEK 12 - ADVANCED NURSING CARE - 30 Sep 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Revision.	Complete the readings and activities as outlined in the Module.	Assessment 2 - Finalise your assessment. Check at least one draft for originality through Turnitin and make relevant changes based on your originality report. Announcement and Discussion Boards - Check for posts and updates and check your CQU student emails. Written Assessment Due: Week 12 Wednesday (2 Oct 2024) 5:00 pm AEST

Review/Exam Week - 07 Oct 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

Exam Week - 14 Oct 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

Term Specific Information

As this unit is offered online, students are asked to prepare their own individual study plan to undertake self-directed study throughout the term. A key to your success is a strategic self-directed approach to learning and regular contact with your Unit Coordinator/s. Please check the Announcements page and unit content at least twice a week - there will be regular announcements about assessments and unit resources posted throughout the term and reviewing this information is essential to unit knowledge and your success. CQUniversity communicates with students through CQUniversity email. We recommend that you access your CQUniversity email at least twice a week so that you do not miss vital information about your studies.

Assessment Tasks

1 Reflective Practice Assignment

Assessment Type

Reflective Practice Assignment

Task Description

Aim

The aim of this assessment is for you to demonstrate your knowledge and understanding of evidence-based nursing interventions using written reflection to assess your clinical practice in your clinical setting.

Instructions

Please follow the steps below to write your academic reflective assessment and complete the task:

Reflect on your professional nursing practice and analyse how you demonstrate safe psychosocial, ethical, and legal practice in your clinical decision-making in your clinical work setting to meet best-practice standards. Identify one scenario from your clinical practice to base your reflection on. Your reflection should identify example/s of your evidence-based advanced clinical skills, evaluation of care you provided, and the impact on patient outcomes. Substantiate your reflection using current literature.

To complete this assessment, you are asked to follow the steps below:

1. Provide a brief introduction outlining the aim of your reflection assessment (approximately 100 words).
2. Using Gibbs' Reflective Model (1988) identify a clinical situation where the ethical and/or legal contexts of nursing practice were potentially or actually compromised:
 - a. Description – What happened in the situation/experience?
 - b. Feelings – What were you thinking or feeling about this situation/experience?
 - c. Evaluation – What was good and what was bad about your experience?
 - d. Analysis – What can you learn from this situation/experience?
 - e. Conclusion – What could you have done differently?
 - f. Action – If you faced this situation again, how would you act and why would you act in the way you identified (Gibbs, 1988) (approximately 500 words).
3. Using the NMBA Registered nurse standards for practice and current literature, justify two strategies to improve your nursing practice in relation to your previously identified clinical situation. Your response should include the following:
 - a. Why the situation/experience occurred?
 - b. Identify what your role was in the care provided to the patient.
 - c. How did the situation/experience affect the patient's care?
 - d. Were there any other members of the multidisciplinary healthcare team involved in the situation/experience?
 - e. Did the care you provide meet the NMBA Registered nurse standards for practice? If yes, how, and if no, how?
 - f. Identify the ethical and legal considerations related to the care you provided (approximately 650 words per strategy).
4. Provide a succinct conclusion summarising the main learning from your critical self-reflection (approximately 100 words).

Literature and references

In this assessment use at least 15 contemporary references (5 years or less) sourced from the CQUniversity library to support your discussion. You may also use seminal scholarly literature where relevant. Suitable references include peer-reviewed journal articles as well as textbooks and credible websites. When sourcing information, consider the 5 elements of a quality reference: currency, authority, relevance, objectivity, and coverage. Grey literature sourced from the internet must be from reputable websites such as government, university, or peak national bodies: for example, the Australian College of Nursing. Note, that websites such as StatPearls, Life in the Fastlane, and Wikipedia are not suitable for this assessment task. Lecture notes are not primary sources of evidence and should not be used in this assessment.

Requirements

- Use a cover page for your assignment that includes your name, student number, unit code, and in-text word count.
- Use conventional and legible size 12 font, either Times New Roman or Arial font, with 2.0 spacing and 2.54cm margins (standard pre-set margin in Microsoft Word).
- Include page numbers on the top right side of each page in a header.
- Start your reference list on a separate page to the body of your assessment.
- You may write in the first person (I, my) when referring to your reflection, however, write in the third-person perspective when referring to the literature/evidence.
- Use formal academic and discipline-specific language and essay structure.
- All work submitted must be your own work.
- The use of generative artificial intelligence is permitted in this assessment and only as indicated in the GenAI Permissions Checklist specific to Assessment One in this unit.
- Use the seventh edition American Psychological Association (APA) referencing style. The CQUniversity Academic Learning Centre has an online APA Referencing Style Guide.
- Start your reference list on a separate page to the body of your assessment.
- The word count excludes the reference list but includes in-text references and direct quotations, including paraphrasing and direct quotes. Please note, that direct quotes should be avoided in Post Graduate assessments.

Resources

- You can use unit-provided materials and other credible sources (e.g., journal articles, and books) to reference your argument. The quality and credibility of your sources are important. Please note, that lecture notes are not

peer-reviewed primary sources of evidence.

- Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) Registered nurse standards for practice (2016).
- We recommend that you access your discipline-specific Nursing Resource Guide.
- You may like to manage your citations and reference list. Information on how to use academic referencing software (EndNote) is available at the CQUniversity Library website should you wish to learn how to use it.
- For information on academic writing and referencing please go to the Academic Learning Centre Moodle site. The Academic Communication section has many helpful resources, including information for students with English as a second language.
- You may wish to submit a draft to Studiosity.
- Submit at least one draft before the due date to review your Turnitin Similarity Score before uploading your final submission. Instructions are available here.

Submission

Submit your assessment via the unit Moodle site in Microsoft Word format only.

Marking Criteria

Refer to the marking rubric on the Moodle site for more details on how marks will be assigned. Assessment re-attempt is not available for Assessment One.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

1. Demonstrate application of ethical, legal, and professional practice concepts to the continued development of your professional identity.
2. Analyse and apply psychosocial, ethical, and legal considerations in clinical decision-making.
3. Demonstrate advanced clinical skills in the evaluation and implementation of evidence-based nursing interventions in diverse clinical settings.
4. Critically reflect on the application of your nursing knowledge, and ethical, legal, and professional practice and identify strengths and areas for professional development.

Assessment Due Date

Week 6 Wednesday (21 Aug 2024) 5:00 pm AEST

Submit your assessment in Microsoft Word format only.

Return Date to Students

Week 8 Wednesday (4 Sept 2024)

Students will be advised of release of assessment marking via an announcement posted to the Announcement's Board on the Unit Moodle site. Please note, the 'Return to Students Information' is an approximate date.

Weighting

40%

Minimum mark or grade

50%

Assessment Criteria

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Assessment One - Reflective Practice Assessment

Student name:

Key Criteria	High Distinction 84.5–100%	Distinction 74.50–84.49%	Credit 64.50–74.49%	Pass 49.50–64.49%	Fail <49.5%	TOTAL
Introduction and conclusion (10%)	(10–8.5) The essay has a clear and succinct introduction and conclusion. The introduction provides excellent background information and outlines the direction of the essay, and the conclusion succinctly summarises the key points and is written in the student's own words.	(8.4–7.5) The essay has a clear introduction and conclusion. The introduction provides good background information and outlines the direction of the essay, and the conclusion summarises most key points and is written in the student's own words.	(7.4–6.5) The essay has an adequate introduction and conclusion. The introduction provides some background information and outlines the direction of the essay, and the conclusion summarises some key points and is written in the student's own words.	(6.4–5) An essay and conclusion have been attempted. The introduction provides limited background information and an outline of the essay's direction, and the conclusion has a few key points and is written in the student's own words.	(4.9–0) The introduction has significant errors and/or omissions of aims and direction of content or the introduction is not provided. The logical direction of the essay is unclear. The conclusion does not summarise the assessment or is omitted and/or is not written in the student's own words.	

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 7th Edition \(APA 7th edition\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

Submit your assessment via the Assessment 1 submission portal on the unit Moodle site.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

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2 Written Assessment

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

Aim

The aim of this assessment is for you to critically appraise and demonstrate your clinical knowledge, decision-making, and professional practice using the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) Registered nurse standards for practice (2016).

Instructions

Please follow the steps below to write your academic essay and complete the task:

1. Complete the workplace self-assessment available on the Unit Moodle site to assist you with understanding your theoretical and/or professional performance including strengths in your clinical practice, and areas where you would like to develop further. You are not required to submit this self-assessment for this assessment task.
2. Provide an introduction outlining the aim of your assessment (approximately 150 words).
3. Using the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) Registered nurse standards for practice (2016) and current literature, discuss the following:
 - a. Two strengths of your clinical practice and clinical decision-making and justify how these are strengths of your clinical practice and clinical decision-making (approximately 50–100 words per strength).
 - b. Two strategies to further develop your clinical decision-making for safe, high-quality nursing care. Provide a rationale explaining why you would like to develop this aspect of your clinical decision-making further and the implications of this on your patient's outcomes (approximately 1,000 words per strategy).
4. Use current evidence to support all aspects of this assessment task.
5. Provide a concise conclusion summarising the main concepts from your assessment (approximately 150 words).

Literature and references

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- You may write in the first-person perspective (I, my) when referring to your reflection, however, write in the third-person perspective when referring to the literature/evidence.
- Use formal academic and discipline-specific language and essay structure.
- All work submitted must be your own work.

- The use of generative artificial intelligence is permitted in this assessment and only as indicated in the GenAI Permissions Checklist specific to Assessment Two in this unit.
- References must be used to support the reflection on the ethical and legal implications as well as the identified decisions and actions taken.
- Start your reference list on a separate page to the body of your assessment.
- Use the seventh edition American Psychological Association (APA) referencing style. The CQUniversity Academic Learning Centre has an online [APA Referencing Style Guide](#).
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Submission

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Marking Criteria

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Learning Outcomes Assessed

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Assessment Due Date

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Return Date to Students

Exam Week Wednesday (16 Oct 2024)

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Weighting

60%

Minimum mark or grade

50%

Assessment Criteria

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Assessment Two Written Essay						
Key Criteria	High Distinction 84.5-100%	Distinction 74.50-84.49%	Credit 64.50-74.49%	Pass 49.50-64.49%	Fail <49.5%	TOTAL

Introduction and conclusion (10%)	(10-8.5) The essay has a clear and succinct introduction and conclusion. The introduction provides excellent background information and outlines the direction of the essay, and the conclusion succinctly summarises the key points and is written in the student's own words.	(8.4-7.5) The essay has a clear introduction and conclusion. The introduction provides good background information and outlines the direction of the essay, and the conclusion summarises most key points and is written in the student's own words.	(7.4-6.5) The essay has an adequate introduction and conclusion. The introduction provides some background information and outlines the direction of the essay, and the conclusion summarises some key points and is written in the student's own words.	(6.4-5) An essay and conclusion have been attempted. The introduction provides limited background information and an outline of the essay's direction, and the conclusion has a few key points and is written in the student's own words.	(4.9-0) The introduction has significant errors and/or omissions of aims and direction of content or the introduction is not provided. The logical direction of the essay is unclear. The conclusion does not summarise the assessment or is omitted and/or is not written in the student's own words.
Registered nurse standards for practice -Professionalism and communication (35%)	(35-30) Two exceptional examples of own clinical knowledge, decision-making, and professional practice in relation to NMBA nursing standards. All standards concisely and comprehensively addressed with no omission of content. Appropriate and comprehensive justification for clinical practice and clinical decision-making provided in relation to identified strengths. Comprehensively and clearly articulated analysis of professional practice. Consistently and comprehensively integrates quality references to support and reflect all ideas, factual information, and quotations supported by valid and relevant research and is conveyed using the student's own words.	(29.5-26.5) Two appropriate examples of clinical knowledge, decision-making and professional practice in relation to NMBA nursing standards. All standards concisely addressed with one incident of omitted content. Appropriate and concise justification for clinical practice and clinical decision-making provided in relation to identified strengths. Concisely and clearly articulated analysis of professional practice. Consistently integrates quality references to support and reflect ideas, factual information, and quotations with 1 exception supported by valid and relevant research and is conveyed using the student's own words.	(26-23) Two appropriate examples of clinical knowledge, decision-making and professional practice in relation to NMBA nursing standards. All standards addressed with two incidents of omitted content. Appropriate and mostly concise justification for clinical practice and clinical decision-making provided in relation to identified strengths. Analysis of professional practice clearly articulated. Frequently integrates quality references to support and reflect ideas, factual information, and quotations, with 2 exceptions supported by valid and relevant research and is conveyed using the student's own words.	(22.5-17.5) Two examples of clinical knowledge, decision-making and professional practice in relation to NMBA nursing standards is provided however these could be more appropriate and/or clearly articulated. All standards addressed with three incidents of omitted content. Justification for clinical practice and clinical decision-making provided in relation to identified strengths presented however requires depth of discussion of content. Analysis of professional practice articulated. Occasionally integrates references to support and reflect ideas, factual information, and quotations, with 3 exceptions supported by valid and relevant research and is conveyed using the student's own words.	(17.4-0) Two examples of clinical knowledge, decision-making and professional practice in relation to NMBA nursing standards lacks clarity or are not presented. All standards addressed not clearly addressed or content was omitted. Justification for clinical practice and clinical decision-making provided in relation to identified strengths lacks clarity or was omitted. Minimal or no appropriate references integrated to support arguments and factual ideas and/or cited excessive quotations reflecting the knowledge of others and/or is not supported by valid and relevant research and is conveyed using the student's own words.
Nursing Standards – Changes and strategies to improve own practice (40%)	(40-34) Two exceptional strategies are identified and concisely and comprehensively discussed for improving own professional practice and aligned to identified NMBA standards and is conveyed in the student's own words. Comprehensively and clearly articulated. Consistently and comprehensively integrates quality references to support and reflect all ideas, factual information, and quotations supported by valid and relevant research and is conveyed using the student's own words.	(33.5-30) Two strategies or changes are concisely identified and discussed for improving own professional practice and are aligned to identified standards and is conveyed in the student's own words. Clearly and concisely articulated. Consistently integrates quality references to support and reflect ideas, factual information, and quotations with 1 exception supported by valid and relevant research and is conveyed using the student's own words.	(29.5-26) Two strategies or changes are identified and discussed for improving own professional practice and are aligned to identified standards and is conveyed in the student's own words. Adequately articulated. Frequently integrates quality references to support and reflect ideas, factual information, and quotations, with 2 exceptions supported by valid and relevant research and is conveyed using the student's own words.	(25.5-20) Two strategies or changes are identified and discussed for improving own professional practice and are aligned to identified standards, however there are some gaps in content discussion. Satisfactorily articulated and is conveyed in the student's own words. Occasionally integrates references to support and reflect ideas, factual information, and quotations, with 3 exceptions supported by valid and relevant research and is conveyed using the student's own words.	(19.5-0) Strategies or changes for improving own nursing practice lack clarity or are not provided. Inadequate articulation and/or content is not conveyed in the student's own words. Minimal or no appropriate references integrated to support arguments and factual ideas and/or cited excessive quotations reflecting the knowledge of others and/or is not supported by valid and relevant research and is conveyed using the student's own words.
Professional writing and presentation (10%)	(10-8.5) Content is students own work, consistently clear, accurate, and presented in a logical, succinct order demonstrating a comprehensive understanding of the topic. There are no errors in English grammar, spelling, and punctuation. The language of the discipline is comprehensively used. The assessment is substantiated with a minimum of 15, appropriate contemporary peer-reviewed journal articles. Formatting requirements applied without error. Adheres to the word count.	(8.4-7.5) Content is students own work, frequently clear, correct, and presented in a logical order demonstrating a good understanding of the topic. English grammar, spelling, and punctuation conventions have 1 error. The language of the discipline is frequently used. The assessment is substantiated with a minimum of 13 or 14 appropriate contemporary peer-reviewed journal articles. Formatting requirements applied with 1 error. Adheres to the word count.	(7.4-6.5) Content is students own work, mostly clear, correct, and presented in a logical order demonstrating a sound understanding of the topic. English grammar, spelling, and punctuation conventions have 2 errors. The language of the discipline is mostly used. The assessment is substantiated with a minimum of 11 or 12 appropriate contemporary peer-reviewed journal articles. Formatting requirements applied with 2 errors. Adheres to the word count.	(6.4-5) Content is students own work, sometimes clear, correct, and presented in a logical order demonstrating a reasonable understanding of the topic. English grammar, spelling, and punctuation conventions have 3 errors. The language of the discipline is used. The assessment is substantiated with a minimum of 10 or 11 contemporary peer-reviewed mostly appropriate journal articles. Formatting requirements applied with 3 errors. Adheres to the word count.	(4.9-0) Content is not students own work, consistently unclear or incorrect and is disorganised demonstrating insufficient understanding of the topic. English grammar, spelling, and punctuation conventions have ≥4 errors. The language of the discipline is infrequently or incorrectly used. The assessment is substantiated with ≤9 contemporary peer-reviewed, appropriate journal articles. Formatting requirements applied with ≥4 errors. Deviates +/- 10% of the word count.
Referencing (5%)	(5-4.25) Acknowledges all sources and meets APA (7 th Edition) referencing standards with no errors. Literature cited is published in the last 5 years and sourced from the CQUniversity library.	(4.2-3.8) Acknowledges majority of sources and/or meets APA (7 th Edition) referencing standards with 1 error. The majority of literature cited is published in the last 5 years and sourced from the CQUniversity library.	(3.75-3.55) Acknowledges most sources and/or meets APA (7 th Edition) referencing standards with 2 errors. Most literature cited has been published in the last 5 years and sourced from the CQUniversity library.	(3.50-2.5) Acknowledges some sources and/or meets APA (7 th Edition) referencing standards with 3 errors. Some literature cited is published in the last 5 years and sourced from the CQUniversity library.	(2.4-0) Multiple sources not acknowledged and/or ≥4 APA (7 th Edition) referencing errors and/or references not provided. Some literature cited is published ≥5 years and/or not sourced from the CQUniversity library.

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MARKER:

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 7th Edition \(APA 7th edition\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

Submit your assessment via the Assessment 2 submission portal on the unit Moodle site.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Demonstrate application of ethical, legal and professional practice concepts to the continued development of your professional identity.
- Analyse and apply psychosocial, ethical and legal considerations in clinical decision-making.
- Demonstrate advanced clinical skills in the evaluation and implementation of evidence-based nursing interventions in diverse clinical settings.
- Critically reflect on the application of your nursing knowledge, and ethical, legal and professional practice and identify strengths and areas for professional development.

Academic Integrity Statement

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

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What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

Why is academic integrity important?

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Seek Help

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Produce Original Work

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