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**Trimester 1 & 2 2014**

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**Important Dates**

Trimester dates: 1 February 2014 – 31 October 2014

Mid-Trimester break: 17 April 2014 – 4 May 2014

Mid-trimester break: 23 August 2014 – 7 September 2014

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## **Section 1: Operational Information**

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### **Office Hours**

The Graduate School office will be open Monday 6 January 2014 and close on Friday 19 December 2014 from 9.00am – 4.00pm weekdays.

In keeping with the practice of other years, academic staff will not be available on Fridays, except for the times they are involved in Schools. Please contact the course coordinator directly either by telephone or email should you wish to make an appointment or discuss course related issues.

## School Dates and Locations

### 1<sup>st</sup> School

Dates: 19 and 20 February 2014  
Times: Day 1: 10 am – 6 pm, Day 2: 8 am – 4 pm  
Venue: CS801, Level 8 Clinical Services Building (**10am – 12.30pm Day 1**), Horne Lecture Theatre, Level 12, Ward Support Block Wellington Regional Hospital, Riddiford St, Newtown, Wellington

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> School

Dates: 29 and 30 May 2014  
Times: Day 1: 10 am – 6 pm, Day 2: 8 am – 4 pm  
Venue: Horne Lecture Theatre, Level 12, Ward Support Block Wellington Regional Hospital, Riddiford St, Newtown, Wellington

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## DHB Tutorial Dates and Locations

### 1<sup>st</sup> DHB day (1 day)

Dates: 28 March 2014 – Capital and Coast DHB  
1 April 2014 – Whanganui DHB  
3 April 2014 – Wairarapa DHB  
4 April 2014 – Hutt Valley DHB  
Times: 8.30 am – 4.30 pm  
Venue: Individual DHBs – rooms to be confirmed

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> DHB days (2 days)

Dates: 11 and 12 August 2014 – Capital and Coast DHB  
13 and 14 August 2014 – Whanganui DHB  
18 and 19 August 2014 – Hutt Valley DHB  
20 and 21 August 2014 – Wairarapa DHB  
Times: 8.30 am – 4.30 pm  
Venue: Individual DHBs – rooms to be confirmed

## Touchstone Sessions Dates and Locations

### 1<sup>st</sup> Touchstone Session

Dates: 3 March 2014 - Capital and Coast DHB  
4 March 2014 – Whanganui DHB  
5 March 2014 – Hutt Valley DHB  
6 March 2014 – Wairarapa DHB  
Times: 8.30 am – 12.30 pm  
Venue: Individual DHBs – rooms to be confirmed

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Touchstone Session**

Dates: 22 September 2014 – Capital and Coast DHB  
23 September 2014 – Whanganui DHB  
24 September 2014 – Hutt Valley DHB  
25 September 2014 – Wairarapa DHB

Times: 8.30 am – 12.30 pm

Venue: Individual DHBs – rooms to be confirmed

## **Section 2: Academic Requirements**

### **Communication of Additional Information**

All course information and information on changes that occur during the course will be conveyed to students via Blackboard or student Victoria University of Wellington email.

### **Course Prescription**

This blended learning, practice and research oriented course facilitates the integration of newly graduated nurses into the nursing profession. The course explores how newly graduated nurses become professionally self-confident, how they respond to and meet the needs of patients, family whānau and communities and how they navigate workplace practices.

### **Course Content**

This course is suitable for newly graduated nurses working in primary, secondary and tertiary health care services.

The course content will cover four modules.

Module 1 – Therapeutic Milieu (Workplace Contextualisation)

Module 2 – Practice Competence towards Excellence (Reskilling/Upskilling)

Module 3 – Management of Practice & Influence in Health Systems (Collaborative Practice)

Module 4 – Professional Authority (Professional Visibility)

### **Course Learning Objectives (CLOs)**

Students who pass this course will be able to:

1. Apply clinical assessment and critical thinking skills to meet the health needs of patients/families/whānau and communities.
2. Demonstrate a creative and collaborative approach to the provision of safe care
3. Analyse and critique current professional contexts in which nursing is practiced
4. Identify and critique nursing theory and research that informs professional practice
5. Demonstrate skills of reflection and reflexivity as professional practice habits

### **Student Outcomes**

Students undertaking this course will:

1. Describe the context within which nursing practice takes place, including the broad healthcare environment and the distinctive milieu nurses create to protect patients from harm and foster their healing and health (or peaceful end of life)
2. Share experiences and reflections related to nurses' roles in creating a therapeutic milieu for patients
3. Critically discuss key nursing action and attitude skills and how they are developed from competence toward excellence
4. Demonstrate ability to assess, plan and implement patient care using care delivery frameworks specific to practice context areas

5. Explain how nurses detect ,monitor and minimise collaborative problems through working in a trustworthy partnership with multi-disciplinary teams
6. Debate the management and interpersonal issues involved in nurses’ trustworthy collaboration with other health professionals, their participative-authoritative collaboration with healthcare teams and how these affect their influence in health systems
7. Assess the influence of using a distinctively nursing philosophy and model of practice on nurses’ professional identity and self-confidence, how they are perceived by other health professionals and how they are perceived in the public domain.

## Teaching Format

The course is taught using a blended learning approach. There will be 8 contact days which consist of lectures, tutorials, simulation and a distance component supported by blackboard which builds on the face-to-face contact time. The course assessments facilitate student transition from graduate nurse to competent practitioner through engagement in theory, research and clinical practice.

## Mandatory Course Requirements

In addition to completing all pieces of assessment to pass this course students must:

1. Attend all Schools and tutorials unless under special circumstances prior arrangements have been made with the course co-ordinator.

Lectures, tutorials, electronic and other distance learning resources, practical and fieldwork may all be an integral part of the learning experience.

## Workload

As a guide each 30-point course at the Graduate School requires students to allocate approximately 10 hours per point for self-directed study, research, assessments and attendance at Schools. Consequently 300 hours should be spread evenly over the 10 month course.

This course comprises approximately 64 hours of course contact time for lectures and tutorials. The amount of time you should notionally assign to the completion for each of the assignments is as follows:

1. Assignment Number One: Professional Reflections (20%): 47 hours
2. Assignment Number Two: Reflexive Case study (40%): 94 hours
3. Assignment Number Three: Clinical Assessment & Essay (40%): 94 hours



## Blackboard Information

Students enrolling for this course will need access to the Victoria University of Wellington flexible learning system (Blackboard) via the Internet.

Blackboard is an online environment that supports teaching and learning at Victoria by making course information, materials and learning activities available online via the internet. Blackboard provides web-based access to course content, assessment, communication and collaboration tools. Instructions for using this will be provided as part of timetable during the 1<sup>st</sup> School. Students will need to be able to access the Internet on a regular basis.

The following software, which is necessary for using material on Blackboard, is freely available to download from the internet if you don't already have it:

- Netscape Communicator v 4.78 or higher (v. 7.1 recommended) OR
- Microsoft Internet Explorer v. 5.2.x or higher
- MS Windows 2000 or XP/ MacOS 9 or Mac OS X.2 or higher

Other software: Adobe Acrobat Reader - free download from <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/>

Microsoft Office or Microsoft Viewers. The viewers can be downloaded free of charge from:  
<http://www.microsoft.com/office/000/viewers.asp>

### Computer skills required:

- Internet browsing skills
- Basic word processing skills

### How to log onto Blackboard

- Open a web browser and go to [myVictoria.ac.nz](http://myVictoria.ac.nz)
- Enter your account username which you can find in your *Confirmation of Study* sheet
- It is usually made up of 6 letters of your last name and 4 letters of your first name
- Enter your password. If you have never used Victoria computer facilities your initial password is your student ID number
- Click on the Blackboard icon
- Alternatively, if you want to access Blackboard without going through the myVictoria portal, just log on at <http://blackboard.vuw.ac.nz>

### Off Campus access

Blackboard is available from any location where you can access the Internet. This may be your home, work or an Internet café.

**Problems with access?** Contact ITS service desk **04 463 5050**

## **Section 3: Assessment Information**

Approval is required in writing from the course coordinator if you wish to use work you have submitted from a previous course or have written for your organisation. Marking criteria for each assessment will be posted on Blackboard.

Assessment items and workload per item	Length	%	CLO(s)	Due Date
1 Professional Reflections	2000 words	20%	1,2,3,4,5	7 April 2014
2 Reflexive Case study	3000 words	40%	2,3,4,	18 July 2014
3 Clinical Assessment & Essay	2500 words	40%	1,2,3,4,5	Part A: (formative) 29 August 2014 Part B: 26 September 2014

### **Assignment Number One**

Assignment Name: **Professional Reflections**

Due Date: 7 April 2014

Word limit: 2000 words

This assignment is worth 20% of your final grade.

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This assignment is designed to provide an opportunity to critically examine the context of your nursing practice in relation to a concept of Careful Nursing. It encourages nurses to examine what underpins their actions on a daily basis.

#### **Assignment outline:**

Using a SWOT analysis framework, assess the therapeutic milieu that you and your nursing colleagues and assistants create for patients in your daily nursing practice. Summarise your SWOT findings.

Choose a scenario that has occurred during the course, to explore a strength or opportunity from your analysis. Write a professional reflection of your nursing practice in the scenario.

Use a reflective model to guide your professional reflection e.g. John's (2000) or Gibb's (1988).

This assignment assesses the course learning objectives: 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

Please submit this assignment via Blackboard

## Assignment Number Two

Assignment Name: **Reflexive Case Study**

Due Date: 18 July 2014

Word limit: 3000 words

This assignment is worth 40% of your final grade.

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The primary emphasis in this assignment is to extend your professional practice through the process of critical thinking and reflection, and theoretical understanding of your area of practice. Critical reflection provides the opportunity for you to analyse practice experiences and events. This will be achieved by your documentation and reflection on your practice. Using literature to inform your work you will actively identify and discuss insights gained in relation to your practice.

### Assignment Outline

#### Part 1 (word guide 1000)

Write an account of a situation /scenario that has occurred during this course, using an appropriate reflective model of your choice. The focus of your account may be either:

- Management of Practice & Influence in Health Systems
- OR
- Professional Authority

#### Part 2 (word guide 2000)

Revisit your account and identify one theme to further reflect upon. Critically analyse this theme using current literature and discuss how you would manage a similar situation/scenario in the future.

This assignment assesses the course learning objectives: 2, 3 & 4

Submit Assignment via the Turnitin portal on Blackboard.

## Assignment Number Three

Assignment Name: **Patient Stability Assessment**

Due Date: Part A – 29 August 2014 (formative)  
Part B – 26 September 2014 (40%)

Word limit: 2500 words

This assignment is worth 40% of your final grade.

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The primary emphasis in this assignment is that you demonstrate a systematic approach to assessing the stability of your patient caseload in your daily nursing practice.

### Assignment outline:

#### Part A Clinical Assessment (formative)

1. Assessment - Set up a time prior to 29 August 2014 to undertake a patient stability assessment with your educator/NETP co-ordinator. During this assessment you are required to competently demonstrate a thorough assessment of your patient using the patient stability assessment framework.
2. Following this assessment provide an oral summary of your patient stability findings to your educator/NETP co-ordinator. Critically reflect on the findings of your assessment and your proposed action plan with your educator/NETP co-ordinator.

#### Part B Essay 2500 words (40%)

##### This cannot be done unless Part A is achieved

1. Provide a **succinct summary** (max 300 words) of the patient you assessed in part A. This should include all relevant information for this health episode/admission. This may include patient's background, presenting health problem/issue, past health history, and social history.
2. Present the findings of your patient's stability assessment and using the literature provide a rationale for the patient's current stability status.
3. Identify areas of potential or actual concern and using the literature, critically discuss the action plan you would implement for this patient.
4. Following the oral feedback from Part A did your action plan change in any way and why?

This assignment assesses the course learning objectives: 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

Submit Part B via the Turnitin portal on Blackboard

## Submission and Return of Work

For submission details, please see individual assessment items. Student coursework assignments submitted by the due date will normally be returned with feedback within three weeks of the due date.

## Extensions and Penalties

### Extensions

An extension to a deadline will only be considered where there are extenuating circumstances. An application for an extension must be made by you in writing/e-mail to the course coordinator at least 24 hours before the due date. When communicating your request you must include the following information:

- Name, student number and contact details
- Course code
- Date of submission and request date for new submission
- Reason for extension request

Upon receipt of your request, course coordinators may grant an extension of up to 2 weeks. Any further request for an extension may require Head of School approval.

### Penalties

Late assignments or assignments with extensions may be subject to delays in marking and may not receive comprehensive feedback.

A penalty will be incurred for late submission of work **where no prior arrangement** has been made as follows:

- Work submitted up to 7 days after the due date without an extension will receive a 2 grade penalty. For example a B+ to a B-.
- Work submitted 8-14 days after the due date without an extension will receive a 4 grade penalty. For example a B+ to a C.
- Work submitted more than 15 days late without an extension will not be marked and will receive an 'E' (fail) grade.

### Other marking penalties

Assignments may also be penalised for poor presentation and for exceeding or being below the word limit by 10%.

## **Section 4: Additional Information**

### **Recommended Reading**

Recommended reading links will be provided within each module via Blackboard.

### **Pre-Readings**

Any pre-readings will be sent to students prior to the commencement of the course.

### **Recommended Websites**

Nursing Council of New Zealand - [www.nursingcouncil.org.nz/](http://www.nursingcouncil.org.nz/)

New Zealand Nurses Organisation - [www.nzno.org.nz/](http://www.nzno.org.nz/)

International Council of Nurses - [www.icn.ch/](http://www.icn.ch/)

World Health Organisation - [www.who.int/](http://www.who.int/)

Careful Nursing - [www.carefulnursing.ie](http://www.carefulnursing.ie)

### **Student Feedback**

Student feedback on University courses may be found at

[www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback\\_display.php](http://www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php).

### **Other important information**

The information above is specific to this course. There is other important information that students must familiarise themselves with, including:

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism)
- Aegrotats: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats)
- Academic Progress: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress) (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates)
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: [www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin)
- Grades: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades)
- Resolving academic issues: [www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications)
- Special passes: [www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications)
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: [www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy)
- Student support: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support)
- Students with disabilities: [www.victoria.ac.nz/st\\_services/disability](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability)
- Student Charter: [www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter)
- Student Contract: [www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract)
- Subject Librarians: <http://library.victoria.ac.nz/library/resources/subjectcontacts.html>
- Turnitin: [www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin](http://www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin)
- University structure: [www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure)
- VUWSA: [www.vuwsa.org.nz](http://www.vuwsa.org.nz)