

Nursing CPD

Prostate nursing care

The Prostate Care Nursing short course is the only specialised course of study in Australia that prepares Registered Nurses to care for men living with prostate cancer and their families.

Course Description

The Prostate Nursing Care short course is offered by the School of Nursing and Midwifery within the Faculty of Health Sciences at La Trobe University.

Students have the opportunity to develop knowledge and skills in the specialist practice area of prostate nursing care, particularly the nursing assessment and treatment options for men experiencing prostate problems. Key topics covered include:

- relevant anatomy
- physiology and pathophysiology
- benign and malignant prostate disease and its complications
- current trends in the treatment and management of prostate problems
- targeted assessment and management of symptoms related to the condition
- sexuality and psychosocial care for the patient and family as well as the nurse's role in health education and promotion.

The Prostate Nursing Care short course is offered by flexible learning study in an off-campus mode. Learning is supported by a learning package that consists of a study guide, learning modules, activities, assessment tasks, readings and online Learning Management System (LMS). All students have access to the La Trobe library (on campus and online) and contact with the course coordinator via the LMS discussion board and email, phone or fax.

Please note: Students will need Internet access and an active email address to successfully undertake this course.

Entry requirements

Students must have current registration as a registered nurse by the Nursing & Midwifery Board of Australia (Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency) or equivalent.

Credit points

The course is equivalent to a 20-credit point subject (52 contact hour workload equivalent) at the postgraduate diploma level at La Trobe University School of Nursing and Midwifery. The course can be undertaken as a stand-alone course of study over one semester or credited towards a postgraduate qualification in Urological/Continence Nursing, Cancer/Palliative Care Nursing or other relevant postgraduate course.

Delivery method

An online learning package that is equivalent to 52 hours of classroom learning. Students will have regular contact with the Subject Coordinator by phone, our online Learning Management

System and email.

Duration

13 weeks with an extra few weeks for the final assignment to be completed.

Assessments

There are a three assessment tasks in this subject. Two short written assignments (1,200 words each) and one long written assignment (3,000 words).

Course dates

Program 1

Monday 4 March 2013

Program 2

Monday 29 July 2013

Course Fee

Enrolment fees for the Prostate Nursing Care course can be paid with credit card via our secure online payment facility. Enrolments are only confirmed once all enrolment documents and course payment has been received in full.

Program 1

Early Bird Fee: \$3,000 (GST free). Received no later than Monday 28th January 2013.

Standard Fee: \$3,200 (GST free). Received no later than Monday 4th February 2013.

Program 2

Early Bird Fee: \$3,000 (GST free). Received no later than Monday 17th June 2013.

Standard Fee: \$3,200 (GST free). Received no later than Monday 24th June 2013.

Secure Online Payment

Enrolment

Please complete the Enrolment Form [PDF 201KB] and submit to the Nursing CPD office as noted on the form.

Cancellation of enrolment

The fee will be refunded for cancellations requested up to two weeks prior to commencement of the course, less an administration charge of \$200.

Deferment of enrolment

A fee of \$200 is charged, to cover printing and administration, for deferments to the next course if notified no later than 14 days after commencement of the course.

Enquiries

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