

NURS70003 Minor Thesis

Credit Points:	25
Level:	7 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	This subject is not offered in 2013.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 6 hours of lectures, 12 hours contact through LMS, 12 hours supervision with supervisor Total Time Commitment: In addition to the subject contact hours, students are expected to devote approximately 5 hours a week to this subject.
Prerequisites:	It is expected that students have a grade point average of at least 75% for all subjects completed to date in the Master of Advanced Nursing Practice at The University of Melbourne.
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	It is recommended that students enrolled in this subject would have completed or are completing suitable research coursework subjects, such as Research in Practice (NURS70002)
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's courses. Students who think their disability will impact on meeting this requirement are encouraged to discuss this matter with the Course Coordinator and the Disability Liaison Unit.
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Subject Overview:	Students' work under the supervision of an academic mentor on a small research project reported in the form of a thesis. The minor thesis should demonstrate the student's achievement of certain research skills. The minor thesis is equivalent to 50% of the entire course and enrolment in it may be concurrent with the four coursework subjects.
Objectives:	At the completion of this subject, the student should be able to demonstrate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # an ability to initiate a self-contained research project and to formulate a viable research question; # a capacity to conduct and report research on a small-scale, closely-defined project; # an ability to evaluate and synthesize research and professional literature in the student's field of research; # well-developed problem solving skills; # an ability to manage research information effectively and efficiently in the application of computer systems and software; # a capacity to articulate their research in written presentations; # an appreciation of the design, conduct and reporting of research; # a respect for intellectual integrity and for the ethics of research and scholarship; # an appreciation of the ways in which research equips the student to offer leadership in a particular area.
Assessment:	The minor thesis will normally be 12,000 to 15,000 words, although the overall structure of the thesis will depend on the nature of the research undertaken.
Prescribed Texts:	None

Recommended Texts:	Specific texts will be recommended by the subject coordinator at the commencement of the subject in each semester.
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	At the completion of this subject, students should be able to demonstrate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"># the capacity for information seeking, retrieval and evaluation;# critical thinking and analytical skills;# an openness to new ideas;# planning and time management skills;# the ability to communicate knowledge through classroom and web-based discussions and written material.
Links to further information:	http://www.nursing.unimelb.edu.au
Notes:	This subject is worth a total of 50 credit points and has been divided into 25 credit points per semester for 2 semesters.
Related Course(s):	Master of Advanced Nursing Practice