

# NURS90077 Mental Health Nursing 1

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.5
<b>Level:</b>	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2016, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Summer Term, Parkville - Taught on campus.
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: 24 hours Total Time Commitment: 170 hours
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	None
<b>Corequisites:</b>	None
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	None
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	None
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	<p>&lt;p&gt;For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.&lt;/p&gt;         &lt;p&gt;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 programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: &lt;a href="http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability"&gt;http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/p&gt;</p>
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<b>Subject Overview:</b>	This subject is designed to provide the theoretical foundation for entry into specialist mental health nursing practice. Students will explore the legal, policy and ethical frameworks, within which mental health care is provided. Students will extend their understanding of bio-psycho-social factors, related to mental health and illness and to the nosology within diagnostic structures of psychiatry.
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b>	<p>On successful completion of this subject students will demonstrate theoretical knowledge in mental health nursing by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Explaining the role of biological, psychological, social factors relevant to mental health, illness and recovery</li> <li>2. Articulating and applying diagnostic structures and systems as used in psychiatry</li> <li>3. Integrating core principles covered in the subject, applying foundational knowledge in the legal and ethical principles of mental health nursing</li> </ol>
<b>Assessment:</b>	Written assignment (2000 words) Week 5 40% 10 online quizzes / tests Weekly 60%
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	None
<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	<p>On completion of the subject students should have developed the following generic skills of the Melbourne graduate and postgraduate coursework student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A capacity to articulate their knowledge and understanding in oral and written modes of communication.</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. A capacity to manage competing demands on time, including self-directed project work.</li><li>3. Advanced competencies in areas of professional expertise and/or scholarship.</li><li>4. Advanced skills and techniques applicable to the discipline.</li><li>5. Well-developed problem-solving abilities in the discipline area, characterised by flexibility of approach.</li><li>6. An ability to evaluate and synthesise the research and professional literature in the discipline.</li><li>7. An appreciation of the ways in which advanced knowledge equips the student to offer leadership in the specialist area.</li></ol>
<b>Related Course(s):</b>	Graduate Certificate in Primary Care Nursing Graduate Diploma in Nursing Practice (Mental Health) Graduate Diploma in Primary Care Nursing Master of Advanced Nursing Practice Master of Advanced Nursing Practice (Mental Health)