

# NURS90082 Cancer and Palliative Care 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: Semester 1, Parkville - Taught on campus.						
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: 24 hours Total Time Commitment: 170 hours						
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	To enrol in this subject, you must be admitted in one of the Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice (Cancer and Palliative Care). This subject is not available for students admitted in any other courses. Please contact the School of Melbourne Custom Programs for more information. <table border="1" data-bbox="387 600 1484 779"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Study Period Commencement:</th> <th>Credit Points:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>NURS90076 Applied Pathophysiology</td> <td>Summer Term, Semester 2</td> <td>12.5</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	NURS90076 Applied Pathophysiology	Summer Term, Semester 2	12.5
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<b>Corequisites:</b>	None						
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	None						
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	None						
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	For the purposes of considering requests for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Commonwealth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Objectives, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry. 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 course are encouraged to discuss this matter with the Student Equity and Disability Support Team: <a href="http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/">http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/</a>						
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<b>Subject Overview:</b>	This subject is designed to promote development of foundational theoretical knowledge to support safe, patient centred practice as a beginning level specialty nurse in the clinical environment of Cancer & Palliative Care. Key content relates to understanding the pathophysiology of cancer and carcinogenesis, and the principles of cure, control, symptom management and palliation. Surgery, chemotherapy and radiation will be described as core treatments and elements of a multi-modal approach. The physical and psychosocial impacts of diagnosis and treatment on patients and their family are explored, as are opportunities to develop knowledge and skills to enhance the experience of survivors. Essential skills to support people affected by a life threatening illness, as well as the ethico-legal aspects of care will be explored. Emphasis is placed on health assessment; implementing and evaluating patient-centred care through the delivery of evidence based nursing interventions across the disease trajectory. Throughout the subject knowledge and skills in therapeutic communication are embedded. Interventions initiated by nurses at a beginning level of specialty practice will be described in terms of evidence available to underpin practice and the pre-requisite technical knowledge to support skill development.						
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b>	On successful completion of this subject students will demonstrate theoretical knowledge in specialist cancer and palliative care nursing by:						

	<p>1. Integrating core principles covered in this subject and its pre-requisite, Applied Pathophysiology, to establish a foundational knowledge of the impact of treatment on the disease trajectory and management of the person affected by cancer.</p> <p>2. Incorporating knowledge learnt in the subject to recognise and plan an evidence based intervention for patients experiencing alterations to health and wellness that occur in the specific context of cancer or palliative care;</p> <p>3. Demonstrating the capacity to problem-solve, think critically and promote rational inquiry when provided with a clinical scenario ;</p> <p>4. Demonstrating skills in communication and reflective practice as it applies to the cancer and/ or palliative context.</p> <p>5. Identifying the role of resilience, effective communication and patient and family education on the outcomes of care.</p>
<b>Assessment:</b>	Written assignment (1000 words) Week 5 - 20% Written assignment (2000 words) Week 10 - 30% 4 Closed Book tests (Weeks 4, 7, 9, 12) - 50%
<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 graduate coursework student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The capacity to articulate their knowledge and understanding in written modes of communication;</li> <li>2. The capacity to manage competing demands on time.</li> <li>3. The capacity to consider local, national and international community issues as they relate to health professionals;</li> <li>4. Skills to identify and review evidence as it relates to problem solving in clinical practice</li> </ol>
<b>Links to further information:</b>	<a href="http://www.commercial.unimelb.edu.au/cpc">http://www.commercial.unimelb.edu.au/cpc</a>
<b>Related Course(s):</b>	Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice (Cancer and Palliative Care)