

NURS90103 Research in Practice

Credit Points:	25
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2016, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: January, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 36 hours of lectures on campus and weekly participation in online tutorials Total Time Commitment: 340 hours
Prerequisites:	Students must have completed 50pts in Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice, averaging 70%
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	<p>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.</p> <p>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: http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability</p>
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Subject Overview:	This subject provides an introduction to research designs and methods commonly applied to nursing inquiry. Students will identify how research questions arise, why specific methodologies are used, how studies are conducted, and data obtained, interpreted and reported. The emphasis of the subject is on skill acquisition and peer collaboration. The subject involves hands-on exercises on the use of the Internet in nursing research and practice; the exploration of Internet databases; the development of literature search and analysis skills; and the exploration of resources useful for research and practice.
Learning Outcomes:	At the completion of this subject the student should be able to demonstrate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> capacities in information seeking, evaluation and retrieval of literature and the ability to communicate findings in a concise written manner; an appreciation of the design, conduct and reporting of original research in their area of practice; the ability to successfully formulate a viable research question and develop a research proposal that will aid in the advancement of knowledge within their discipline; the ability and confidence to participate in collaborative learning through a process of peer review.
Assessment:	1500 word written assignment (Week 4) - 15% 1500 word written assignment (Week 7) - 15% 10 minute oral presentation (Week 9) - 20% 4000 word written research proposal (Week 11) - 50% Participation in weekly online activities - Hurdle
Prescribed Texts:	Schneider Z., Whitehead D., Elliot D., LoBiondo-Wood G., & Haber J. (2013) Nursing & Midwifery Research: methods and appraisal for evidence based practice. 4th edition Mosby/ Elsevier

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:	On completion of this subject the student should be able to demonstrate: capacities in information seeking, evaluation and retrieval of literature and the ability to communicate findings in a concise written manner; an appreciation of the design, conduct and reporting of original research in their area of practice; the ability to successfully formulate a viable research question and develop a research proposal that will aid in the advancement of knowledge within their discipline; the ability and confidence to participate in collaborative learning through a process of peer review.
Links to further information:	http://nursing.unimelb.edu.au/
Related Course(s):	Master of Advanced Nursing Master of Advanced Nursing Practice Master of Advanced Nursing Practice (Mental Health) Master of Advanced Nursing Practice (Neonatal Intensive Care)