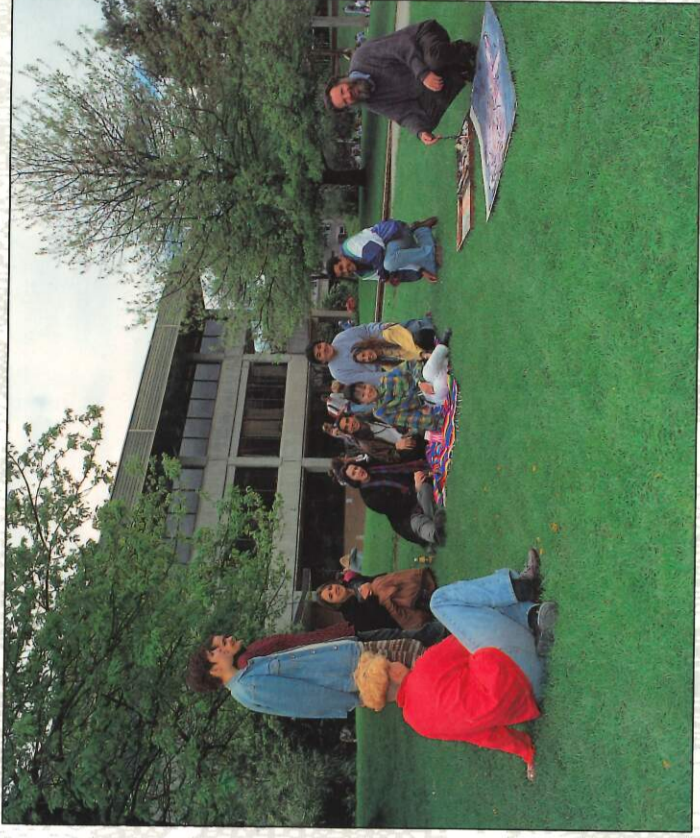


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NN713 PRIMARY HEALTH CARE NURSING

OFFERED: Three hours per week - one semester
MODE: Nil
PREREQUISITES: Nil
COREQUISITES: Nil
SYNOPSIS: This unit aims to enable the student to examine the application of the nursing process to primary care nursing with a specific focus on family and community-oriented practice. Content of the unit includes primary health care and the factors that influence the delivery of primary health care; the role of the professional nurse, conceptual foundations for practices and the current issues in primary health care.

NN714 INDEPENDENT NURSING STUDY

OFFERED: Equivalent of three hours per week
MODE: - one semester
PREREQUISITES: Nil
COREQUISITES: Nil
SYNOPSIS: This unit aims to enable the student to examine a topic of interest relevant to nursing. The school will explore relevant theoretical concepts and research findings in relation to their topic, and discuss current and future implications for nursing. The content is developed by students according to their own learning needs. Students will, in regular consultation with staff members, develop, implement and evaluate a program which will enable them to meet their identified needs and the unit objectives.

NN715 ISSUES IN PROFESSIONAL NURSING

OFFERED: Three hours per week - one semester
MODE: Nil
PREREQUISITES: Nil
COREQUISITES: Nil
SYNOPSIS: The unit will enable the student to examine the role and development of the nurse as a professional and explore current issues and trends shaping present and future nursing practice. The content includes the changing nature and scope of nursing; health care delivery issues affecting nursing practice; socio-political environment and nursing and legal and ethical issues.

NN716 THE NURSE AS A HEALTH EDUCATOR

OFFERED: Three hours per week - one semester
MODE: Nil
PREREQUISITES: Nil
COREQUISITES: Nil
SYNOPSIS: The unit will enable the student to extend previous consideration of health education for individuals as an integral part of the nursing role and examine the nurse's role as health educator in a variety of situations. The content includes

the nurse as a health educator and the nature and process of teaching and learning, environmental variables, readiness to learn, assessing, planning, implementing and evaluating a teaching project.

NN791 RESEARCH AND CLINICAL NURSING PRACTICE

OFFERED: Three hours per week - one semester
MODE: Nil
PREREQUISITES: Nil
COREQUISITES: Nil
SYNOPSIS: This unit aims to enable the student to examine how research guides clinical nursing practice and practice-based research. The content includes the role of research in nursing practice; communication and ethical issues in research; approaches to research and designs and the application of research findings to nursing practice.

NR903 MINOR THESIS

OFFERED: By Thesis
MODE: NM901 and NM902
PREREQUISITES: Nil
COREQUISITES: Nil
SYNOPSIS: Under supervision of staff who have expertise in the speciality areas chosen by the student, a topic of particular interest is studied. There will be emphasis on medicolegal consideration of a research question and the appropriate methodological approach to investigation. Students will be encouraged to select a topic of appropriate complexity for a thesis report of approximately 20,000 words. They will be expected to demonstrate the ability to critically analyse relevant literature, to apply accepted research strategies to resolution of the problem statement and to compose their report using writing skills of a high academic standard. The thesis will be examined by one internal and one external examiner.

NU511 THE HEALTHY INDIVIDUAL AS CLIENT

OFFERED: 1994 Semester 1 Day
MODE: Nil
PREREQUISITES: Nil
COREQUISITES: Nil
SYNOPSIS: This unit introduces students to concepts and models essential to nursing. It examines the centrality of caring in nursing and proceeds to emphasise the role of health promotion and primary prevention in health care. The unit also focuses on health assessment, basic nursing skills and includes on-campus and off-campus components.

NU512 CRITICAL THINKING IN NURSING

OFFERED: 1994 Semester 1 Day
MODE: Nil
PREREQUISITES: Nil

Discussing professional, ethical and legal factors which shape the role and practice of nursing.

NU523 SOCIETY, CULTURE AND HEALTH

OFFERED: 1994 Semester 2 Day
MODE: Nil
PREREQUISITES: Nil
COREQUISITES: Nil
SYNOPSIS: This unit emphasises the role of sociocultural factors in determining the health of individuals and in shaping health perceptions and practices. Sociocultural factors are also examined in context to nurse-client interactions. A particular focus of the unit is the historical and sociocultural factors impacting on Koorie and migrant health.

NU524 HUMAN DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE LIFE-SPAN

OFFERED: 1994 Semester 2 Day
MODE: Nil
PREREQUISITES: Nil
COREQUISITES: Nil
SYNOPSIS: This unit examines physical, psychological, sociocultural and spiritual development of the individual across the life-span. The role of environment is emphasised by exploring significant internal and external stressors experienced at particular stages of the life cycle and how individuals react and adapt to these stressors. Health promotion and primary prevention measures are emphasised.

NU525 THE HEALTHY PERSON 2

OFFERED: 1994 Semester 2 Day
MODE: Nil
PREREQUISITES: Nil
COREQUISITES: Nil
SYNOPSIS: This unit continues on with the themes discussed in NU515, that is normal human physiological structure and function. The focus of the unit is to continue examining the integrated nature of the body. Consequently, principles related to anatomy and physiology, chemistry, physics, genetics, microbiology and immunity are examined in order to provide foundation knowledge for nursing care.

NU611 THE HEALTHY FAMILY AS CLIENT

OFFERED: 1994 Semester 1 Day
MODE: Nil
PREREQUISITES: Nil
COREQUISITES: Nil
SYNOPSIS: Examines the normal physical, psychological, sociocultural, developmental and spiritual aspects of the healthy family. The concept of family health is discussed as is the role of the nurse in assisting individuals and families to meet their

COREQUISITES: Nil
SYNOPSIS: This unit introduces students to concepts and tools used in critical thinking and encourages them to utilise these skills both in their professional and personal lives.

NU514 UNDERSTANDING THE INDIVIDUAL

OFFERED: 1994 Semester 1 Day
MODE: Nil
PREREQUISITES: Nil
COREQUISITES: Nil
SYNOPSIS: This unit examines relevant psychological dimensions of the normal individual. Characteristics of human beings such as personality, perception, learning, consciousness, memory, intelligence, cognition and language are discussed. A major theme examined is the relationship of stress to health, and the development of skills in stress management.

NU515 THE HEALTHY PERSON 1

OFFERED: 1994 Semester 1 Day
MODE: Nil
PREREQUISITES: Nil
COREQUISITES: Nil
SYNOPSIS: Examines normal human physiological structure and function. The focus of the unit is on the integrated nature of the body. Consequently, principles related to anatomy and physiology, chemistry and physics are examined in order to provide foundation knowledge for nursing care.

NU521 PROMOTING AND MAINTAINING INDIVIDUAL HEALTH

OFFERED: 1994 Semester 2 Day
MODE: Nil
PREREQUISITES: Nil
COREQUISITES: Nil
SYNOPSIS: This unit focuses on individuals with minimal health dysfunctions. Health promotion and primary prevention strategies employed by the nurse and other health professionals are emphasised. Secondary prevention measures aimed at restoring optimal client stability are introduced. Environmental factors which affect the individual's ability to cope with minimal health dysfunctions are also addressed.

NU522 ISSUES IN PROFESSIONAL NURSING 1

OFFERED: 1994 Semester 2 Day
MODE: Nil
PREREQUISITES: Nil
COREQUISITES: Nil
SYNOPSIS: There is a focus on the development of the student as a person and a professional. This is achieved by 1. Examining students' personal conceptions of nursing and clarification of personal values and ethical perspectives and 2.

health needs. The focus of nursing interventions is on health promotion and primary prevention for individuals and families during selected phases of the life cycle.

NU612**PROMOTING AND RESTORING INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY HEALTH 1**

OFFERED: 1994
MODE: Semester 1 Day
PREREQUISITES: NU521
COREQUISITES: Nil

SYNOPSIS: In this unit students are introduced to general principles associated with the diagnosis, treatment and nursing care of individuals and families experiencing acute physical and psychological illness. Includes on-campus and off-campus components.

NU613**ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH**

OFFERED: 1994
MODE: Semester 1 Day
PREREQUISITES: NU525
COREQUISITES: Nil

SYNOPSIS: This unit explores the complex relationship between human beings and their environment. Health is discussed in regard to this relationship with topics such as infectious diseases, work place hazards and ecological disruption. Strategies to promote health, prevent illness and disease, and to restore health following exposure to environmental hazards are identified throughout the unit.

NU621**PROMOTING AND RESTORING INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY HEALTH 2**

OFFERED: 1994
MODE: Semester 2 Day
PREREQUISITES: NU611 and NU612
COREQUISITES: NU622

SYNOPSIS: This unit follows on from Promoting and Restoring Individual and Family Health 1 (NU612). It examines the impact of selected acute physical and psychiatric illnesses on individuals and families. Related health promotion and primary prevention strategies are identified, as are the relevant diagnostic, therapeutic and nursing measures.

NU622**COMPETENCY WORKSHOPS**

OFFERED: 1994
MODE: Semester 2 Day
PREREQUISITES: NU611 and NU612
COREQUISITES: NU621

SYNOPSIS: This unit will provide students with the opportunity to master selected nursing competencies designated as being critical to the delivery of care for individuals and

families in secondary care settings. Topics and skills to be covered will be determined by lecturers, off-campus educators and students' representatives.

NU624**RESEARCH IN NURSING 1**

OFFERED: 1994
MODE: Semester 2 Day
PREREQUISITES: Nil
COREQUISITES: Nil

SYNOPSIS: This unit introduces students into the role of research in nursing. Content includes conceptual and methodological differences between varying types of research, the research process and evaluating the validity and applicability of various research publications.

NU711**PROMOTING AND RESTORING INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY HEALTH 3**

OFFERED: 1994
MODE: Semester 1 Day
PREREQUISITES: NU621 and NU622
COREQUISITES: Nil

SYNOPSIS: In this unit the impact of stressors on individuals, families, the community, care providers and the health care system is discussed. The goal of this is to identify primary, secondary, and particularly tertiary prevention strategies and skills that will enable nurses to restore or stabilise health or assist with a peaceful death.

NU712**THE SOCIAL ORGANISATION OF HEALTH CARE IN AUSTRALIA**

OFFERED: 1994
MODE: Semester 1 Day
PREREQUISITES: NU523
COREQUISITES: Nil

SYNOPSIS: This unit examines the social, political and economic makeup of the Australian health care system. It looks at the bureaucratic and professional structure, the mechanics and implications of selection, allocation and organisation of financial and human resources. The unit also considers the influence of different interest groups in the development of health care policies and the delivery of health care services.

NU713**RESEARCH IN NURSING 2**

OFFERED: 1994
MODE: Semester 1 Day
PREREQUISITES: NU624
COREQUISITES: Nil

SYNOPSIS: This unit builds on NU624 (Research in Nursing 1). It provides students with the opportunity to interpret elementary descriptive inferential statistics, analyse various forms of scientific literature relevant to health and nursing, and identify the stages and processes involved in preparing a proposal for nursing research.

NU721**COMMUNITY AS CLIENT**

OFFERED: 1994
MODE: Semester 2 Day
PREREQUISITES: NU711
COREQUISITES: Nil

SYNOPSIS: Using a systems perspective, the unit identifies the general characteristics and processes that makeup a community and the role that environments play in shaping the health of the community or client system. The purposes of this unit are to introduce students to the concept of community as client, and to the role of nursing in assisting individuals, families and selected groups to meet their health related needs.

NU722**CLINICAL ELECTIVE**

OFFERED: 1994
MODE: Semester 2 Day
PREREQUISITES: NU711
COREQUISITES: Nil

SYNOPSIS: The purpose of this unit is to assist students to further develop expertise and competence in an area of clinical practice of special interest to them. This is achieved by placing students in their preferred clinical setting over a continuous four week period. At the same time the unit provides the opportunity for students to identify and discuss issues arising from their placements and implement leadership and managerial skills developed in the theory component of this unit. Includes on-campus and off-campus components.