

School of Nursing

Nursing 730 - Knowledge Science in Specialty Nursing – Stroke Management 30 points Semester 2

AIMS OF THE COURSE

- Increase nurses' specialty knowledge and skills in order to enable them to plan and deliver client-centred care to clients with a stroke.
- Increase knowledge around advanced nursing roles, pathophysiology, client assessment and client management.
- Increase the understanding around the wider context of stroke nursing and the health care experience of the client and family.
- Increase nurses' understanding and application of core nursing concepts such as ethics, caring and culture in the specialty practice area of stroke nursing and in a wider socio- political context.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Within a defined area of stroke specialty practice, health professionals will:

- Apply an understanding of pathophysiological processes of specific disease states to individual clients and client groups
- Demonstrate the care of stroke clients with complex and specific health care needs including client learning and the development of overall client health care plans
- Demonstrate competency in stroke specialty based client assessment skills
- Demonstrate competency in stroke specialty based skills or the use or management of specialty based technology
- Analyse the impact of illness and health care experience on the client/family within a stroke context
- Evaluate the ethical and legal parameters of current nursing practice
- Demonstrate understanding of scientific concepts and pathophysiological processes
- Increase professionals knowledge and use of applied science in caring for stroke clients
- Apply this knowledge to clients' signs, symptoms and presentations
- Relate the use and interpretations of diagnostic tests for example, laboratory tests and imaging
- Develop an understanding of social, economic and political factors related to the specialty of stroke care
- Apply concepts such as caring, ethics, advocacy in the stroke context.



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Assessment Points

Assessments	Length	Weighting
Written assignment	3,000 words*	30%
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Clinical Viva Exam	45 minutes	40%

*Word count excluding references

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