



Advanced Nursing Science 1

The Sir Charles Gairdner Osborne Park Health Care Group (SCGOPHCG) has a philosophy of empowerment through education, and the Centre for Nursing Education (CNE) offers nurses supported accelerated pathways into formal postgraduate qualifications.

Overview

The Advanced Nursing Science 1 (ANS1) unit is designed to develop or refresh clinical skills examining concepts of physiology, normal homeostatic mechanisms and pathophysiology. It focuses on nursing assessment skills, patient management, critical thinking and the ability to apply best evidence to practice.

ANS1 is appropriate for nurses who would like to refresh their foundational nursing skills, and those contemplating future postgraduate (PG) study. In particular, nurses who are considering applying for SCGH PG Courses or enrolling in other units within the SCGOPHCG PG Pathways suite are strongly encouraged to apply, as ANS1 is a core unit within these programs.

- Completed over 6 months; the unit commences in February and in August each year
- Recognised by Edith Cowan University (ECU) with advanced standing into their relevant PG programs. Completion of this unit provides participants with one (1) unit of completed study.

Who can apply?

Participants must meet the following criteria:

- Be currently employed in healthcare as a Registered Nurse
- Be registered with NMBA
- Have at least 1 year of clinical experience post initial nursing registration
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Wish to enhance their knowledge of pathophysiology and develop their critical thinking skills to enhance patient assessment and management
- Have a quest for knowledge, be intellectually curious and committed to lifelong learning

Participants must have access to an internet connection and computer/laptop with video and audio capability.

What does the unit offer?

Facilitated by an expert education team, this self-directed online unit includes a suite of online learning activities and submission of academic assessments. ANS1 participants have priority places to attend the SCGOPHCG 'Surviving Sepsis' study day.

Participants have access to face to face feedback and support, either onsite at SCGH or via webcam.

Assessment:

There are four (4) academic assessment pieces within this unit, which include discussion forums, an academic essay and a case study.

Learning outcomes

On completion of this unit, participants will be able to:

1. Appraise research findings to evaluate evidence based contemporary nursing practice

2. Articulate the psychosocial, cultural and ethical factors that may impact on patients health and wellbeing
3. Critically examine a range of therapeutic approaches and interventions for maintaining homeostasis contextualised to a specific patient population; and
4. Determine appropriate clinical assessment strategies and therapeutic interventions contextualised to a specific patient population.

What happens after graduation?

Nurses who successfully complete ANS1:

- are competitive in applications for nursing promotional positions
- have options to continue with further PG studies on accelerated pathways, as ANS1:
 - is recognised and awarded advanced standing at ECU (unit code NNS5113)
 - is part of the SCGOPHCG PG Pathway Program and SCGH Emergency Nursing and Critical Care Programs
- Enrol at ECU: Undertake an additional two (2) units and receive a Graduate Certificate; or
- Pursue Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) at other universities by submitting academic transcripts and evidence of learning.

Cost:

To confirm your enrolment in the course a \$100 administration fee is payable on receipt of your registration

SCGOPHCG participants: \$500 (including GST)

- Participants within WA Health: \$1000 (including GST)
- Participants external to WA Health: \$1000 (plus GST)

All participants: incur an additional \$100 administration fee. This fee is non-refundable, and applied on confirmation of enrolment.

Unit commencement:

- Semester 1: 12th February 2024
- Semester 2: 5th August 2024

Applications:

Applicants must send an expression of interest (EOI) to the unit coordinator, Emma Wood, Emma.Wood@health.wa.gov.au This should be no longer than 1 page. Please include your current work location in your EOI. **This EOI does not confirm your enrolment in ANS1.**

Application closing dates:

- Semester 1 applications- open NOW closes December 31st 2023
- Semester 2 applications- open 6th May 2024.

Further Enquiries:

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