



## 2020 Postgraduate Pathways

# Advanced Nursing Practice (ANP)

The Sir Charles Gairdner Osborne Park Health Care Group (SCGOPHCG) has a philosophy of empowerment through education and offers nurses supported accelerated pathways into formal postgraduate qualifications. This unit has evolved to provide industry with a nursing workforce that can provide complex nursing management and the critical thinking required for contemporary nurses delivering care to patients and their families.

### Overview:

Advanced Nursing Practice is a practical unit which aims to enhance a nurses' practice by augmenting clinical decision making and problem solving ability with a focus on developing leadership skills. Nurses create their own professional development plan and learning strategy to meet their specific learning objectives in their clinical practice, and document their progress in a reflective ePortfolio. Regular feedback is provided online via the ePortfolio, with face-to-face opportunities integrated throughout the unit.

**The Advanced Nursing Practice (ANP) unit is recognised by Edith Cowan University (ECU) with advanced standing into relevant postgraduate qualifications**

- Completion of this unit and the requisite unit Advanced Nursing Science 1 provides participants with two units of completed study (see overleaf for unit codes)
- The unit commences in February each year; 1 unit of learning spans both semesters
- Nurses are required to pass all components in all order to pass the unit
- Nurses will have access to an online Learning Management System that contains resources to assist with learning, and a personal ePortfolio

### Who can apply?

To be eligible to enroll in this unit nurses must meet the following criteria:

- have a minimum of 12- months post-registration experience
- be working a minimum of 0.6FTE
  - nurses working <0.6FTE or on a casual contract may be eligible; this will be assessed on an individual basis and nurses should contact CNE to discuss their situation
- simultaneous (or prior- within 5 years) completion of the SCGH Centre for Nursing Education Advanced Nursing Science 1 (previously Advanced Nursing Concepts) unit
- have a quest for knowledge, be intellectually curious and committed to lifelong learning;
- be registered with NMWBA, and
- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

### What does the unit offer?

This postgraduate pathway unit offers participants;

- an opportunity to prepare to function competently and professionally in a specialist role, empowering them to become critical thinkers, leaders of the profession and lifelong learners;
- opportunities for accelerated pathways in formal postgraduate qualifications;
- quarantined places on SCGH leadership study days

## Support:

Nurses participating in this unit will be supported by:

- the CNE Postgraduate Pathways Coordinator (SDE CNE), and
- an allocated mentor to support and facilitate learning and leadership development

## Assessment:

Nurses undertaking this unit will be assessed in the following ways:

- all work demonstrates integration of theory in to practice and clinical competence;
- a clinical learning portfolio (CLP) and ePortfolio allows nurses to document achievement and demonstrate their progress towards identified learning goals; and
- theoretical assessment is at an academic level and incorporates reflective practice related to daily work.

There are three total assessment pieces:

1. development of a professional development plan; due during semester 1
2. reflective practice essay; due during semester 2
3. completion of clinical learning portfolio (CLP) and ePortfolio; assessed at the end of both semesters.

## What happens after graduation?

Nurses who successfully complete this unit:

- are competitive in applications for promotional positions such as CN, CNS, AM, NM, SRN, SDN, SDE and
- have options to continue with further studies on accelerated pathways
  - This unit is recognised and awarded advanced standing at Edith Cowan University (ECU) against unit code NSP5302
  - The requisite Advanced Nursing Science 1 unit is recognised and awarded advanced standing at Edith Cowan University (ECU) against NNS5113
  - ECU: Undertake an additional four (4) units and receive a Graduate Diploma or a further seven (7) units and receive a Masters qualification
  - Pursue Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) at other universities by submitting academic transcripts and evidence of learning.

## Cost:

- SCGOPHCG participants: \$500 (including GST)
- Participants within WA Health: \$1,000 (including GST)
- Participants external to WA Health: \$1,000 (plus GST)

All participants will incur an additional charge of \$100 administration fee

## Applications:

Forward all applications to [scgh.cne.registrations@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:scgh.cne.registrations@health.wa.gov.au)

Applications must include the following:

1. Covering letter addressing the enrolment criteria
2. Curriculum Vitae, including name and contact details of two professional referees
3. Letter of support from your current manager

## Enquiries:



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