



## 2020 Postgraduate Pathways

# Advanced Nursing Science 1 (ANS1)

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 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.

### Overview:

The Advanced Nursing Science 1 (ANS1) unit is offered to nurses who would like to refresh their foundational nursing skills, and those who are 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.

- ANS1 is completed over 6 months; the unit commences in February and in August

**Advanced Nursing Science 1 is 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
- 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
- Be registered with NMWBA, and
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

### What does the unit offer?

This is a self-directed unit comprising of online learning activities, e-learning modules, face to face study days and tutorials, and submission of academic assessments

Participants have access to an online Learning Management System which contains resources to assist with learning, and priority places to attend the “Surviving Sepsis” and “Clinical Communication” study days.

### 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 contextualized to a specific patient population; and
4. Determine appropriate clinical assessment strategies and therapeutic interventions contextualized to a specific patient population.

## Support:

Participants will be supported by the PG Pathways Coordinator (SDE CNE).

## Assessment:

There are three (3) academic assessment pieces within this unit, which include an academic essay, the critique of a research article, and a case study.

## 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 against 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:

- 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.

## Unit commencement:

- Semester 1: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- Semester 2: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020

## Applications:

Applications must include:

1. Covering letter which outlines:
  - a. how the unit will support your professional development and nursing practice
  - b. your proven ability to be a self-directed learner
2. Letter of support from your current manager.

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

Application closing dates:

- Semester 1 applications close Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- Semester 2 applications close Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

## Enquiries:



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