



Course 168.702

Special Topic: Occupational Health Nursing Practice

Course Aims

'Special Topic: Occupational Health Nursing Practice' is a 30 credit, one semester, online course that aims to provide participants with current knowledge of topical issues related to occupational health nursing in New Zealand. The specialist knowledge base and skills for working in various occupational health settings will be critically examined. Application of specialist knowledge and skills in particular practice contexts will be explored, underscored by evidence-based practice.

This course is presented as a series of weekly online seminars and is not exhaustive of the issues facing occupational health nurses.

Some of the topics covered in the course include:

The Role of the OHN

- **Health Promotion**- seeks to improve the level of health in a working population by preventing diseases, controlling risk, improving wellbeing and enhancing the capacity of workers to work and to function in society
- **Health Protection**- protecting the worker from work related health risks and ensuring prompt intervention if something goes wrong, and
- **Disease Prevention**- primary prevention (the prevention of disease), secondary prevention (through periodic health surveillance) and tertiary prevention (through rehabilitation services after an injury).

Current topics of interest may include:

- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Infection Control/Pandemics
- Airborne Contaminants e.g. Silica Dust
- Musculoskeletal Injuries
- Noise

Learning Outcomes

On completion of the paper, the students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate the ability to disseminate the findings of nursing research in written format as a report or research article, and either verbal format or conference format on a current issue in nursing.
2. Demonstrate an ability to acquire and critically assess nursing data and related information to explore a nursing issue and develop new knowledge.
3. Critically evaluate nursing information and demonstrate the ability to use this information to predict emerging issues.

Please contact nursing@massey.ac.nz for further information or to enrol.

Enrolments for Semester 1, 2023 close 3rd February 2023.