



**SYDNEY HOSPITAL
&
SYDNEY EYE HOSPITAL**

POST REGISTRATION NURSING COURSE

IN

INFECTION CONTROL

PROSPECTUS

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OUTLINE OF THE COURSE

TITLE

Sydney Hospital and Sydney Eye Hospital Post Registration Nursing Course in Infection Control.

LEVEL

Post Registration Hospital Certificate Course for registered nurses.

NOMENCLATURE OF AWARD

The Sydney Hospital and Sydney Eye Hospital Post Registration Nursing Course Certificate in Infection Control.

DURATION

Twenty-six weeks.

FREQUENCY

The Course is offered once a year commencing in mid-June.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS

The Course will accommodate a minimum of four and a maximum of ten students.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Course is open to all registered nurses working in, or preparing for, role positions appropriate to the nature of the Course. Preference will be given to employees of New South Wales Health working as Infection Control nurses.

Applicants are required to:

Essential

- ◆ hold List A Registration with the New South Wales Nurses Registration Board.
- ◆ have completed a minimum of three years post registration nursing experience, in the field of medical/surgical nursing. This requirement is necessary because of the nature of Infection Control.

Preferred

- ◆ a minimum of six months experience in the nursing speciality of Infection Control.

APPLICATIONS

Applications for admission to the Course are to be made in writing, and addressed to The Manager, Clinical Nursing Services Department, Sydney Hospital and Sydney Eye Hospital, GPO Box 1614, SYDNEY NSW 2001. Applications for the Course must be received by 5pm on the third Friday in April each year.

Letters of application should include:

- ◆ the benefits to be derived from participating in the Course for the applicant, employing institution and community.
- ◆ a current Curriculum Vitae. The CV **must** include the following: NSW Nurses' Registration Board Registration Number; all educational qualifications and all work experience listed in chronological order starting from current; indication of any gaps in work experience with relevant explanations; and indication of work experience being full time, part time or casual.
- ◆ a current attested copy of Nurses' Registration Board of NSW Authority to Practise Certificate.
- ◆ relevant tertiary qualifications attested by a Justice of the Peace.

Selection of applicants

- ◆ Manager, Clinical Nursing Services.
- ◆ Course Coordinator.
- ◆ Clinical Nurse Consultant in Infection Control, Sydney Hospital and Sydney Eye Hospital.

Record Checks

Successful applicants will be required to consent to checks of the following:

- ◆ criminal record.
- ◆ professional registration and limitations placed on practice.
- ◆ complaints to NSW Health Complaints Unit.

STATUS OF THE STUDENT

The student will be required to be released from their employing institution for the study blocks and periods of secondment to other participating institutions for the purpose of clinical observation and experience (see page -- for details). When allocated to clinical areas for structured learning experience the students will be supernumerary and supervised by appropriate mentors.

Students functioning in the Infection Control role will remain on the staff of their employing institution and continue their role functions as usual for fifteen weeks of the twenty-six week Course. Those students preparing for a career in Infection Control will be provided with clinical placements, with experienced Infection Control Nurses. Such clinical experience will be negotiated between the student and Coordinator.

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE

Lecture Blocks, Monday to Friday, 0900 to 1730 hours.

Clinical Placements times will vary according to placements and may include some evening shifts.

TRAVELLING ARRANGEMENTS AND PARKING

Students who are accepted for the Course are expected to make their own arrangements for transport and parking and to be responsible for all costs. There is a commercial car park attached to the Hospital.

ACCOMMODATION

Sydney Hospital and Sydney Eye Hospital is unable to provide accommodation for students. Accommodation may be available at hospitals in the metropolitan area where nurses' homes still exist. The Course Coordinator can assist with arrangements.

FEES

All successful applicants are required to pay a fee for the Course prior to Course commencement. Any delay in fee payment **must be notified in writing** to the Course Coordinator. The Course fees from the following sectors are: public sector and self funding students, A\$1,200.00; private sector and interstate students, A\$1,500.00; international students, A\$2,500.00. The fees will be reviewed annually and as circumstances dictate.

SCHOLARSHIP

A City Tattersall's Scholarship is available. This scholarship is available to rural applicants to assist with the cost of Course fees and accommodation while on Course related placements.

CONDITIONS

Students are required to: fulfil the policy requirements of the participating institutions; meet the requirements of the educational process and accept any decisions relevant to them made by the Course Management Committee.

ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Includes: pre-course worksheet, written examinations, major Infection Control project, laboratory worksheet,, research assignments, presentation of teaching sessions, and overall student performance.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Successful students will graduate on the final day of the Course. The Graduation Ceremony will be conducted on the Sydney Hospital and Sydney Eye Hospital campus.

ENQUIRIES

Course Coordinator, Post Registration Nursing Course in Infection Control Nursing,
Sydney Hospital and Sydney Eye Hospital.

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Clinical Nursing Services Department,
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SYDNEY NSW 2001.

COURSE AIM AND OBJECTIVES

AIM

To prepare Registered Nurses for role functions as a Consultant in the field of Infection Control Nursing.

OBJECTIVES

At the completion of the Course, it is anticipated the participant will be able to:

- ◆ understand epidemiologic principles and participate in data collection.
- ◆ utilise research skills in the practice of infection control.
- ◆ apply the principles of general, clinical and environmental microbiology in the prevention and control of infection.
- ◆ analyse the cause of disease and adopt and evaluate appropriate control strategies.
- ◆ differentiate diagnostic and therapeutic processes utilised in infection control practice.
- ◆ demonstrate competence in monitoring and surveillance processes related to infection control, including environmental safety.
- ◆ develop and evaluate employee health programmes.
- ◆ apply teaching and learning principles in the development, implementation and evaluation of education programmes.
- ◆ demonstrate the managerial and communication skills necessary to competently develop, implement and evaluate an effective Infection Control Programme.
- ◆ contribute effectively to the development of professional nursing practice.
- ◆ recognise situations, which call for ethical decision-making and participate in the resolution process.
- ◆ demonstrate cognisance of the law related to the speciality and apply it in nursing practice.
- ◆ contribute to health promotion and disease prevention.

In addition to these objectives the Course aims to inculcate the student with attitudes and skills which will promote her/his:

- ◆ ability to adopt appropriate coping mechanisms to meet perceived stressors.
- ◆ initiative and self-direction.
- ◆ responsibility as an adult learner for ongoing professional education and development.
- ◆ professional confidence and esteem.
- ◆ leadership.

ORGANISATION OF THEORETICAL AND CLINICAL COMPONENTS

The theoretical content of the Course is presented in a series of four study blocks, integrated with three periods of clinical practice. The following illustrates the detail of the Course. The placement details may vary based on placement availability and will vary for students offered a modified programme.

COMPONENT	ALLOCATED TIME
Theoretical Component	320 hours
Face to face lecture hours ¹	200 hours
Non face to face lecture hours ²	<u>120 hours</u>
	8 weeks
Clinical Experience	
Employing Institution (If the employing Institution cannot provide the necessary experience for the student., alternative arrangements will be negotiated by the Course Coordinator in consultation with the student).	15 weeks
	TOTAL
	<u>15 weeks</u>
Clinical Placements	
Prince of Wales Hospital, Eastpath	3 days
HIV Services	2 days
Albion Street Centre	1 day
Elective	1 day
Travelling Time	<u>1 day</u>
	TOTAL
	2 weeks
Observational Visits	
Elective	8 hours
Baxter Healthcare Pty Ltd.	4 hours
Parramatta Linen Service	2 hours
Mona Vale Hospital	
Management of Gluteralderhyde	1 hour
Waste Management	1 hour
North Head Treatment Works	4 hours
Sutherland Hospital, Catering Department, Cook Chill	2 hours
	<u>1 week</u>
	TOTAL
	26 weeks

¹ Face to face formal lecture format.

² Non face to face lecture hours, tutorials, videos and self directed learning.