University Foundation Studies — *Standard (Two Terms) Course or Extended (Three Terms) Course

Unit descriptions

Nursing

*These units are studied in both terms of the Standard (Two Terms) Course. They are also studied in Terms 2 and 3 of the Extended (Three Terms) Course which is available to international students only.

Academic English B (studied over two terms)
This unit provides students with the linguistic skills needed for the demands of university study. Topics include writing reports, writing summaries, making oral presentations and effective reading and note-taking.

Communication and Media
This unit examines the influence of new forms of communication and mass media, as well as providing an informed understanding of media, cross-cultural communication and the role of information technology.

Computer Competency
This unit provides an introduction to basic computing with an introduction to Windows (including file management), Word, Excel, PowerPoint, the web and email. Students learn tips on what to look for when buying a computer system — hardware and software — and how to interpret computer jargon.

Cultural Perspectives
This unit introduces a number of themes including defining culture, the construction, transmission and interpretation of culture, as well as the influences of sociological, psychological, historical and political trends on individuals, groups and society.

Mathematics for Nursing
This is an introduction to the mathematics required for further study in nursing and related health science areas. In particular, areas such as oral medication, injections, fluid management, paediatrics and volumes and rates are explained.

Nursing Communication
Nurses work in an environment where a high level of communication with others is of paramount importance. Oral communication skills form the cornerstone of good nursing practice. This unit is designed to help students develop their confidence and skills in communicating with others in preparation for the practicum experience in the Bachelor of Nursing degree.

Science for Nursing
Students will study introductory topics in physics and chemistry that relate to nursing, such as energy, machines, and the structure and behaviour of matter. Human physiology and disease are covered more extensively and a discussion of the tools for diagnosis and treatment is included.

Scientific Method
Scientific method develops skills and processes associated with science and science-based subjects.