



Nature Care College

DEVELOP PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE
 DISTANCE/BLENDED LEARNING

DESCRIPTION	<p>This <i>Develop professional expertise</i> unit of study will provide you with the knowledge and skills required in your study. You will gain study skills, learn about referencing and how to write reports and essays. You will also acquire knowledge and skills on how to do a presentation to a class or to colleagues.</p> <p>You will also learn how to continue your professional development once your formal study is completed, keep up to date with the latest industry news, make a positive contribution to the knowledge base of your profession and critically evaluate some specific types of research.</p>
DURATION	One term (12 weeks) approximately 24 hours
LEARNING OUTCOMES	<p>At the end of this unit students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reference according to the Author-date method 2. Contribute to the development of professional practices 3. Seek out and apply traditional, complementary (alternative) and scientific information 4. Critically evaluate specific research 5. Implement reflective learning practices
TEACHING METHOD	<p>This unit will be studied by the method known as 'Distance/Blended Learning'. This form of study involves the completion of all learning outcomes without formal attendance at lectures or other types of classes.</p> <p>The benefits of the system are considerable as it provides significant flexibility to your study program. It also encourages students to take responsibility for their own learning thereby enhancing those mandatory skills of self- education. The College will provide considerable support to help you with your studies.</p> <p>A tutor will be available to answer your academic questions. Details regarding this will be included in the information and instruction sheet sent to you on enrolment.</p>
ASSESSMENT	<p>An Assessment Pack will be included in your Distance/Blended Learning folder.</p> <p>Assessment Tasks 100%</p> <p>Pass mark: 60%</p>
ENROLMENT	<p>You may enrol in this course at any time. Course fees must be paid in full when you enrol. All fees are <i>non-transferable and non-refundable</i>. You can enrol in person or by mail or over the telephone (using a credit card).</p>
PRE-REQUISITES	Nil
CO-REQUISITES	Nil

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TEXTBOOKS**Compulsory textbook:**

Nature Care College *Develop professional expertise* Distance/Blended Learning Student Workbook

Recommended Reading / References:

- Brown G, Esdaile S, Ryan S. *Becoming and advanced healthcare practitioner*. Edinburgh: Butterworth Heinemann; 2004
 - Medhurst R. *The business of healing*. Greenock, S.A: Author published; 2008.
 - Weir M. *Complementary medicine: ethics and law*. Third edition. Ashgrove, Qld: Prometheus Publications; 2007
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This subject is in full completion of the following unit/s of competency:

HLTCOM502C Develop professional expertise

SUGGESTED HOME STUDY PLAN:

SESSION 1:**Study Skills**

Planning and Writing

Structure – Essay writing, Report writing, Group work, Presentations

Referencing

SESSION 2:**DEVELOP PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE**

Professional development

Appreciate diverse beliefs about health and illness

Clinical decision-making: ways of knowing

Critically evaluate specific research – part 1

SESSION 3:

Critically evaluate specific research – part 2

Critically evaluate specific research – part 3

Communicate with stakeholders

Reflective learning practices

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