NURS12160 *Acute Alterations in Health*
Term 1 - 2026

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General Information

Overview

This unit builds on the knowledge, skills and dispositions from the foundational nursing units to explore the nursing care for individuals experiencing an acute episode of illness. Given Australia's ageing population, it is important to recognise chronic illnesses are often first diagnosed as a result of an acute alteration. This unit will equip you to apply an evidence-based approach to assessing, planning, implementing, evaluating and documenting nursing care for patients experiencing acute illness. You will consider the nursing process and clinical decision-making required to support individuals with acute conditions and/or early recognition of clinical deterioration.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*
Unit Level: *Level 2*
Credit Points: *6*
Student Contribution Band: *7*
Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: *0.125*

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Pre-requisites: NURS11170 or admission to CM77
Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)](#).

Offerings For Term 1 - 2026

- Brisbane
- Online
- Rockhampton

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

Class and Assessment Overview

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).
You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback – Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

Previous Student Feedback

Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

Feedback from SUTE Data

Feedback
I really enjoyed the variety of learning resources provided, especially the addition of podcasts.

Recommendation
Enhance student learning by continuing to integrate diverse resources into the weekly modules. Additionally, introduce weekly podcasts featuring industry experts to foster engagement and offer authentic insights into the nursing profession.

Feedback from Self-reflection

Feedback
The 2024 Assessment 2 was not well received by the student cohort and, at times, was unnecessarily confusing.

Recommendation
Review and update Assessment 2 to ensure it aligns with the prescribed Learning Outcomes and is tailored to effectively meet the needs of the student cohort. Additionally, ensure that the task and rubric are closely matched to provide clear and consistent guidance for student performance.

Unit Learning Outcomes

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes

Information for Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes has not been released yet.
This information will be available on Monday 12 January 2026

Textbooks and Resources

Information for Textbooks and Resources has not been released yet.
This information will be available on Monday 16 February 2026

Academic Integrity Statement

Information for Academic Integrity Statement has not been released yet.
This unit profile has not yet been finalised.