



Chronic Illness and Disability in Childhood

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Paper overview

The paper facilitates the development of advanced practice knowledge and skills related to the care of children with chronic illness or disability. Drawing on practice based examples and using an interdisciplinary approach the paper encourages students to critically examine the context and social construction of chronic illness/disability as well as children and families responses. The paper advances knowledge and skills in relation to how to assess, plan and critically evaluate the care and management of children/families with chronic illness/disability. It also provides the opportunity to develop and critique collaborative practice between the family, the practitioner and other health professionals.

Programme study options

This paper is available from the Faculty of Health and Environmental Sciences in the following specialisation areas:

- Child Health

Who can study this paper?

This paper is for Registered Health Professionals who:

- Have registration from a 3 year programme or equivalent, congruent with the HCP Act 2003
- Hold a current New Zealand Annual Practising Certificate or equivalent
- Have access to a child health clinical practice setting

What you can expect to learn

This paper covers the following topics:

- Impact of chronicity and disability on children and families
- Child and family responses to chronic illness/disability
- Stress, coping and resiliency theory
- Development of the child with a chronic illness/disability
- Assessing the child with chronic illness/disability
- Child/family/practitioner relationships
- Decision-making in the context of chronic illness/disability
- Health maintenance, activity and participation.
- Interdisciplinary/interorganizational practice
- Adherence and compliance
- Self management and education
- Family care giving and respite care
- Assistive technology
- Transition.

What you need to study this paper

- To study this paper it is essential you have a computer, internet (broadband preferred), email access and access to a clinical practice setting.

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Annette has a clinical practice background general paediatric and medical specialties in particularly respiratory illness. Prior to taking up a position at AUT University in 2000 she held a number of leadership positions at Starship Children's hospital including, Respiratory Nurse Specialist, Nurse Consultant (Quality/Research) and Nurse Advisor. Annette completed her PhD at AUT in 2004 the focus of her doctoral research was the relationship between the family and the practitioner in the context of chronic illness. Her research and clinical interests relate to the care of families who have a child with chronic illness or disability, children as consumers of care and the education of the professional workforce for child health.

Teaching style, dates and location details

Location: AUT North Shore Campus

Teaching Period(s): Semester 2

Online: Yes

Block Course: No

Teaching style: On-line lectures, teaching modules. On-line discussions.

How much time will I need to commit to the paper?

This is dependant on your other commitments and the speed at which you learn and work, but on average a 30 point paper typically involves around 20-30 hours per week, including the practice component.

How much does this paper cost?

30 point paper tuition fees for domestic students in 2012 is approximately NZ\$1900. Additional fees for study may include; a learner services levy, student association (AUSM) fee, charges and paper activity fees. Please contact us for further information (International students email international.centre@aut.ac.nz).

How this paper will be assessed

- Essay (Week 4-5)

Enrolment process

New students: Contact the Student Information Centre

Phone: 0800 AUT UNI (0800 288 864) or Email: courseinfo@aut.ac.nz

Returning students: Go online to AUTonline, <https://autonline.ac.nz>

- Check paper timetable by clicking on 'Timetable' option
- Then, complete '2011 re-enrolment form' by clicking on 'Forms' option
- Then, email us the completed form.

Enrolment and paper information

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