



Management of Children with Acute Illness

(589670) 30 Points

Paper overview

Using practice based scenario's this paper develops advanced knowledge and skills related to the management of acutely ill children in both the community and hospital settings, including psychological preparation and support of children and families experiencing acute illness. This paper assists students in advancing their knowledge and practice skills in identifying and managing common acute childhood illnesses as well as analysing and critiquing current practice.

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:

- Child and family responses to hospitalisation and illness
- Communicating with children and families
- Assessment and Triage
- Accidental Injury
- Management of: fever, acute pain, trauma, acute upper and lower respiratory tract illness, infectious and communicable diseases, gastrointestinal illness.
- Acute pre and post operative care
- Family education and support
- Transition management

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 development and education of the professional workforce for child health services.

Teaching style, dates and location details

Location: AUT Manukau Campus

Teaching Period: Semester 1

Online: Yes

Block Course: Yes. Three teaching study days plus one on campus assessment day.

Dates: 5th, 6th March & 30th April 2012 (teaching days) 1st may (assessment day)

Teaching style: On-line discussions, lectures and discussions drawing on the experiences of students.

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.

How much does this paper cost?

30 point paper tuition fees for domestic students in 2012 are 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 5)
- Verbal Case Presentation (Week 8)
- On-line Scenarios (Week 13)

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>

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

Enrolment and paper information

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