Management of Children with Acute Illness

(HEAL846)

Pathways, programmes/specialisations the paper is attached to
Postgraduate Certificate in Health Science in Child Health, Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science in Child Health, Master of Health Practice and Master of Health Science.

Am I eligible to enrol in this paper?
This paper is for 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 is this paper about?
Facilitates the development of advanced practice knowledge and skills related to the management of the acutely ill child in both the community and hospital settings. Assesses, plans and evaluates the management of children with common acute illnesses.

What can I expect to learn?
- 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, Gastro intestinal illness
- Acute pre and post operative care, Family education and support, Transition management

How is this paper taught?
Location: South Campus, AUT
Teaching Period(s): Offered in Semester 1 only
Online: Yes including 6 “real time” on-line tutorials
Block Course: Yes. Four on-campus days
Teaching style: On-line discussions, lectures and discussions drawing on the experiences of students.

How will I be assessed?
1. Case presentation - Part 1: Written Case Summary (1000 words) - Part 2: Verbal 20min with 5min questioning
2. On-line scenarios - Written on-line responses to 4 case based scenarios (3000 words)

Who will be teaching me?
Paper Coordinator: Dr. Annette Dickinson, RGON, MN, PhD
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.

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