

# Ophthalmic Nursing for Registered Nurses

## “Principles of Ophthalmic Nursing”

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **What’s different about the course?**

This CPE course has been written and is taught by experienced clinicians who are external to the University. By agreement, QUT handles the administration including registration, postage and QUT Certificates of Completion.

#### **Who should I contact?**

For queries about payment, registration, receipt of modules or Certificates, contact the QUT School of Nursing: Dr Yvonne Osborne Ph: 07 3138 3833 or [y.osborne@qut.edu.au](mailto:y.osborne@qut.edu.au).

#### **How is the course offered?**

The course is offered totally by distance education. Material is delivered by post to the student and completed at home. Some assessment activities are posted on the University *Blackboard* site and completed on line.

#### **What do I have to do?**

The modules consist of readings in CD format and activities which form a *Clinical Portfolio*, which is one of the pieces of assessment for the course. Students will need to be working at least part-time in ophthalmic practice in order to complete some of the elements of the *Clinical Portfolio*. Learning activities are completed on line on the University *Blackboard* site at the end of each Module to enable the student to consolidate their learning. In order to access resources at QUT students will be asked to provide details so that they can be recognised as a ‘like’ student with QUT.

#### **How long does the course take?**

The course is designed to be completed over 15 weeks, during the University semester.

#### **What support is offered?**

Students are provided with the contact details of the Course Co-ordinator. Email contact is encouraged for direction, clarification or any other reason. Students who have elected to provide the information for ‘like’ student will be able to access library and online resources at QUT.

#### **What is the course assessment?**

Formative assessment takes the form of on line activities on the University *Blackboard* site at the end of each Module.

Summative assessment comprises the completion of a *Clinical Case Study* of the students own choice and a *Clinical Portfolio* recording completion of activities contained in each of the Modules.

### **Do I need textbooks?**

There is a set text book for the course which is:

Marsden, J. (2006) *Ophthalmic Care*, Wiley, West Sussex

Students will be required to purchase this text. Students will be able to purchase the required text through the QUT Bookshop.

All other course readings are provided on CD Rom.

### **Can I pay the fee in instalments?**

Due to the nature of the material, payment by instalment is not possible. Fee in full payments can be made by credit card or cheque via CPE website.

### **Who is eligible to enrol?**

The course has been written for Registered Nurses who are interested in acquiring specialist knowledge in the area of ophthalmic nursing. Registered nurses enrolled in this subject should have at least 3 months experience working with patients requiring ophthalmic care. Students will need to be employed at least part time in ophthalmic practice. This criterion enables the student to submit a clinical portfolio as part of the overall assessment of the unit.

The Modules assume a pre-existing basic level of knowledge in ophthalmic nursing and develop this knowledge.

### **Is the course recognised?**

At the end of this Continuing Professional Education course will be awarded a QUT endorsed Certificate of Completion.

As awards vary from state to state with regard to payment for qualifications, you may need to seek advice from your employer with regard to recognition and remuneration for this course.

### **How do I enrol?**

Registration is online via the following website:

[http://www.cpe.qut.edu.au/course\\_pages/2011/PONC011.html](http://www.cpe.qut.edu.au/course_pages/2011/PONC011.html)