

Immunisation Program – Registered Nurse Health (Drugs & Poisons) Regulation 1996

This program provides a qualification for people who work within a nursing structure.

Program details

Cunningham Centre collaborates with the Southern Regional Services and Tropical Regional Health Service to deliver the program to Queensland nurses. For participants in this program, learning includes collaborative interaction with nurse educators, other health care professionals and peers. Mentoring of program participants aims to foster attitudes and behaviours in the registered nurse conducive to developing their role in immunisation practice.

Program objectives

On completion of this program the registered nurse will be able to:

- fulfil the role of a registered nurse endorsed to practice under the Drug Therapy Protocol (Immunisation Program)
- acquire contemporary knowledge and skills in relation to immunisation
- use multiple approaches to enhance assessment and decision making appropriate to the practice context
- provide quality Immunisation Programs based on NHMRC standards and Queensland Health policies
- engage in collaborative practice to achieve an optimal immunisation profile for the community.
- provide culturally appropriate information to clients and carers relevant to the Immunisation Program Drug Therapy Protocol.

Enrolment

Program application requirements:

- current licence to practice as a Registered Nurse in Queensland
- current CPR competency certification (adult, child and infant)
- enrolment application forms may be obtained by contacting the client support officer at the Cunningham Centre.

Learning and assessment

This program is delivered flexibly using a combination of a face to face workshop together with self study activities, an open book exam, clinical experience and assessment. A learning package will be sent to the participant prior to program commencement date. A time frame of six months is allowed for completion of the program. This time frame enables you to develop competency in a supportive learning environment.

On completion of the program the participant will be issued with a Statement of Completion. The participant must present this certificate to their employer to obtain authorisation to practice under the Drug Therapy Protocol – Immunisation program while working in an Immunisation program.

Fees and charges

Fees on application. Fees include all course learning materials, workshop facilitation and assessment.

Non-Queensland Health employees will be required to:

- provide evidence of professional indemnity insurance / and written support from current employer
- complete a Student Deed
- complete a Queensland Health orientation package and checklist
- provide evidence of Hepatitis B Immunity.

Recognition of Prior Learning

The Cunningham Centre encourages participants to apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) of their existing skills and knowledge in this course. To assist participants a Recognition of Prior Learning package has been prepared. Please discuss your interest in applying for RPL with the program coordinator / nurse educator.

Client services

A range of client support services are available upon request to assist participants in meeting the outcomes of the course. The client support officer is the first point of contact for clients wishing to access support services.

Student participation

Successful completion of a course requires commitment from both the Cunningham Centre and participants. The Cunningham Centre has policies and procedures in place for the management of client appeals, complaints and grievances, and client discipline. Information about these procedures is provided in the Cunningham Centre Handbook. The Code of Conduct for the Queensland Public Service (2011) is the standard for behaviour adopted by the Cunningham Centre for staff and clients.

Access and equity

The Cunningham Centre is committed to access and equity principles in the provision of this academic program. Clients who have concerns regarding barriers to successful participation in this program should discuss these with the Client Support Officer prior to enrolment. Such barriers may include cultural issues, language, literacy and numeracy, or disability.

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Further information

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