

Program: **Certificate in Occupational Health Nursing**

Course: **COHN 5210 – Final Occupational Health Nursing Project**

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### **Course Description:**

This course is designed to provide the student with the opportunity to combine the accumulative knowledge gained through completing the first 10 COHN courses with practical experience. The student will apply acquired knowledge in a real time occupational health environment.

Students will be required to seek and secure placement working with an occupational health nurse for a total of 30 hours. The student will also be required to complete three assignments to constitute a total of 20 hours. The course instructor will review and approve all student placement arrangements to ensure the setting is conducive to the student receiving an optimal learning experience.

### **Course Objectives:**

The goal of the course is to provide the student with practical experience in which to utilize the knowledge and skills acquired during the completion of the COHN courses 1-10. Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Apply the program knowledge and skills in a practical setting
- Acquire advanced practical experience in an occupational health setting
- Demonstrate ability to apply knowledge and skills in the practicum activities
- Understand the role of the OHN in a clinical setting
- Prepare the student to work as an OHN at the certificate level standard

### **Course Outline:**

#### **Placement details**

- work with an occupational health nurse for a total of 30 hours.
- complete weekly reflective practice journal submissions

- practice as an occupational health nurse in a supportive learning environment.

### Assignment Details:

1. The student will start a gap analysis framework using a chosen component of the occupational health service practicum setting. The gap analysis can include a variety of topics:

- Pre placement medicals
- Health clinic
- Health surveillance
- Immunization
- Health promotion
- Disability management
- Employee health and / wellness education
- First aid and medical services
- Industrial hygiene and / toxicology
- Health and safety systems
- Complex disability
- OHN legal and ethical responsibilities
- Health screening
- OHN practice and professional development

2. The student will expand the gap analysis framework by adding the gap identification, gap description, remedies and actions and factors responsible for the gap. Students will also reference best practice standards, legislative requirements, OHN scope of practice and other COHN program resources to complete the framework.

3. The student will utilize their nursing skills to gather perspectives from conducting up to three interviews, observations of the practicum setting and review of associated documentation to develop an essay outlining the leading and lagging indicators related to the occupational health service in the practicum setting. The essay will measure the student level of ability to use their critical reasoning, interview and interpretive skills to identify the indicators and report them in an essay format.

### **Academic Requirements:**

Weekly reflective journal submissions- 10%

Completion of 30 hour practicum- 30%

First placement assignment- needs assessment 20%

Second placement assignment- program framework 20%

Third placement assignment- essay- 20%