## School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Sciences

### CC69 Graduate Diploma of Mental Health

**Part Time Study Plan – Term 3 2018 onwards**

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MORE DETAILS:

To satisfy the requirements for the award of CC69 Graduate Diploma of Mental Health, students must complete 8 units (48 credit points).

Recommended Study Schedule

Students should complete units in an order that is as close as possible to the recommended structure set out in this study plan. Students should concentrate on completing all first year units before moving on to second year units, and all second year units before moving on to third year units.

Course Structure Requirements

In the CC69 Graduate Diploma of Mental Health, students are required to complete the following course structure:

- 7 Core Units
- 1 Elective Unit

Course Duration Requirements

Full Time Duration 1 year full time
Part Time Duration 2 years part time

Please also note that if you fail units or take a Leave of Absence, your course duration and completion timeframe may be extended.

Interim Award Interim Awards do not exist for this course
Exit Award Exit Awards do not exist for this course

Professional Accreditation

The Graduate Diploma of Mental Health Nursing has been provisionally accredited by the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses. This means that nurses who have completed the course will meet the ‘qualifications’ eligibility criteria to become a Credentialled Mental Health Nurse. However, there are a number of additional requirements associated with Credentialing which you will also need to achieve, including ongoing professional development/education and Recency of practice within the specialty. For further details about the requirement to become a Credentialled Mental Health Nurse, please visit the ACMHN website: http://www.acmhn.org/credentialing/applying-for-credentialing

Deferment/Leave of Absence

Domestic students in the Graduate Diploma of Mental Health degree are permitted to defer the initial offer of their degree for a maximum of 12 months before their offer is withdrawn. Furthermore, domestic students may also take an approved Leave of Absence (LOA) once they have commenced their course of study however only a maximum of 12 months can be granted without requesting further approval from the Head of Course.

You can apply for a deferment or LOA here.

International students are not permitted to defer their initial offer or take a Leave of Absence unless otherwise discussed with their Home Campus.

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Credit Transfer

If you have undertaken study in the last ten years, or have relevant in-formal or non-formal learning, you may be eligible for credit towards your course. Please note that some courses have reduced timeframes within which prior study remains eligible for credit. Please refer to the CQUni Handbook for specific credit time limits relating to your course.

To submit an application for credit, please refer to the Credit Calculator or contact the Academic Pathways Team via their email credit@cqu.edu.au. Further information about the credit process can also be found on the Credit for Prior Learning webpage.

Credit applications should be submitted at least four (4) weeks before the relevant term commences. Applications must be complete with all supporting documentation to be assessed by CQUniversity. CQUniversity cannot obtain documents from other institutions, organisations or individuals.

Course Notes

Two pathways are available in the Graduate Diploma of Mental Health. Students who are employed in a mental health setting will follow Pathway 1. Students who are NOT employed in a mental health nursing setting will follow Pathway 2.

Pathway 1 consists of 7 core units and one additional unit: NURS20154 The Transformative Power of Stories in Mental Health Nursing Practice.

Pathway 2 consists of 7 core units and one additional unit: NURS20159 Mental Health Nursing Practice. This pathway MUST be undertaken by students who are not employed in a mental health nursing setting.

Electives

Students in the CC69 Graduate Diploma of Mental Health course must successfully complete a total of 1 Elective unit in addition to the 7 core units. The elective choices are below:

**Pathway 1 Elective Unit: NURS20154 The Transformative Powers of Stories in Mental Health Nursing Practice**
- Students must complete this elective if they *are working* in a Mental Health facility.
- Available over Term 3 ONLY
- Anti-Req NURS21164

**Pathway 2 Elective Unit: NURS20159 Mental Health Nursing in Practice**
- Students must complete this elective if they *do not work* in a Mental Health Facility

Practicum / Work Requirements

**NURS20159 Mental Health Nursing in Practice**
- 240 hours in mental health placement. Site to be negotiated with student
GLOSSARY

- **Course**: A course is the combination of units that contribute towards either a CQUniversity award qualification or non-award study.

- **Course Code**: A course code identifies the specific course a student may be studying at CQUniversity.

- **Unit**: A unit is the individual subject students must complete in order to graduate from their course.

- **Unit Code**: A unit code identifies a specific unit that a student is enrolled in under their course.

- **Pre-Requisite (Pre-Req) Unit**: A pre-req unit is a unit which students must pass before being allowed to enrol in the subsequent unit.

- **Co-Requisite (Co-Req) Unit**: A co-req unit is a unit that must be studied at the same time as another unit.

- **Anti-Requisite (Anti-Req) Unit**: An anti-req unit is an old unit that has been replaced by a new unit and students are not permitted to study the old unit.

- **Credit Points (CP)**: Credit Points are the numerical value of a unit which contributes to the total Credit Points for a course.

- **Core Unit**: A core unit is a compulsory unit that a student must study to meet the requirements of their course.

- **Elective Unit**: An elective unit is a unit within a course that is not compulsory and students may have a choice in what unit they study, provided it meets the elective requirements of their course.

- **Major**: A major is a specific area within a course where a student specialises in and is normally made up of 8 units for undergraduate courses, and 4 units for postgraduate courses. Not all courses have majors.

- **Double Major**: A double major is where students specialise in 2 areas of study and is normally made up of 16 units. Double majors are normally only available in undergraduate courses.

- **Minor**: Like a major, a minor is a specific area within a course where a student specialises and is normally made up of 4 units.

- **Term**: A specified period of time for higher education units in which teaching, learning and assessment occurs. CQUniversity offers 3 Academic Terms per year: Term 1, Term 2 and Term 3.