Foundations of General Practice Nursing 2019

Below are the learning objectives for the Foundations of General Practice Nursing for Primary Health Care Nurses.

On completion of these modules, participants will have an understanding of the roles and responsibilities associated with:

**Australian Primary Health Care System and Primary Health Care**

- The Australian healthcare system and the role of primary health care
- The general practice environment including financing
- The health status of Indigenous Australians
- The role of the practice nurse in the general practice environment
- National competency standards and regulatory requirements for nurses
- Regulatory requirements for nurses
- Scope of practice using tools such as the National Decision Making Framework
- Liability, professional indemnity, insurance and mandatory reporting
- Legislative requirements of National Registration standards
- Defining health promotion and the determinants of health
- Preventive activities in general practice

**Clinical Assessment and Chronic Disease Management**

- Develop an understanding of the importance of attending to a comprehensive clinical assessment of all patients, and the impact of consistent data quality on patient outcomes
- Understand the benefits of a thorough clinical assessment when providing high quality care in relation to the early detection of risk factors leading to chronic disease, and coordinated intervention in chronic disease management
- Gain an awareness of the impact of chronic disease on the individual, the practice and the community
- Develop an understanding of the role of the Primary Care Nurse in clinical assessment and chronic disease management
- Demonstrate an understanding of relevant MBS item numbers and how nurses play a role in care planning, health assessments and cycles of care

**Wound Management**

- Acute versus chronic wounds
- Principles of wound management
- Dressing products
**Immunisation**

- Immunisations in the general practice setting
- Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)
- National Immunisation Program (NIP) and recent changes
- Management of vaccine: cold chain
- Pre-vaccination screening & informed consent
- Vaccination techniques & procedures
- Post-vaccination management and common reactions
- Identification of anaphylaxis
- Vaccination for special groups & catch ups

**Infection Prevention and Control**

- Infection prevention and infection control for accreditation
- The nurse’s role in the adoption of quality management processes and development of infection prevention practice policy
- The purpose and process of accreditation and role of the practice nurse
- Accreditation standards for general practice – including criterion and guidelines
- Benefits of an effective triage system
- The various roles in triage within their organisation
- Opportunities for practice nurse participation in various stages of triage policy

**Quality and Safety**

- develop an understanding of the nurse’s role in the adoption of quality management processes in general practice
- accreditation against the RACGP Standards for General Practice
- practice policy, procedures and operating systems
- the benefits of an effective triage system
- the governance systems to effectively manage infection risks in primary healthcare settings
- identify relevant resources to inform evidence based practice and decision making

**My Heath Record Digital Health**

- What is My Health Record – informing patients about MHR
- What is meant by information management and digital health and the interrelationship with the practice nurse
- The benefits of systems management
Professional Practice and Professional Development

- National competency standards
- Regulatory requirements for nurses
- Scope of practice using tools such as the National Decision Making Framework
- Liability, professional indemnity insurance and mandatory reporting
- Legislative requirements of National Registration standards