

Significant Issues in Women's Health

Code: 585-891

Title of Subject: Significant Issues in Women's Health

Credit Points: 12.5

Semester Offered: Semester 1

Mode of Delivery: Distance

Level: Postgraduate

Subject Co-ordinator: Assoc Prof Kelsey Hegarty

Prerequisites/corequisites:

Time Commitment: 120 hours (includes reading course materials, all activities and assessment)

Description

This subject addresses the impact of significant milestones across the lifecycle on women's well-being and sense of self. It includes issues from adolescence, the childbearing years and parenting, the middle years, menopause and after. It aims to engender knowledge of the issues that impact on women's health including depression and other mood disorders, body image, sexuality, abuse, work and family and aspects of loss and grief.

Learning Objectives

On completion of this subject students should be able to:

- Describe the impact of socio-psychological factors on women's health and well-being
- Critically discuss the impact of women's roles and responsibilities on their health and well-being
- Explain how significant biological milestones in a woman's life affect her health and well-being
- Discuss the health challenges faced by women from minority groups, including cultural minorities, women with disabilities and lesbian women.

Assessment

1. 1000 word written assignment due mid semester (30%)
2. 2000 word assignment covering all key aspects of the subject due mid semester (40%)
3. Preparation of a presentation including all materials equivalent to 1000 words (30%)
4. Reflective journal due end of semester (pass/fail hurdle requirement)