

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HIV/AIDS

UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG
THE ALBION STREET CENTRE
CENTRE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH

Commencing in First Semester (February) 2006 the University of Wollongong's Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences and the Albion Street Centre will be offering students a new course leading to the formal qualification of a **GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HIV/AIDS**.

This course will be of particular interest and value to people who are or have worked in the field of HIV/AIDS and who would like to gain a formal qualification from an Australian university or to those who have some prior involvement in health activities and would like to expand their experience into the HIV/AIDS field. Australians seeking to work overseas in the field of HIV/AIDS will find this course well tailored to their needs.

The **Graduate Certificate in HIV/AIDS** will provide students with a broad overview of the nature of infectious diseases (HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C); an understanding of reproductive health care with an emphasis on developing countries and skills related to the practical management of people affected by and/or living with HIV/AIDS. It will also develop skills in organisational management and reflective practice.

This Graduate Certificate would be an excellent entry point to further study in programmes such as a Masters degree in Nursing, Public Health or Population Health all offered at the University of Wollongong.

The course will be taught both on the campus of the University of Wollongong and at the Albion Street Centre in Sydney. Modules can be completed as part of the University's distance education programme. The **Graduate Certificate in HIV/AIDS** programme may be completed over the course of either one or two semesters (six or twelve months) and will be available in each semester (February and July).

The Graduate Certificate can also be offered to **students based offshore** as part of a Contract offered to overseas governments or institutions. The Course will be provided by face-to-face training in specific blocks of time supplemented by distance education. Minimum cohorts of 25 students are needed for any contractual programme.

Other institutions or organisations such as Area Health Services or Non-government Organisations may also wish to consider contractual arrangements with the University for group enrolment of their staff/personnel.

The course is structured around the completion of two Core Subjects which must be completed by all students and a choice of two out of four available Elective Subjects.

COURSE DETAILS AND INFORMATION

CORE SUBJECTS

Both core subjects must be completed by all students.

Core Subject	Course Location	Details of programme	Dates of courses	Assessment arrangements
Introduction to Infectious Disease: HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C	Albion Street Centre	2 modules over a period of 4 days	March to May 2006 repeated July to October	Participatory activities and On-line assessment
Reproductive Health in Developing Countries	University of Wollongong	5 – one day seminars	July to October 2006*	Participatory activities and one final paper

* It may be possible to offer this subject during First Semester (February to June 2006) as part of an overseas contracted programme.

Introduction to Infectious Diseases: HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis

This core subject has two modules:

- HIV/AIDS Introductory Course: covering the pathophysiology of HIV infection and disease, transmission, prevention, clinical trials, care and counselling [12-13 September, 2006]
- Hepatitis C Introductory Course: epidemiology, transmission, prevention, treatment, clinical trials, psychosocial issues and counselling related to hepatitis C [25-26 September, 2006]

Reproductive Health in Developing Countries

Students will examine social, cultural and behavioural factors that impact on women and children in developing countries and assess evidence-based practices which prevent or solve reproductive and sexual health problems. They will develop skills in conducting needs assessments and the development and delivery of health programmes in resource poor settings. [July to October 2006.]

ELECTIVE SUBJECTS

Students must complete one module from each of the two elective groups A and B. The courses will be arranged during each of the first and second semesters of 2006.

Elective Subject A	Course Location	Details of programme	Available by distance education	Assessment arrangements
Social Foundations of Public Health	University of Wollongong School of Public Health	One seminar (lasting two hours) each week over a period of 13 weeks	Yes	3 assignments to be submitted
Health Promotion	University of Wollongong School of Public Health	One seminar (lasting two hours) each week over a period of 13 weeks	Yes	3 assignments to be submitted
Nursing and Health Management	University of Wollongong: School of Nursing	4 study days over two blocks of study	No	2 assignments to be submitted
Reflective Practice	University of Wollongong: School of Nursing	4 x 3 hour seminars plus web-posted discussion groups	No for seminar component but use of web-based discussion groups	2 assignments to be submitted

Social Foundations of Public Health

Introduces students to theories and concepts from the social sciences, such as community and social capital, necessary for the understanding and analysis of public health issues: these include issues such as environmental influences on health, health inequalities and the questions of gender, culture and human rights.

Health Promotion

Students are introduced to the concept of health promotion and how it applies in settings such as health services, workplaces, schools and communities. Theoretical issues of behavioural change and public policy development in the field of health promotion will be studied.

Nursing and Health Management

This subject encourages participants to consider their own style of interacting with others in manager/subordinate roles, with the intention of assisting them to gain insights into their strengths and weaknesses as a manager or as a subordinate. The subject also covers material related to important management issues such as conflict management; the management of change and performance management of staff.

Reflective Practice

This subject develops or enhances personal and intellectual skills necessary to be a reflective health practitioner. The aim is to assist people to develop a critical self-awareness of their own

place in, and impact upon, the health system and other people within it, as well as developing important skills related to the identification and locating of an evidence base for their practice.

OTHER INFORMATION

- **RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING**

Students who have completed relevant courses at the University of Wollongong or the Albion Street Centre may earn credit points towards the completion of this qualification. Up to six out of the required 24 credit points required for completion may be awarded on this basis.

- **FEE STRUCTURE**

The fee for this Graduate Certificate programme is **\$A 3720.00** for 24 Credit Points. Lower fees apply where prior learning credits have been awarded.

- **LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS**

Overseas students require a proficiency in Academic English at **IELTS 6.5** as a minimum.

ENROLMENT DETAILS

On-line enrolment details may be found at:

www.uow.edu.au/prospective/downloads/app-forms/pg-application.pdf

THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG

The University of Wollongong is one of Australia's leading academic and research institutions. Twice in recent years it has been named the Australian University of the Year and in 2005 was placed first among Australian Universities for its leadership in teaching. It operates nine separate faculties, including the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences and 32 Research Centres. It has a particular reputation for working with overseas students and has a campus in Dubai.

www.uow.edu.au

THE ALBION STREET CENTRE

The Albion Street Centre is a unit within the Prince of Wales Hospital within the New South Wales Department of Health. For twenty years it has provided exceptional leadership in the field of HIV/AIDS treatment and care. It has unrivalled skills in the development of health care worker skills and safety and works with major international partners on HIV/AIDS related projects in China, South East Asia and the South Pacific.

www.sesahs.nsw.gov.au/albionstcentre/

THE CENTRE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH

The Centre for the Advancement of International Health is a joint initiative of the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences at the University of Wollongong and the Albion Street Centre. Its objective is to enhance the training of health care workers who seek to work in the field of HIV/AIDS and infectious diseases in the South East Asian region. It is the manager of the website of the SafeHands Project to improve aspects of health care worker safety.

www.uow.edu.au/health/caih

FURTHER CONTACT DETAILS

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