

## Asthma Nursing Course Information

The programme is offered by distance learning. The primary aim of Asthma Nursing Course is to provide nursing health professionals with a high level of Asthma knowledge that promotes best practice, based on available evidence, and is consistent with national policy.

In the eight years since commencement of the Asthma Nursing Course 594 nurses have enrolled over 15 Intakes. Of the many nurses who have enrolled in the Asthma Nursing Course, most had not undertaken any academic learning & students found the Asthma course to be very challenging, but thoroughly enjoyable experience of learning.

Asthma Nursing Course is accredited with 24 credits, which can be used towards gaining your Bachelor of Nursing degree.

This course is available to Registered Nurses who work in the community at primary or secondary care level with people who have asthma.

General information about Asthma New Zealand/The Lung Association/Unitec Asthma Nursing Course:

- ❖ The value of a level 7, 24-credit course, which is done through a tertiary education establishment, is \$870.00. At present Asthma New Zealand/The Lung Association is providing grants of \$ 620.00 for each student towards the cost of the course, as a result students will be asked to contribute \$250.00. The society has decided to make the course available at such a low cost to benefit nurses with a special interest in asthma, and increase the knowledge of nurses throughout New Zealand
- ❖ Course is endorsed with 24 credits, which can be used towards gaining your Bachelor of Nursing degree
- ❖ Course is over one semester
- ❖ You will be awarded an Asthma New Zealand/The Lung Association Certificate
- ❖ Course is interactive, evidence based, distance learning
- ❖ Work at your own pace within the timeframe
- ❖ Approximately 7-8 hours of theory per week. This is influenced by your previous study experience
- ❖ Course equivalent to 240 hours of study
- ❖ Support is there just when you need it: just drop an email, fax or phone call through to the course co-ordinators
- ❖ Network with others doing the same course and learn from the experts in a clinical skills session on devices hopefully close to your own local area
- ❖ Assessment of knowledge to pass the course: one worksheet, and one essay of approximately 3,000 words
- ❖ Contents designed by skilled nurse educators who understand what it is like to be in your shoes juggling work, home and study and the ever changing demands of contemporary healthcare ...they have been supported by the leading experts in nursing and health management
- ❖ Real life examples are used throughout to make theory easy to incorporate into your practice
- ❖ Course content is supported by readings, but you are also encouraged to find your own resources. You need to select the readings relevant to your own area of practice
- ❖ While registered general nurses are participating in the course they are an enrolled student of Unitec, students may use the library, Internet and learning resource environments
- ❖ Marking is done by Asthma New Zealand-Lung Association
- ❖ The course has received endorsement from the NZNO College of Practice Nurses as suitable to aid progress towards the Expert Practice Nurse