Requirements for students to provide evidence of current practising certificate

Practising certificates

The School offers a number of clinical courses that ordinarily require the student to be registered with the Nurses Board of SA. Where the clinical component of any topic requires you be registered, you must hold a current practising certificate notwithstanding your student status. The same conditions apply to international students.

As there may be some time lapse between your admission to the award and the undertaking of the clinical placement, the School requires you to provide evidence of the current status of your practising certificate.

You are responsible for ensuring your annual practising certificate is current for the duration of your enrolment.

All students who are undertaking a clinical placement as part of the graduate program of study for registered nurses or midwives provided by the School are expected to have current practising certificates as a registered nurse, registered mental health nurse or registered midwife. You will be required to produce evidence of this prior to the placement in addition to the evidence provided on application to the course.

Any student who has had a limitation placed on their practising certificate by the registering authority, the Nurses Board of South Australia under the power delegated to it through the Nurses Act 1999 (SA), must notify the Coordinator (Undergraduate Programs) of this as soon as possible after the placement of such limitation.

Where such limitation or identification of a medical/psychological illness impairs the student for practice, the topic coordinator will withdraw the student from the clinical placement.
Application of guidelines

The School will:

• Ensure that students enrolled in clinical topics which require a current practising certificate provide recent evidence of this prior to commencing the placement.

• Delegate to the topic coordinators with clinical components in their topic the responsibility to ensure the certificate is sighted before the student commences practice.

• Ensure that students are aware of their responsibility to provide the School with such information and to advise the School if they have a reasonable belief that they could have a limitation on their practice.

• Consider each student individually and where a limitation may have been imposed, take reasonable measures to facilitate the student’s placement where possible.

• Withdraw any student from clinical practice who is unable to meet the requirements.

• Where necessary, and pursuant to the Nurses Act 1999 (SA) s43, the Associate Dean (Teaching & Learning) will notify the Nurses Board of South Australia of any RN, RMHN or RM student in the program who has been withdrawn due to medical or psychological illness.