

## **Senior First Aid requirements for students in undergraduate programs in the School of Nursing & Midwifery**

### **Bachelor of Nursing**

Bachelor of Nursing students are required to have a current Senior First Aid (SFA) certificate upon entry into the Bachelor of Nursing program prior to undertaking designated courses as per the 'Rule 2' listed on the program home page:

<http://www.unisanet.unisa.edu.au/programs/program.asp?Program=IBNU>

*i.e. A Senior First Aid Certificate is a prerequisite for Health of Infants, Children and Young People NURS 2022, ELA Practicum 1 NURS 2025, ELA Practicum 2 NURS 3035 and ELA Practicum 3 NURS 3034. Students will be expected to have successfully completed a recognised Senior First Aid program before they will be permitted to commence these courses.*

To attend clinical placement, students in the Bachelor of Nursing program are advised that an annual CPR update is also compulsory. For students employed in nursing positions (e.g. Registered & Enrolled Nurses, Registered Midwives, Assistants in Nursing, Personal care attendants) the SONM will accept a signed letter on the official letterhead from an employer stating that the student has completed the annual CPR update.

Having met this requirement, students are not required to provide an updated SFA certificate unless specifically requested by a clinical venue. The only time a student would need to provide an update of SFA would be if it is a requirement of the placement clinical venue and thus needs to be indicated within the information on the Student Placement System [SPS- (previously SONIA)].

### **The timeline and process for the presentation of SFA certificates to the CPU is as follows:**

- The Course Coordinator for Being a Health Professional NURS 1033 & Professional Practice N NURS 1044 will announce and explain at the first internal lecture (Podcast to external students) the need for a Senior First Aid certificate.
- After the March 31<sup>st</sup> census date, all students enrolled in the courses Being a Health Professional NURS 1033 & Professional Practice N NURS 1044 will be formally notified by email by the Clinical Placement Unit (CPU) that they require a Senior First Aid certificate.
- Students are given a 6 month period of time to present their Senior First Aid certificate to the CPU where it is recorded into the SPS. During this time students are sent a reminder email from the CPU.
- At the end of that period the CPU will run a report to see which students have not obtained a Senior First Aid certificate. This report is to be forwarded to the SONM Course Manager.

- A further email is sent by the Course Manager to those students indicating how this will affect their enrolment into Health of Infants, Children and Young People NURS 2022 and any of the ELA courses.

### **Bachelor of Midwifery**

Bachelor of Midwifery students are required to have a current Senior First Aid (SFA) certificate upon entry into the program:

<http://www.unisanet.unisa.edu.au/programs/program.asp?Program=IBMW>

*i.e. A Senior First Aid Certificate is a prerequisite for clinical placement. Students will be expected to have successfully completed a recognised Senior First Aid program before commencing the Bachelor of Midwifery program.*

To attend clinical placement, students in the Bachelor of Midwifery program are advised that an annual CPR update is also compulsory. For students employed in nursing/midwifery positions (e.g. Registered & Enrolled Nurses, Registered Midwives, Assistants in Nursing/Midwifery, Personal care attendants) the SONM will accept a signed letter on the official letterhead from the employer stating that the student has completed the annual CPR update.

Having met this requirement, students are not required to provide an updated SFA certificate unless specifically requested by a clinical venue. The only time a student would need to provide an update of SFA would be if it is a requirement of the placement clinical venue and thus needs to be indicated within the information on the Student Placement System [SPS- (previously SONIA)].

### **The timeline and process for the presentation of SFA certificates to the CPU is as follows:**

- The Course Coordinator for Being a Health Professional NURS 1033 will announce and explain at the first internal lecture (Podcast to external students) the need for a Senior First Aid certificate.
- After the March 31<sup>st</sup> census date, all students enrolled in the courses Being a Health Professional NURS 1033 will be formally notified by email by the Clinical Placement Unit (CPU) that they require a Senior First Aid certificate.
- Students are given a 1 month period of time to present their Senior First Aid certificate to the CPU where it is recorded into the SPS. During this time students are sent a reminder email from the CPU.
- At the end of that period the CPU will run a report to see which students have not obtained a Senior First Aid certificate. This report is to be forwarded to the SONM Course Manager.
- A further email is sent by the Course Manager to those students indicating how this will affect their enrolment into courses with a clinical component.