



Diversity in the context of multicultural Australia: implications for nursing practice

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this chapter, the student should be able to:

- outline the cultural and linguistic demographic characteristics of Australia's diverse population groups
- describe the evolution of Australia's immigration and multiculturalism policy for all Australians
- explore the major multiculturalism policy directions and their impact on the healthcare system and practice domains in Australia
- examine how the diverse cultural and social structural influences impact on health access and outcomes for multicultural Australia
- understand the importance of addressing the inequities in the provision of healthcare services in Australia and in contemporary nursing practice, and
- examine the impact of evidenced-based transcultural nursing knowledge as it relates to the promotion of health and wellbeing of people from culturally and linguistically different backgrounds in Australia.