

# Master of Nursing Practice – Perioperative Nursing

Cloud Campus (online)

## Course outcomes

The Master of Nursing Practice – Perioperative Nursing aims to prepare graduates to practise effectively at an advanced practice level in perioperative settings. Graduates will demonstrate ethical, safe, high quality, expert clinical decision making within an interdisciplinary team, and psychomotor skills commensurate with specialised theoretical knowledge, evidence-based practice and person or client-centred care.

## Course delivery

The units of the Master of Nursing Practice Specialty Course – Perioperative Nursing are delivered as a combination of classes, Cloud (online) modules and seminars. Students enrol as Cloud students, however there are significant campus requirements. This includes a compulsory 4 day (Certificate) or 5 day (Certificate and Diploma) introductory program held at the Melbourne Burwood campus in early February each year.

The School of Nursing and Midwifery is internationally renowned and distinguishes itself through world leading research and education programs.

Our courses offer flexibility in terms of course structure and learning, and respond to the demands of industry and partnership/ collaborating hospitals for nurses with sophisticated specialty skills and knowledge to improve quality of care and patient safety.



# MASTER OF NURSING PRACTICE – PERIOPERATIVE NURSING

## Course structure

Course code: H771

Offered at: Cloud Campus (online)

Duration: 1.5 years full-time or up to 4 years part-time study

Intake: March (Trimester 1)

Students will enrol in the Master of Nursing Practice (H771) and may exit either at the graduate certificate or graduate diploma level.

Level	Credit points + duration	Trimester 1	Trimester 2
Graduate certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 credit points of core specialty study.</li> <li>Completed part time over a period of one year in partnership with an appropriate specialty area with a minimum of 24 hours clinical employment per week.</li> </ul>	Core units	
		HNN755 Core Principles of Perianaesthesia Nursing Care	HNN742 Principles of Complex Perianaesthesia Care
		HNN740 Core Principles of Intraoperative Nursing Care 1	HNN743 Principles of Complex Intraoperative Nursing Care

Level	Credit points + duration	Trimester 1	Trimester 2
Graduate diploma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 credit points of study.</li> <li>Usually completed over a period of two years of part-time study, but can be taken over one year full time. Study cannot exceed a three year period.</li> </ul>	Core units	
		HNN750 Inquiry into Specialty Nursing Practice	HNN788 Advanced Concepts in Specialty Nursing Practice
		Elective units	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must complete 2 x additional elective units to complete 8 credit points of study for the Graduate Diploma.</li> <li>Refer to the Master of Nursing Practice flyer for a list of available electives.</li> </ul>	

Level	Credit points + duration	Trimester 1 +2	
Master	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A total of 12 credit points of study (including previous units taken at graduate certificate or diploma level).</li> <li>Can be undertaken up to 4 years part-time.</li> </ul>	<b>Elective units (if completing Master of Nursing Practice by coursework)</b>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must complete 4 x additional elective units to complete 12 credit points of study for the Master of Nursing Practice by coursework.</li> </ul>	
		<b>Thesis units (if completing Master of Nursing Practice by minor thesis)</b>	
		HNN725 Research Thesis A (2 credit points)	HNN726 Research Thesis B (2 credit points)
		<b>Note</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To graduate at Master Level and meet Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) requirements, students must complete a 2 credit point research unit (HNN727).</li> <li>Students may elect to do this unit as part of the Graduate Diploma or in place of 2 elective units if completing Masters by coursework.</li> </ul>			

## Core unit outlines

### **HNN755: CORE PRINCIPLES OF PERIANAESTHESIA NURSING CARE**

This unit covers the role of specialist nurse in managing patients across the life cycle undergoing anaesthesia in relation to: the concepts and principles of anaesthetic techniques and postoperative care; pharmacological therapies including anaesthetic agents, adjunct therapies and pain management therapies; patient assessment and monitoring of neurological, cardiovascular, respiratory and haemodynamic states; concepts and principles of homeostasis related to acid-base status, fluid and electrolyte balance and haematology.

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### **HNN740: CORE PRINCIPLES OF INTRAOPERATIVE NURSING CARE 1**

This unit covers the role of specialist intraoperative nurses in managing surgical and/or procedural patients in relation to: concepts and principles of infection prevention, surgical safety and environmental planning and preparation; surgical wound assessment and management; and medico-legal requirements. The unit also aims to build teamwork and communication skills to establish and maintain collaborative professional respectful relationships with perioperative colleagues and to manage risk in order to optimise patient care.

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### **HNN742: PRINCIPLES OF COMPLEX PERIANAESTHESIA CARE**

This unit covers the role of specialist nurse in managing patients across the life cycle undergoing anaesthesia in relation to: the concepts and principles of anaesthetic techniques and postoperative care in special populations; assessment and management of anaesthetic specialties including complex medical conditions and emergency presentations; concepts and principles of advanced monitoring; and postoperative care following complex and specialty surgery.

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### **HNN743: PRINCIPLES OF COMPLEX INTRAOPERATIVE NURSING CARE**

This unit covers the role of specialist intraoperative nurse in comprehensively managing patients across the life cycle undergoing surgery in relation to: the concepts and principles of intraoperative techniques in complex and specialty populations; assessment and management of elective and emergency patients undergoing complex and specialty surgical procedures; and applying core principles of intraoperative practice in a range of novel, ill-structured, complex time critical surgical cases.

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### **HNN750: INQUIRY INTO SPECIALTY NURSING PRACTICE**

In this unit, students will be required to explore the current and emerging trends, concepts, knowledge and evidence that provides the policy and practice framework in which the care of critically ill patients takes place specifically in relation to the:

- Transcultural, ethical and psychosocial concepts of brain death, complicated loss and grief and critical incident stress debriefing within specialty areas including the nursing considerations of patient care, family and the multidisciplinary care team.
  - Current and emerging concepts of competency, specialisation and scope of practice; and considerations of nursing roles in outreach teams, managed care and critical care units without walls.
  - Clinical governance, policy and practice development within specialty areas including the contribution of patient and consumer perspectives.
  - Specialty area structure, process and outcome measures including patient and nurse-sensitive indicators for high quality safe care.
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### **HNN788: ADVANCED CONCEPTS IN SPECIALTY NURSING PRACTICE**

This unit covers the role of specialist nurses in managing critically ill patients in relation to:

- The advanced assessment and management of patients requiring complex physiological interventions and support.
  - Emerging trends in evidence-based specialty nursing practice, and knowledge translation.
  - Planning and management of contemporary and emerging workforce issues.
  - Critical examination of the social, political, economic, legal and cultural contexts of specialty practice.
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## Case study

### Amanda O'Brien

#### Graduate Certificate of Nursing Practice (Perioperative Nursing)

I currently work as a Perioperative Nurse at St John of God Hospital Geelong, in Surgical Services – Theatre. I love my job. It is challenging, humbling, sometimes adrenaline pumping, and always very rewarding. I feel privileged to be able to share in and make a positive difference to every surgical patient's journey. My day can involve assisting an Anaesthetist as an Anaesthetic nurse, scrubbed as an Instrument nurse, assisting as a circulating nurse, or recovering patients in the Post-anaesthetic Recovery Unit.



I chose to complete a Master of Nursing Practice (Perioperative Nursing) at Deakin University and have started this journey by undertaking the Graduate Certificate. Deakin's nursing and midwifery courses are recognised by industry as supporting students to develop comprehensive, expert specialty knowledge. The course has advanced my capacity to think critically about my practice and has provided me with new career opportunities. I have been working in Cardiac Anaesthetics as an Anaesthetic nurse and have been appointed the nurse co-ordinator for Paediatric Anaesthetics and Oral & Maxillary Surgery.

Deakin's course delivery has been dynamic and engaging. The course is strongly informed by evidence-based practice and is led by nurse academics and clinicians who are specialists in their fields. I have thoroughly enjoyed the on-campus teaching and learning, mentor support and networking with colleagues in my field. I value being able to incorporate the knowledge and skills I have learnt into my workplace. The journey into postgraduate studies and life-long learning is made easy at Deakin – students, like myself, are well supported and empowered to make a difference.

## Clinical partnerships

Students are required to be employed in an appropriate clinical practice area for a minimum of 24 hours per week with a partnering hospital or clinical agency in perioperative nursing.

## Admission requirements

Applicants should normally possess a Bachelor of Nursing or equivalent approved qualification, and be registered as a Registered Nurse with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) through the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia or an equivalent registering authority.

Applicants should also have had a minimum of 12 months recent acute care clinical experience.

## Apply

Refer to [deakin.edu.au/courses/find-a-course/nursing-and-midwifery/perioperative-nursing](https://deakin.edu.au/courses/find-a-course/nursing-and-midwifery/perioperative-nursing)

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