2019 Undergraduate Nursing

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Nursing
Midwifery
Nursing – Clinical leadership
Deakin’s School of Nursing and Midwifery is ranked in the top 1% of universities globally* and provides excellence in all its courses, reflecting current trends in the nursing and midwifery professions and evidence-based practice. If you have good communication and decision-making skills, enjoy working in a team and want to make a genuine difference, pursue a career in nursing and midwifery.

* 2017 QS World University Rankings

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Nursing and midwifery at Deakin

Experience practical, hands-on learning
Early exposure to clinical environments lets you develop and consolidate your skills, so you graduate job-ready. When you’re not on a clinical placement, you’ll be learning at purpose-built spaces with state-of-the-art equipment.

Clinical Simulation Centres
Our campuses in Melbourne, Geelong Waterfront and Warrnambool each have a Clinical Simulation Centre. Purpose-built, flexible learning spaces and simulated clinical settings provide a safe, supportive and realistic environment for you to develop core clinical nursing and midwifery skills. The simulated learning spaces replicate hospital and community environments with equipment such as high-fidelity human-patient simulators, bed spaces, hand basins, wall oxygen, suction and cardiac monitoring devices; they are well resourced with disposable dressing packs, injection equipment, monitoring equipment and other materials.

For more information, visit deakin.edu.au/nursing-midwifery/facilities.

Learn in real-life settings
Clinical placements commence in Trimester 1 of your first year and continue throughout your course in every trimester. They provide extensive opportunities to develop and consolidate your learning, and are undertaken in various metropolitan, regional and rural health care settings under the supervision of qualified practitioners.

You have the opportunity to attend a variety of health care organisations, including, but not limited to:
- Alfred Health
- Austin Health
- Barwon Health
- Eastern Health
- Epworth HealthCare
- Healthscope – Knox Private, Melbourne Private, Geelong Private
- Melbourne Health
- Mercy Health
- Monash Health
- Ramsay Health
- St John of God Geelong
- South West Healthcare
- Western Health.

Innovative partnership models
Deakin’s partnership networks with health care organisations have led to a range of innovative clinical learning models, giving you access to a wide variety of health care environments and clinical learning experiences.

You may choose to complete the majority of your placements within one organisation or opt to gain experience in different hospitals and settings – the choice is yours!

The course has exceeded my expectations. I was surprised at how hands-on it was from the start, whether it be our scope of practice on placements or the skills that we learn weekly in the simulation centre:

Grace Armarego
Bachelor of Nursing student

The most satisfied students – 8 years in a row*

At Deakin, we pride ourselves on the satisfaction of our students and the success of our graduates. To us, the experience of each student matters, from the quality of teaching they receive to their ongoing employability. When Deakin scores highly in a number of rankings year on year, it’s thanks to many thousands of these great individual experiences.

* Australian Graduate Survey 2010–2015, Graduate Outcomes Survey – Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching 2016–2017
Travel the world
Thanks to partnerships with organisations all over the world, there are several opportunities to gain an international perspective on your studies. For example, Bachelor of Nursing students can undertake a trimester with VIA University College, Viborg (Denmark) and gain credit towards their degree.
You may also have the opportunity to participate in an international study tour* as an elective unit, to explore health care in another country, such as Bhutan, China, the Philippines or Thailand. These international experiences enable you to appreciate the importance of the nurse’s role in different environments and understand the meaning of global citizenship through practical experience.

* All School of Nursing and Midwifery students are able to apply for study tours.

Join the Peer Mentoring Program
The Faculty of Health offers a Peer Mentoring Program as part of its commitment to providing new students with the best possible transition into university life. By joining the program, first-year students receive support and guidance from later-year students in their course, helping them to become familiar with the support services and facilities available, while gaining useful tips about studying at Deakin.

deakin.edu.au/students/faculties/faculty-of-health/student-support/peer-mentoring

We’ll support your learning
We offer scholarships for many situations, whether helping you overcome disadvantage and/or recognising academic merit. Awarding a Deakin scholarship is our chance to acknowledge and reward your accomplishments and hard work.
Our scholarship search tool can help you find all the scholarships that you could be eligible for.
dea kin.edu.au/courses/scholarships/find-a-scholarship
Scholarships are also available through the Australian College of Nursing (ACN), a major professional body responsible for the management and administration of a wide variety of scholarships that are available for nursing and midwifery students.
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Clinical placement requirements
In accordance with Department of Human Services policy*, nursing students are required to undertake a Police Record Check prior to work placements in each calendar year of their course. In accordance with the Working with Children Act 2005, all students are required to provide a Working with Children Check at commencement of the course. You will also be required to ensure your immunisations (vaccinations) are current and provide evidence to the School of Nursing and Midwifery prior to your clinical placement.


Courses to careers
At Deakin, we’re about careers and experience, not just courses. Visit explore.deakin.edu.au to kickstart your course and career exploration at Deakin. With more than 600 paired courses and careers, it’s the perfect destination for you to explore your future career.

#1 careers service in Victoria
Our Graduate Employment division is dedicated to preparing you for the jobs and careers of the future. Through DeakinTALENT’s programs and services you can research different career options, hone your interview skills, as well as look for casual work while you study or find a graduate job. Visit blogs.deakin.edu.au/deakintalent.
Bachelor of Nursing

The Bachelor of Nursing gives you the knowledge, skills and ethical understanding to become a competent registered nurse, preparing you to provide high-quality, patient-centred care in a range of settings. In your first trimester of study you will undertake a clinical placement, with clinical placements continuing throughout the course, developing your clinical skills and knowledge across a range of health care environments. Under the supervision of registered nurses, you will experience working in a multidisciplinary health care team, in acute/sub-acute care, medical and surgical care, aged care, rehabilitation, paediatrics, community nursing and mental health nursing.

Professional recognition

Deakin’s academic staff go above and beyond to ensure that you as a student get the most out of your course. They endeavour to understand your life outside of university and support you to promote life balance.

Katie Murphy
Bachelor of Nursing student

CAREERS

Nursing is a career rich with opportunity. As a Deakin nursing graduate you will be highly sought after for your nursing knowledge, communication skills, professionalism, enthusiasm, problem-solving capabilities and your ability to provide high-quality, person-centred and evidence-based care focused towards improving patient outcomes. You will be well prepared to pursue a career as a registered nurse in a range of work areas, including hospitals, homes, hospices, aged care settings, clinics, schools, universities and community health centres.

Work experience

You will gain clinical experience in a variety of settings, which may include acute/sub-acute care, medical and surgical care, aged care, rehabilitation, paediatrics, community nursing and mental health nursing. There will be 20 weeks* of clinical placement in hospitals and community health centres in metropolitan, rural and regional areas.

Clinical placement requirements

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Course structure

24 credit points – 17 core units (21 credit points) and three elective units. An honours year is available upon completion of this degree to eligible students.

Note: *Trimester 2 and 3 intakes are for applicants who are registered or eligible to register as an enrolled nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA).

Bachelor of Nursing (Clinical Leadership)*

The Bachelor of Nursing (Clinical Leadership) is the only undergraduate nursing course in Victoria with a focus on mentored clinical leadership. The course includes all Bachelor of Nursing core units, including the Clinical Leadership unit, together with an additional three core units that develop and enhance leadership potential through a focus on clinical nursing leadership and management, research and education.

As part of the core leadership units, you participate in mentored learning experiences, providing you with the opportunity to observe and work with:

- clinical nurse leaders from our partners in clinical settings
- research professors from the School of Nursing and Midwifery
- educators from the School of Nursing and Midwifery.

Clinical placement requirements

See page 5.

Course structure

The Bachelor of Nursing (Clinical Leadership) consists of 17 Bachelor of Nursing core units plus an additional three core units that develop and enhance leadership potential through a focus on clinical nursing leadership and management. An honours year is available upon completion of this degree to eligible students.

Note: * This course is not available to international students.

deakin.edu.au/nursing-and-midwifery

‘I managed to become part of the Deakin and Epworth HealthCare Fellowship program, which has been the best experience I have had at university by far. I’ve been blessed with the opportunity to complete my studies at both a leading edge hospital and university.’

Yvette Mooiman
Bachelor of Nursing student
Graduate nurse, Epworth HealthCare

DEGREE OPTIONS

Broaden your career potential and take up the option of combining your studies in nursing with complementary study areas by completing one of the following combined courses:

- Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery
- Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Psychological Science
- Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Public Health and Health Promotion.

deaustin.edu.au/nursing-and-midwifery
**Courses**

Combined courses

**Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery**

Midwives play an invaluable role in facilitating childbirth and caring for mothers and babies through pregnancy, labour and beyond. With Deakin’s combined Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery you will boost your skill set and open the door to rewarding career options.

**Professional recognition**

Graduates are eligible to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia as a registered nurse and a registered midwife.

**Careers**

Graduates find work as a registered nurse and/or a registered midwife in hospitals, clinics, community health centres and maternity services.

**Work experience**

You will gain 41 weeks clinical experience in a variety of settings, which may include acute/sub-acute care, medical and surgical care, aged care, rehabilitation, paediatrics, community nursing and mental health nursing. Midwifery clinical experiences include all areas of midwifery practice, including pregnancy care, labour and birth, postnatal care and neonatal care across a range of hospitals providing maternity services in metropolitan, regional and rural settings.

**Clinical placement requirements**

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**Course structure**

The Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery consists of 26 units across four years of study. An honour’s year is available upon completion of this degree to eligible students.

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**Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Psychological Science**

This combined degree prepares you to complete the requirements to embark on a nursing career while developing knowledge of human behaviour, including understanding human personality, behaviour, emotion, underlying mental processes and the factors that lead people to differ in the way they think and behave. Armed with a wealth of skills and clinical practice, you will graduate work-ready and be eligible to pursue further study towards qualification as a registered psychologist.

**Professional recognition**

Graduates are eligible to apply for registration as a registered nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA). The course also provides you with a three-year sequence in psychology that is recognised by the Psychology Board of Australia and accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC). This is particularly important if you wish to take on further study or career preparation in the area of psychology.

**Careers**

Graduates work in areas such as mental health rehabilitation, youth work, careers counselling, community development and work/life counselling in addition to the many nursing roles in settings such as hospitals, homes, hospices, aged care, clinics, schools, universities, community health centres, government agencies and industries.

**Pathway to psychology registration**

If you are interested in pursuing a professional career in psychology, you will need to complete an approved fourth year of study (such as Deakin’s Graduate Diploma of Psychology or an Honours in Psychology course). After this, you may apply for provisional registration with the Psychology Board of Australia and seek associate membership of the Australian Psychological Society. In order to gain full registration, provisional psychologists must then complete either two years of supervised practice, or postgraduate study, such as a Master of Psychology, Doctor of Psychology or a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) (with supervised practice completed outside the degree).

**Work experience**

You will gain clinical experience in a variety of settings, which may include acute/sub-acute care, medical and surgical care, aged care, rehabilitation, paediatrics, community nursing and mental health nursing. There will be 20 weeks of clinical placement in hospitals and community health centres in metropolitan, rural and regional areas.

**Clinical placement requirements**

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**Course structure**

The Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Psychological Science consists of 28 units across four years of study. An honour’s year is available upon completion of this degree to eligible students.

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Get work ready – we are the #1 university for skills development

Ranked the #1 university for skills development in Victoria*, Deakin’s course curriculum integrates real-world expertise with practical skills to give our students a competitive edge.

* 2016 Student Experience Survey

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‘This course has allowed me to evolve from a student to a health care professional focused on providing innovative, evidence-based, up-to-date care, in both a compassionate and caring way for all clients.’

Jessica Forrer
Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery graduate
Graduate nurse, Monash Health
Nursing and Midwifery

Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Public Health and Health Promotion

In addition to the specialised skills and knowledge acquired through our Bachelor of Nursing degree, this combined degree also gives you specialised education in public health and health promotion. Public health is the organised response by society to protect and promote health and prevent disability. By looking at the patterns of health and disease, public health focuses on the health of populations, rather than at the level of the individual. Health promotion is about working with people to improve their health and the health of populations, rather than at the level of the individual. Most applications are straightforward and easy to complete. Follow these steps to make the process as simple as possible. Visit deakin.edu.au/courses/how-to-apply.

What type of applicant am I?

Recent secondary education applicant

- Current Year 12 Student
- Completed Year 12 in 2017 or 2016
- Intermediate Year 12 student
- New Zealand school leaver
- International Baccalaureate (IB) student
- Gap-year student

Non-Year 12 applicant

- Applicants with higher education study
- Applicants with VET study
- Applicants with work and life experience

For more information on admission requirements and the type of applicant you are, visit deakin.edu.au/courses/how-to-apply. You can also call us on 1800 693 888 to discuss your options.

Entry for enrolled nurses

Enrolled nurses who hold a Diploma of Nursing and are eligible to be registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia can be granted credit for prior learning for up to 8 credit points in the Bachelor of Nursing, or up to 5 credit points in the combined degree. For enrolled nurses who do not hold a Diploma of Nursing, yet are eligible to be registered with the NMBA, CPL will be assessed on an individual basis. As CPL is spread across the three years of the course, students have a reduced study load for the duration of the course. CPL is granted for Trimester 1 of the course and studies commence in July (Trimester 2) or November (Trimester 3) of the first year.

Students who elect to accept CPL for any unit must ensure they have achieved the intended learning outcomes for that unit and are current in that knowledge and clinical skill.

Enrolled nurses wishing to commence one of our nursing degrees can apply via VTAC for either early round (November) or main round (January) VTAC selection for commencement in Trimester 2. Enrolled nurses may also apply for Trimester 2 or 3 commencement by direct applications via the applicant portal at https://applicantportal.deakin.edu.au.

Conclusion

I particularly enjoyed the subjects associated with community participation and patient interaction. I learnt so much about involving people in their health and then using that to improve their health outcomes, something that can be applied to so many areas.

Josh Dundas
Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Public Health and Health Promotion graduate
Nurse, Austin Health

Find your course

Browse from the hundreds of exciting undergraduate courses we have on offer at deakin.edu.au. Undergraduate courses at Deakin generally begin in March, and some courses also have intakes in July and November. Once you find the course you’re after, make sure you understand the entry requirements, application methods and application dates.

Understand the entry and documentation requirements

Make sure you understand the entry requirements for your chosen course by reading the course page carefully (online at deakin.edu.au/course or in this booklet). For recent secondary education applicants, in addition to the listed ATAR, some courses may require you to have studied a prerequisite subject/s, while others may also require you to provide extra materials, such as a portfolio or personal statement.

Selection requirements for non-Year 12 applicants may include personal statement, entrance tests as specified, e.g. STAT (Special Tertiary Admissions Test), or the non-academic assessment for all applicants to teaching courses, supplementary information form, audition, interview or folio presentation.

Gather supporting documents

When applying direct to Deakin as a non-Year 12, it’s important to attach any requested supporting documentation, which may include a CV, academic transcripts, STAT results or a personal statement, otherwise your application may be delayed. We recommend gathering all this documentation before you commence the application process to ensure you can complete it in one sitting.

Apply

Depending on your course, our flexible trimester system means you may be able to start in Trimester 1 (March), 2 (July) or 3 (November).

If you’re a recent secondary education applicant, applications for Trimester 1 should be made through VTAC (vtac.edu.au).

If you are a non-Year 12 applying for Trimester 1 for one Deakin course only, you may apply direct to Deakin. * Applications for Trimester 2 or 3 should be made directly to Deakin via the applicant portal at applicantportal.deakin.edu.au. * Conditions apply. Visit deakin.edu.au/courses/how-to-apply for current information.
Course information

Course entry requirements

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Inherent requirements

There are a number of inherent requirements that are essential to safely undertake and complete the undergraduate nursing and midwifery courses, and to practice safely as a registered nurse and/or midwife.

For information, please refer to the School of Nursing and Midwifery’s Undergraduate Courses: Inherent Requirements at deakin.edu.au/undergraduate/new-students/how-to-enrol/how-to-enrol/undergraduate/program-inherent-requirements.

Inherent Student Entry Requirements

International student entry requirements can be found at deakin.edu.au/international-students.

All nursing and midwifery undergraduate courses require a Special Tertiary Admissions Test Multiple Choice (STAT MC) where the applicant has not completed Year 12 (or equivalent) or any tertiary study (minimum Certificate IV) within the last 10 years (from commencement date of the course applied for). Enrolled nurses applying for nursing courses are not required to take the STAT MC.

‡ Trimester 2 and 3 intakes are for applicants who are registered or eligible to register as a nurse in Australia.

† The 2019 annual course fee for international students indicates the tuition fee for two trimesters of full-time study, or 8 credit points, unless otherwise indicated. Additional fees may apply. This fee is subject to change for 2020. Visit deakin.edu.au/fees for latest information.

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