

Master of Nursing Practice

Cloud Campus (online)

Course outcomes

The Master of Nursing Practice aims to prepare graduates to practise effectively at an advanced practice level. 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. The course provides research training, as well as leadership and specialty expertise, to equip graduates for management, governance and leadership roles, and the requirements to undertake higher degrees by research.

Studies can be undertaken in a variety of general acute care wards, educational, managerial, community and specialty critical care settings. The latter includes Intensive Care Units, Cardiac Catheter Laboratories, Cardiac Care Units, Emergency Departments, Critical Care Units, Operating Suites and Post Anaesthetic Care Units. Registered nurses not working within specialty practice areas will have the opportunity to extend their practice skills in the areas of advanced patient assessment skills, clinical decision making and diagnostic reasoning

Course delivery

The units of the Master of Nursing Practice are delivered via Cloud (online) modules and seminars.

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

Course structure

Course code: H771

Offered at: Cloud Campus (online)

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

Intake: March (Trimester 1) or July (Trimester 2)

The Master of Nursing Practice is a 12 credit point course. Students wishing to seek employment in the specialty practice areas may exit either at the Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma level (refer to specialty practice flyers). Students wishing to continue to Master Level will choose either Master of Nursing Practice (Minor Thesis) or Master of Nursing Practice (Coursework).

Master of Nursing Practice (Minor Thesis) – full-time mode

Year	Credit points	Trimester 1	Trimester 2
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 credit points from 1 x core unit 6 credit points from 6 x elective units 	Core units	
		n/a	HNN727 Research in Nursing and Midwifery (2 credit points)
		Elective units	
		Choose 4 x elective units from list included	Choose 2 x elective units from list included
Year	Credit points	Trimester 1	Trimester 2
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 credit points from 2 x core units 	Core units	
		HNN725 Research Thesis A (2 credit points)	HNN726 Research Thesis B (2 credit points)

Master of Nursing Practice (Coursework) – full-time mode

Year	Credit points	Trimester 1	Trimester 2
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 credit points from 1 x core unit 6 credit points from 6 x elective units 	Core units	
		n/a	HNN727 Research in Nursing and Midwifery (2 credit points)
		Elective units	
		Choose 4 x elective units from list included	Choose 2 x elective units from list included
Year	Credit points	Trimester 1	Trimester 2
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 credit points from 4 x elective units 	Elective units	
		Choose 2 x elective units from list included	Choose 2 x elective units from list included

Core unit outlines

HNN727: RESEARCH IN NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

This unit will enable students to develop increased understanding, knowledge and skills in a range of research methods and approaches relevant to applied research. It will also enable students to develop a critical understanding of the nature, scope and purpose of research within clinical practice contexts. Students will be able to formulate relevant, appropriate and rigorous research questions, strategies, methods, data collection, analysis and dissemination approaches to address a chosen topic that addresses an issue (or issues) in their clinical setting. Students will also enhance their understanding of strategies used to translate evidence into practice and will develop their research presentation skills using a variety of media: written reports, PowerPoint presentations, online video presentations. This unit will provide Master of Nursing students with a background to the common research methodologies that are commonly used in health care research and an introduction to the core skills that are required to develop investigator-initiated research projects.

HNN725: RESEARCH THESIS A

The unit comprises the first component of the development of an individual research thesis in the area of nursing practice. Students are required to outline their research project proposal at the commencement of the trimester of enrolment. Before submitting the proposal for approval, students are required to discuss their topic and consult with their nominated supervisor. The topic of research should generally reflect the student's particular area of interest and be clearly related to theoretical material presented in the nursing scholarship units as part of the Master of Nursing Practice course.

HNN726: RESEARCH THESIS B

The unit comprises an individual research thesis in the area of nursing practice. Students are required to continue work on their research project, following on from HNN725 Research Thesis A. Students will work with at least one supervisor, or supervision team.

Elective nursing units	
Trimester 1	Trimester 2
HNN714 Ethical Dimensions of Nursing	HNN704 Clinical Leadership and Collaborative Practice*
HNN730 Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning	HNN715 Leadership and Management in Nursing*
HNN749 Patient Safety and Risk Management	HNN732 Clinical Research Methods**
HNN772 Nursing and Midwifery in Low Resource/Complex Environments (LRCE)	HNN733 Clinical Excellence in Nurse Practitioner Practice
HNN781 Therapeutic Medication Management	HNN773 Nursing and Midwifery Management of Vulnerable Populations in Low Resource/Complex Environments (LRCE)
HND701 Pathophysiology of Diabetes	HNN780 Quality and Safety in Medication Management
HND732 Diabetes in Social and Psychological Contexts	HND731 Learning and Teaching for Health Professionals <i>Note: includes a 3 day intensive workshop held in T1/T2 inter-trimester break</i>
n/a	HND702 Management of Diabetes

Note: * HNN704 and HNN715 are incompatible with each other.

** HNN732 is incompatible with HNN727

Each unit is worth 1 credit point unless otherwise specified. Offering is subject to demand and resources.

For detailed unit descriptions please refer to the 2017 Handbook:

deakin.edu.au/students/enrolment-fees-and-money/university-handbook/2017-handbook

Case study

Wendi Bradshaw

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I have a long standing passion for the care of persons with kidney disease and have been working as a Clinical Nurse Specialist at Casey Dialysis Unit, Monash Health, for several years. My work entails the provision of optimal haemodialysis to people who usually have several conditions that require complex nursing attention and support.



One of my chief areas of interest within haemodialysis concerns haemodynamic instability. My decision to undertake the Master of Nursing Practice was made to investigate this further. Deakin University's course was well structured, allowing me to choose the subjects necessary to develop a research ethic through which I could consolidate previous and new research findings. I particularly relished the research subjects but also found the units on ethics, teaching and cultural studies compelling – they have all profoundly changed my professional outlook.

Undertaking the Masters of Nursing Practice has allowed me to progress professionally through the investigation of practical clinical improvements at a unit level. As a result of the knowledge and confidence achieved through my studies, our clinical team have begun or are part way through several activities which have the potential to broaden haemodialysis nursing knowledge and importantly, improve care for persons with kidney disease.

The facilitation of learning at Deakin was within a background of ongoing, nurturing support. All teaching staff were extremely knowledgeable and always approachable and accessible. I found the beginning of my studies daunting but this feeling was alleviated by the excellent support and contact I received from my supervisors and teachers. I believe the success of my learning was only achieved in partnership with them. Completing the Masters has served as a catalyst to advance my career trajectory and I would very much like to commence further studies at PhD level.

Admission requirements

Applicants should normally possess a Bachelor of Nursing or equivalent approved qualification, and hold registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), with no conditions or restrictions.

Applicants must ideally have 12 months recent clinical experience.

Apply

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