

Master of Nursing Practice - Critical Care

Cloud Campus (online)



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 and evidence-based practice. Our flexible courses respond to the demands of industry for nurses with sophisticated specialty skills and knowledge.

Course outcomes

The Master of Nursing Practice – Critical Care course aims to prepare graduates to practise effectively at an advanced practice level in critical care 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 details

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)

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

For detailed information on course structure, including unit descriptions, visit: deakin.edu.au/course/master-nursing-practice

Course delivery

The units of the Master of Nursing Practice Specialty Course – Critical Care 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) introductory program held at the Melbourne Burwood campus in early February each year.

Clinical requirements

The student must be employed by a hospital and be working in the specialty area they wish to study. The student's employer must agree to support them in their studies and the student must have access to a supportive educator/ nominated senior clinician. If the employer has agreed to support the student with their postgraduate studies, this must be confirmed in writing – a student's application will not be processed until confirmation of clinical support is received. A minimum of 24 clinical hours per week must be completed by the student throughout their studies.

Admission requirements

Applicants should normally possess a Bachelor of Nursing or equivalent approved qualification, and current registration as a 'Nurse' (without any imposed restrictions) 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 a minimum of 12 months recent acute care clinical experience.

How to apply

Applications can be made directly to Deakin through the Applicant Portal if you are only applying for one course. For more information, visit: deakin.edu.au/course/master-nursing-practice

Postgraduate bursary

Deakin alumni, their spouses and immediate family may be eligible to receive a 15% reduction per unit on their enrolment fees on any postgraduate award course (excluding students enrolled in a Commonwealth supported place (CSP)) at Deakin University.

deakin.edu.au/alumni/alumni-benefits/postgraduate-bursary

deakin.edu.au/nursing-and-midwifery

* Source: Ranked number 24 in the 2018 QS World University Rankings by Subject

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Course structure

To complete the Master of Nursing Practice students must attain 12 credit points, chosen from a suite of units. Students may exit either at the Graduate certificate or Graduate diploma level.

Level	Credit points + duration	Trimester 1	Trimester 2
Graduate certificate	4 credit points of core specialty study. 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.	Core units	
		HNN751 Advanced Physiology and Patient Assessment	HNN767 Critical Care Nursing 1
		HNN752 Core Principles of Care for the Critically Ill Patient	HNN777 Critical Care Nursing 2

Level	Credit points + duration	Trimester 1	Trimester 2
Graduate diploma	8 credit points of study (including previous units taken at Graduate certificate level). 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.	Core units	
		HNN750 Inquiry into Specialty Nursing Practice	HNN788 Advanced Concepts in Specialty Nursing Practice
		Elective units	
		Students must complete 2 x additional elective units to complete 8 credit points of study for the Graduate diploma. Refer to the electives flyer for a list of available electives.	

Level	Credit points + duration	Trimester 1 + 2	
Master[#]	A total of 12 credit points of study (including previous units taken at Graduate certificate or diploma level). Can be undertaken up to 4 years part-time.	Elective units (if completing Master of Nursing Practice by coursework)	
		Students must complete 4 x additional elective units to complete 12 credit points of study for the Master of Nursing Practice by coursework.	
		Thesis units (if completing Master of Nursing Practice by minor thesis)	
		HNN756* Nursing Research Thesis A (1 credit point)	HNN758* Nursing Research Thesis C (1 credit point)
		HNN757* Nursing Research Thesis B (1 credit point)	HNN759* Nursing Research Thesis D (1 credit point)

Notes

* Students may elect to take these core units in either Trimester. They can be undertaken one at a time, or two at a time. However, they must be completed in sequential order. For example, in Trimester 1 a student may complete HNN756 and in Trimester 2 HNN757 and HNN758. The following year they can then complete HNN759.

[#] To graduate at Master Level and meet Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) requirements, students must complete a core 2 x credit point research unit (HNN727) prior to enrolling in HNN756, HNN757, HNN758, and HNN759.

Students may elect to do this unit as part of the Graduate Diploma or in place of 2 x elective units if completing Masters by coursework.

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