

Postgraduate nursing at Deakin

We offer a range of postgraduate nursing qualifications that cater to experienced registered nurses wanting to take the next step in their career. Postgraduate courses include graduate certificates, graduate diplomas and masters.

Employment growth in the sector

With job growth of 23.1% projected for nurse managers by 2026,* there is an industry demand for registered nurses with the analytical, practical, communication and leadership skills needed to take on senior roles across a range of health care settings.

Elevate your career

Designed flexibly for practising nurses, Deakin's postgraduate nursing degrees can provide a pathway into senior roles in management, education or research. Our broad set of postgraduate degrees includes specialised courses at the graduate certificate or graduate diploma level in the following streams:

- cardiac nursing
- critical care nursing
- emergency nursing
- intensive care nursing
- intraoperative nursing
- perianaesthesia nursing
- perioperative nursing.

You may also choose to progress onto the Master of Advanced Clinical Nursing once you complete your graduate diploma in one of these specialty areas. Alternatively, if you wish to pursue a more general qualification, you can study a Graduate Certificate of Advanced Nursing, Graduate Diploma of Advanced Nursing or Master of Advanced Nursing, all of which allow you to tailor electives to your career goals without the need to specialise.



Deakin is



among the Top 1% of all universities worldwide

ShanghaiRanking's Academic Ranking of World Universities 2021



ranked #20 in the world for nursing and midwifery

ShanghaiRankings Ranking of Academic Subjects 2022



ranked in the Top 50 young universities in the world

QS top young universities



For 13 consecutive years our students have voted us Victoria's #1 university for course satisfaction

Australian Graduate Survey and Graduate
Outcomes Survey 2016–2021. QILT (2010-2021)



Award winning careers service

Australian Graduate Recruitment Industry Awards 2017–2020 winner for most popular career service in Australia. (DeakinTALENT)

Cardiac Nursing

Cardiac nurses provide nursing care for patients experiencing cardiovascular disease or other heart-related issues across a range of specialist cardiac settings, including interventional procedures.

Overview

Working closely with medical professionals, your specialised knowledge and skills will allow you to assess and manage patients with a variety of complex cardiovascular conditions, including the use of heart monitoring and cardiac devices such as pacemakers and defibrillators. You will also play a key role in educating your patients and their families on treatment plans following emergency or interventional procedures.

▶ Graduate Certificate of Cardiac Nursing

Course code: H565

Intakes: Semester 1, Semester 2

Campus: Online

Duration: 1 year part-time study

To undertake this course you must independently secure employment of at least 24 hours per week in a cardiac care setting within a collaborating hospital in Australia.

Course structure

You must attain 4 credit points comprising of 4 core (compulsory) units, taken over one year of part-time study.

	Semester 1	Semester 2
	Academic Integrity (0 credit points)	Cardiac Care Nursing
Year 1	Core Principles of Critical Care Nursing (2 credit points)	(2 credit points)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (DOMESTIC STUDENTS)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS)

▶ Graduate Diploma of Cardiac Nursing

Course code: H665

Intakes: Semester 1, Semester 2

Campus: Online

Duration: 2 years part-time study

To undertake the first year of this course you must independently secure employment of at least 24 hours per week in a cardiac care setting within a collaborating hospital in Australia.

Course structure

You must attain 8 credit points of core (compulsory) units comprising of two 2 credit point units and two 1 credit point units, plus 1 **course elective unit** and 1 postgraduate elective from anywhere across the University.

Second year elective units allow you to pursue your specific areas of interest and career goals. You can choose from complementary areas of practice to your specialisation, or undertake studies preparing you for roles in education, leadership or management.

	Semester 1	Semester 2
	Academic Integrity (0 credit points)	Cardiac Care Nursing (2 credit points)
Year 1	Core Principles of Critical Care Nursing (2 credit points)	
	Trimester 1	Trimester 2
	Inquiry Into Specialty Nursing Practice	Advanced Concepts in Specialty Nursing Practice
Year 2	Plus 1 credit point of course elective unit	Plus 1 credit point of postgraduate elective from across the University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (DOMESTIC STUDENTS)





Critical Care Nursing

Critical care nurses look after patients who are in a critical condition or recovering from a serious medical condition in some of the most complex health environments across emergency departments, intensive care units and other high dependency units.

Overview

You'll play a pivotal role in your patient's care, whether it is during initial assessment or by providing ongoing care for those who are critically ill.

As a critical care nurse you will collaboratively assess and provide care for a range of patient groups including paediatrics, trauma, gynaecological, obstetric, oncology, older persons and those presenting with cardiovascular, renal, neurological and respiratory dysfunction.

▶ Graduate Certificate of Critical Care Nursing

Course code: H567

Intakes: Semester 1, Semester 2

Campus: Online

Duration: 1 year part-time study

To undertake this course you must independently secure employment of at least 24 hours per week in a critical care setting within a collaborating hospital in Australia.

Course structure

You must attain 4 credit points of core (compulsory) units comprising of two 2 credit point units, taken over one year of part-time study.

	Semester 1	Semester 2
	Academic Integrity (0 credit points)	Critical Care Nursing
Year 1	Core Principles of Critical Care Nursing (2 credit points)	(2 credit points)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (DOMESTIC STUDENTS)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS)

▶ Graduate Diploma of Critical Care Nursing

Course code: H667

Intakes: Semester 1, Semester 2

Campus: Online

Duration: 2 years part-time study

To undertake the first year of this course you must independently secure employment of at least 24 hours per week in a critical care setting within a

collaborating hospital in Australia.

Course structure

You must attain 8 credit points of core (compulsory) units comprising of two 2 credit point units and two 1 credit point units, 1 **course elective unit** and 1 postgraduate elective from anywhere across the University.

Second year elective units allow you to pursue your specific areas of interest and career goals. You can choose from complementary areas of practice to your specialisation, or undertake studies preparing you for roles in education, leadership or management.

	Semester 1	Semester 2
Year 1	Academic Integrity (0 credit points)	Critical Care Nursing (2 credit
	Core Principles of Critical Care Nursing (2 credit points)	points)
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	Trimester 1	Trimester 2
	Inquiry Into Specialty Nursing Practice	Advanced Concepts in Specialty
Year 2	Plus 1 credit point of course elective unit	Nursing Practice
		Plus 1 credit point of postgraduate elective from across the University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (DOMESTIC STUDENTS)

Emergency Nursing

Emergency nurses work in an emergency department and encounter a wide variety of patients who often require immediate medical attention.

Overview

You will need to think critically, quickly and calmly as part of a multidisciplinary team operating in a fast-paced environment. As an emergency nurse you will assess, prioritise and manage patients across paediatrics, major and minor trauma, mental health, gynaecological, obstetric, oncology and older persons.

▶ Graduate Certificate of Emergency Nursing

Course code: H566 Intakes: Semester 1 Campus: Online

Duration: 1 year part-time study

To undertake this course you must independently secure employment of at least 24 hours per week in an emergency setting within a collaborating hospital in Australia.

Course structure

You must attain 4 credit points comprising of 4 core (compulsory) units, taken over one year of part-time study.

	Semester 1	Semester 2
	Academic Integrity (0 credit points)	Emergency Care Nursing 1
Year 1	Advanced Physiology and Patient Assessment	Emergency Care Nursing 2
	Core Principles of Care for the Critically III Patient	

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (DOMESTIC STUDENTS)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS)



▶ Graduate Diploma of Emergency Nursing

Course code: H666 Intakes: Semester 1 Campus: Online

Duration: 2 year part-time study

To undertake the first year of this course you must independently secure employment of at least 24 hours per week in a emergency setting within a collaborating hospital in Australia.

Course structure

You must attain 8 credit points, comprising of 6 core (compulsory) units, 1 **course elective unit** and 1 postgraduate elective from anywhere across the University.

	Semester 1	Semester 2
	Academic Integrity (0 credit points)	Emergency Care Nursing 1
Year 1	Advanced Physiology and Patient Assessment Core Principles of Care for the Critically III Patient	Emergency Care Nursing 2
	Trimester 1	Trimester 2
	Inquiry Into Specialty Nursing Practice	Advanced Concepts in Specialty Nursing
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Year 2	Plus 1 credit point of course elective unit	Practice Practice

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (DOMESTIC STUDENTS)

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Nursing at Deakin is ranked #20 in the world

2022 ShanghaiRanking's Ranking of Academic Subjects

Intensive Care Nursing

Intensive care nurses care for patients with life-threatening conditions and complex healthcare problems, typically within the intensive care unit of a hospital.

Overview

Your specialised skills will allow you to anticipate and rapidly respond to changes in your patient's condition. As an intensive care nurse you will perform focused, systematic and methodical assessments. You will draw on data from patient and technologically-derived sources in order to provide time-critical interventions to patients requiring complex care for life-threatening illnesses or conditions.

▶ Graduate Certificate of Intensive Care Nursing

Course code: H545 Intakes: Semester 1 Campus: Online

Duration: 1 year part-time study

To undertake this course you must independently secure employment of at least 24 hours per week in an intensive care setting within a collaborating hospital in Australia.

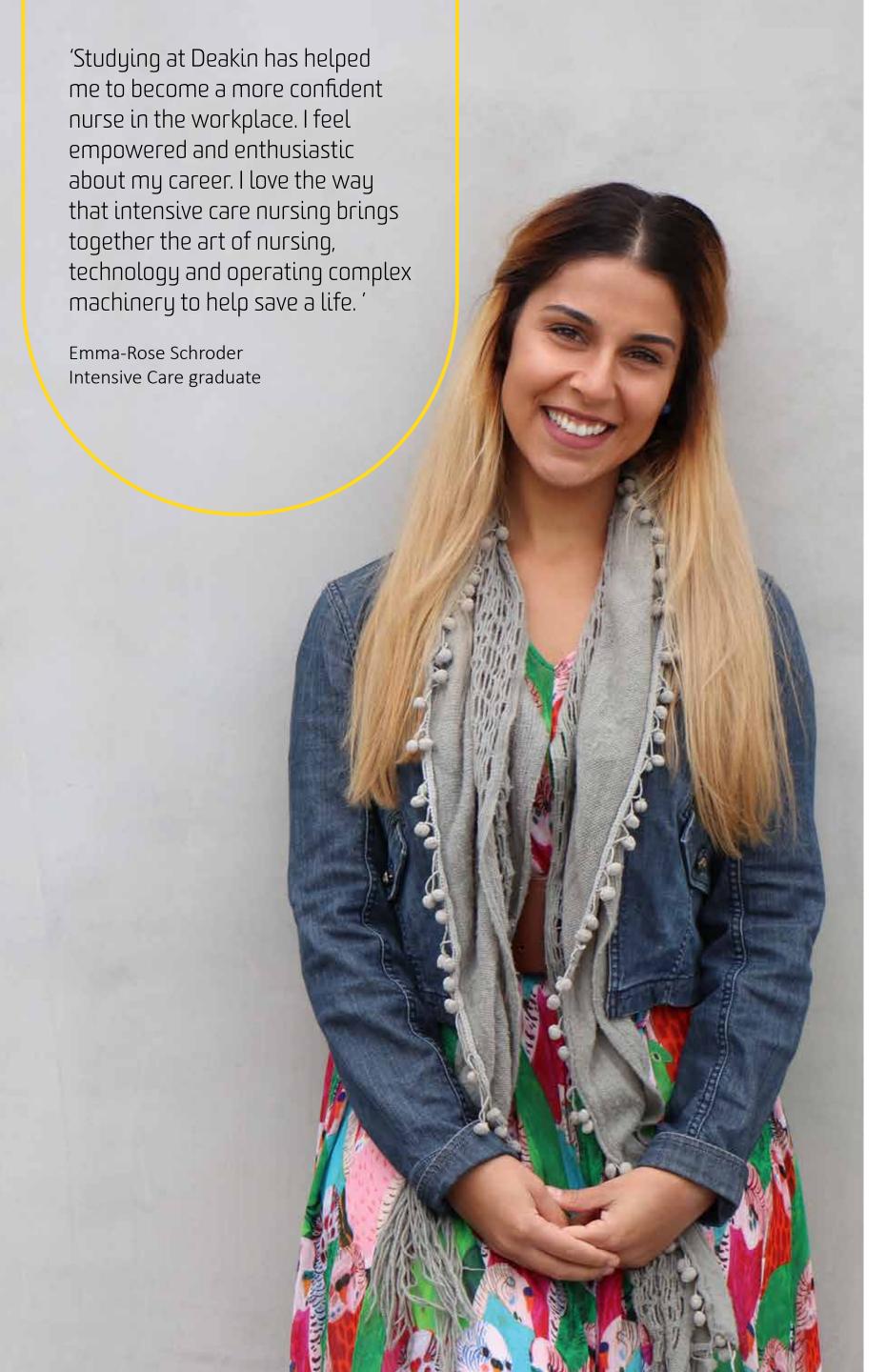
Course structure

You must attain 4 credit points comprising of 4 core (compulsory) units, taken over one year of part-time study.

	Semester 1	Semester 2
	Academic Integrity (0 credit points)	Intensive Care Nursing 1
Year 1	Advanced Physiology and Patient Assessment	Intensive Care Nursing 2
	Core Principles of Care for the Critically III Patient	

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS)



▶ Graduate Diploma of Intensive Care Nursing

Course code: H645 Intakes: Semester 1 Campus: Online

Duration: 2 year part-time study

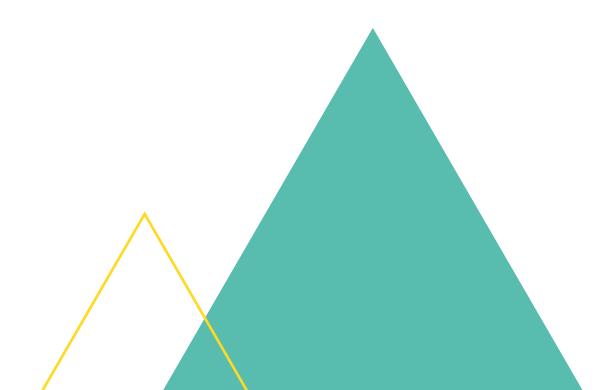
To undertake the first year of this course you must independently secure employment of at least 24 hours per week in an intensive care setting within a collaborating hospital in Australia.

Course structure

You must attain 8 credit points, comprising of 6 core (compulsory) units, 1 **course elective unit** and 1 postgraduate elective from anywhere across the University.

	Semester 1	Semester 2
	Academic Integrity (0 credit points)	Intensive Care Nursing 1
Year 1	Advanced Physiology and Patient Assessment	Intensive Care Nursing 2
	Core Principles of Care for the Critically III Patient	
	Trimester 1	Trimester 2
	Inquiry Into Specialty Nursing Practice	Advanced Concepts in Specialty
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Year 2	Plus 1 credit point of course elective unit	Nursing Practice

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (DOMESTIC STUDENTS)



Perioperative Nursing

Perioperative nurses care and support patients in pre-operative, intraoperative and post-operative environments.

Overview

A perioperative nurse assists patients in preparing both physically and mentally before surgery, monitors the patient along with the surgical team during the procedure, and provides care and monitoring during recovery.

As a perioperative nurse you will critically assess and manage elective and emergency patients undergoing complex and specialty surgical procedures. You may work as a circulating nurse, instrument nurse or as a pre-admission or day surgery nurse. An advanced understanding of pharmacological therapies, monitoring and post-operative anesthesia care also prepares you for work as an anesthetic nurse or in a post anesthesia care unit (PACU).

▶ Graduate Certificate of Perioperative Nursing

Course code: H572 Intakes: Semester 1 Campus: Online

Duration: 1 year part-time study

To undertake this course you must independently secure employment of at least 24 hours per week in a perioperative setting within a collaborating hospital in Australia.

Course structure

You must attain 4 credit points, comprising of 4 core (compulsory) units, taken over one year of part-time study.

	Semester 1	Semester 2
	Academic Integrity (0 credit points)	Principles of Complex Perianaesthesia Nursing Care
Year 1	Core Principles of Perianaesthesia Nursing Care	Principles of Complex Intraoperative Nursing Care
	Core Principles of Intraoperative Nursing Care	

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (DOMESTIC STUDENTS)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS)

The chose to specialise in perioperative nursing because I was attracted to the dynamic and changing situations set in the team environment. The increase in confidence in my nursing practice is credited to the knowledge and skills gained throughout my postgraduate studies at Deakin.

Felicity Doherty
Perioperative graduate

► Graduate Diploma of Perioperative Nursing

Course code: H672 Intakes: Semester 1 Campus: Online

Duration: 2 year part-time study

To undertake this course you must independently secure employment of at least 24 hours per week in a perioperative setting within a collaborating hospital in Australia.

Course structure

You must attain 8 credit points, comprising of 4 core units, 3 units of **course electives** and 1 postgraduate elective from anywhere across the University.

Semester 1	Semester 2
Academic Integrity (0 credit points)	Principles of Complex Perianaesthesia Nursing Care
Core Principles of Perianaesthesia Nursing Care	Principles of Complex Intraoperative Nursing Care
Core Principles of Intraoperative Nursing Care	
Trimester 1	Trimester 2
Inquiry Into Specialty Nursing Practice	Advanced Concepts in Specialty Nursing Practice
Plus 1 credit point course elective	Plus 1 credit point of postgraduate elective from across the University
	Academic Integrity (0 credit points) Core Principles of Perianaesthesia Nursing Care Core Principles of Intraoperative Nursing Care Trimester 1 Inquiry Into Specialty Nursing Practice

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (DOMESTIC STUDENTS)





Intraoperative Nursing

An intraoperative nurse cares for a patient during surgery and until they are transferred to a post anaesthesia care unit (PACU).

Overview

Your specialised skills will allow you to implement risk management strategies in the intraoperative context and promote optimal patient outcomes.

As an intraoperative nurse you will undertake one of two pivotal roles: circulating nurse or instrument nurse. Circulating nurses manage conditions within the surgical space as well as ensuring equipment is functioning safely; while monitoring the patient throughout the procedure. As an instrument nurse you will assist the surgeon throughout the procedure by anticipating and providing the required instruments.

▶ Graduate Certificate of Intraoperative Nursing

Course code: H568 Intakes: Semester 1 Campus: Online

Duration: 1 year part-time study

To undertake this course you must independently secure employment of at least 24 hours per week in an intraoperative setting within a collaborating hospital in Australia.

Course structure

You must attain 4 credit points comprising of 2 core units and 2 units of **course electives**.

	Semester 1	Semester 2
	Academic Integrity (0 credit points)	Principles of Complex Intraoperative Nursing Care
	Core Principles of Intraoperative Nursing Care	Plus 1 credit point course elective or
Year 1	Plus 1 credit point course elective or specialisation unit	specialisation unit

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (DOMESTIC STUDENTS)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS)



Ranked well above world standard in nursing research

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▶ Graduate Diploma of Intraoperative Nursing

Course code: H668 Intakes: Semester 1 Campus: Online

Duration: 2 year part-time study

To undertake this course you must independently secure employment of at least 24 hours per week in a intraoperative setting within a collaborating hospital in Australia.

Course structure

You must attain 8 credit points, comprising of 4 core units, 3 units of **course electives** and 1 postgraduate elective from anywhere across the University.

	Semester 1	Semester 2
	Academic Integrity (0 credit points)	Principles of Complex Intraoperative Nursing Care
Year 1	Core Principles of Intraoperative Nursing Care	Plus 1 credit point course elective or specialisation unit
	Plus 1 credit point course elective or specialisation unit	
	Trimester 1	Trimester 2
	Trimester 1 Inquiry Into Specialty Nursing Practice	Trimester 2 Advanced Concepts in Specialty Nursing Practice

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (DOMESTIC STUDENTS)

Perianaesthesia Nursing

A perianaesthesia nurse supports a patient immediately prior to, during, and while recovering from, the administration of anaesthesia.

Overview

As part of a multidisciplinary team, you will use your advanced knowledge of pharmacological therapies to assess and manage the anaesthetic requirements of your patient during surgery. You will monitor their neurological, cardiovascular, respiratory and haemodynamic states throughout the procedure and provide high-quality post-operative anesthesia care.

▶ Graduate Certificate of Perianaesthesia Nursing

Course code: H569 Intakes: Semester 1 Campus: Online

Duration: 1 year part-time study

To undertake this course you must independently secure employment of at least 24 hours per week in a perianaesthesia setting within a collaborating hospital in Australia.

Course structure

You must attain 4 credit points comprising of 2 core units and 2 units of course electives.

	Semester 1	Semester 2
	Academic Integrity (0 credit points)	Principles of Complex Perianaesthesia Nursing Care
Year 1	Core Principles of Perianaesthesia Nursing Care	Plus 1 credit point course elective or specialisation unit
	Plus 1 credit point course elective or specialisation unit	
	Plus 1 credit point course elective or specialisation unit	

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (DOMESTIC STUDENTS)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS)



▶ Graduate Diploma of Perianaesthesia Nursing

Course code: H669 Intakes: Semester 1 Campus: Online

Duration: 2 year part-time study

To undertake this course you must independently secure employment of at least 24 hours per week in a perianaesthesia setting within a collaborating hospital in Australia.

Course structure

You must attain 8 credit points, comprising of 4 core units, 3 units of **course electives** and 1 postgraduate elective from anywhere across the University.

	Semester 1	Semester 2
	Academic Integrity (0 credit points)	Principles of Complex Perianaesthesia Nursing Care
Year 1	Core Principles of Perianaesthesia Nursing Care	Plus 1 credit point course elective or specialisation unit
	Plus 1 credit point course elective or specialisation unit	
	Trimester 1	Trimester 2
	Trimester 1 Inquiry Into Specialty Nursing Practice	Trimester 2 Advanced Concepts in Specialty Nursing Practice

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (DOMESTIC STUDENTS)



Advanced Clinical Nursing

▶ Master of Advanced Clinical Nursing

Course code: H771 Intakes: Trimester 1 Campus: Online

Duration: 3 years part time

This flexible degree is best suited to graduates from our specialty graduate diplomas in cardiac, critical care, emergency, intensive care, intraoperative, perianaesthesia or perioperative nursing.

Overview

Our Master of Advanced Clinical Nursing is a specialist degree that will enhance your clinical decision-making skills to bolster health service delivery and improve patient outcomes. You will enter this course with support from your health service to specialise in your chosen area of practice.

You can customise your graduate outcomes through a thesis or coursework pathway. If you choose to undertake the thesis pathway, you will create an individual research thesis under the guidance and support of a research supervision team and our expert staff. Elective units allow you to explore complementary areas of health practice related to your interests, or undertake studies preparing you for roles in education, leadership or management.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (DOMESTIC STUDENTS)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS)

Course structure

To complete the Master of Advanced Clinical Nursing, you must attain 12 credit points. You can choose to complete this course with either a coursework or thesis stream.

Coursework

4 **specialisation** core units

PLUS

Coursework pathway core units

Inquiry Into Specialty Nursing Practice
Advanced Concepts in Specialty Nursing Practice
Research in Nursing and Midwifery

PLUS

3 **course elective units** and 2 level 7 elective units from anywhere in the University.

Thesis

4 **specialisation** core units

PLUS

Thesis pathway core units

Inquiry Into Specialty Nursing Practice Advanced Concepts in Specialty Nursing Practice

Nursing Research Thesis A *

Nursing Research Thesis B *

Nursing Research Thesis C *

Nursing Research Thesis D *

PLUS

1 **course elective units** and 1 level 7 elective unit from anywhere in the University.

*Students may only undertake a thesis if they have met the academic entry requirements of an overall WAM of 65 (Credit) in their previous studies.

Please note: There are no alternative exits from the Master of Advanced Clinical Nursing

Advanced Nursing

▶ Master of Advanced Nursing

Course code: H777 Intakes: Trimester 1 Campus: Online

Duration: 1.5 years full-time or part time equivalent

Study Deakin's Master of Advanced Nursing and step up into a senior position in advanced nursing practice, leadership, management, policy, or education.

Overview

As an experienced registered nurse, you will be challenged to advance your professional judgement to become a leader in evidence-based practice, and a change agent to improve the quality of nursing care and patient outcomes within modern healthcare practice.

We develop your clinical and leadership skills via core units. You will also have the opportunity to select from either a thesis or coursework stream to tailor the course according to your desired pathway. You can further customise your degree with electives from anywhere in the university.

Course structure

To complete the Master of Advanced Nursing you must attain 12 credit points. You can choose to complete a coursework stream or a thesis stream.

Coursework

The coursework stream allows you to customise your degree to match your career aspirations.

Coursework core units

Ethical Dimensions in Nursing Patient Safety and Risk Management Research in Nursing and Midwifery

PLUS

6 **course elective units** and 3 level 7 elective units from anywhere in the University.

Thesis

The thesis stream sets you up to pursue a research pathway upon graduation. Supported by a research supervision team and our expert staff you will create an individual research thesis.

Thesis core units

Ethical Dimensions in Nursing
Patient Safety and Risk Management
Nursing Research Thesis A *
Nursing Research Thesis B *
Nursing Research Thesis C *
Nursing Research Thesis D *

PLUS

4 **course elective units** and 2 level 7 elective units from anywhere in the University.

*Students may only undertake a thesis if they have met the academic entry requirements of an overall WAM of 65 (Credit) in their previous studies

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (DOMESTIC STUDENTS)

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▶ Graduate Certificate of Advanced Nursing

Course code: H575 Intakes: Trimester 1 Campus: Online

Duration: .5 year full-time or part-time equivalent

The Graduate Certificate of Advanced Nursing will allow you to build on your existing clinical skills and prepare you for a senior role in the nursing sector.

Overview

This course has been flexibly designed to reflect current trends and allows you to gain a varied understanding of advanced nursing practice, without narrowing your focus to a singular specialty area.

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Course structure

You must attain a total of 4 credit points. In addition to one core unit, you must select three **elective units** based around your interests and career goals.

Core unit

Patient Safety and Risk Management

▶ Graduate Diploma of Advanced Nursing

Course code: H675 Intakes: Trimester 1 Campus: Online

Duration: 1 year full-time or part-time equivalent

Open the door to senior roles in nursing with the Graduate Diploma of Advanced Nursing.

Overview

You will be challenged to become a leader in evidence-based practice, and a change agent to improve the quality of nursing care and patient outcomes. Designed for postgraduate nursing students, our innovative online program delivers a rich, interactive and empowering learning experience that will encourage critical thinking, problem-solving and teamwork skills.

Course structure

You must attain a total of 8 credit points. You must complete 2 core (compulsory) units and 6 electives, of which 4 must be **course elective units**. The remaining electives must be postgraduate electives from anywhere in the university.

Core units

Ethical Dimensions in Nursing

Patient Safety and Risk Management

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (DOMESTIC STUDENTS)

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How to apply

Applications can be made directly to the University through the Applicant Portal: apply.deakin.edu.au

For information on the application process and closing dates, visit deakin.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/postgraduate-applications.

Please note that closing dates may vary for individual courses.

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deakin.edu.au/nursing

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