Graduate Certificate of Diabetes Education

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 Graduate Certificate of Diabetes Education aims to prepare students for specialty practice in diabetes education and is accredited by the Australian Diabetes Educators Association (ADEA)*. In addition, by completing the observational placement linked to the course, graduates may be eligible to begin the pathway to seek endorsement as a Credentialed Diabetes Educator (CDE) with ADEA. As a CDE you may be eligible for a provider number from Medicare and the Department of Veterans Affairs, enabling people to seek rebates for the services received.

* Please note if you are not registered in Australia as a health practitioner with the appropriate registering body you will not be able to seek credentialing with the ADEA.

Course delivery

The units of the Graduate Certificate of Diabetes Education are delivered as a combination of online modules, an optional three day on-campus workshop, and 40 hours observational placement.

The course covers pathophysiology and evidence-based management of diabetes. Current nutritional research and advice, and issues such as the impact of diabetes on lifestyles, are addressed, as well as issues relating to diabetes education within different social contexts and across the lifespan, such as adolescents, children, Indigenous populations, and non-English speaking people. Students are provided with opportunities to explore strategies and analyse health promotion activities relevant to their practice. There are also opportunities for students to gain a repertoire of communication and education strategies and develop sound interpersonal skills to deliver person-centred health care.

The workshop in the second trimester is a highly recommended component of the course as it consolidates the theory with practical skills required for becoming a diabetes educator and provides networking opportunities with CDEs currently practicing. The workshop involves specialist researchers and speakers in the field of diabetes, recognised at both local and national levels, presenting innovative and clinically applicable practices.

Students seeking credentialing with the ADEA require 40 hours of observational placement with a qualified diabetes educator. The placement component is organised by the course coordinator in collaboration with the clinical team. Supportive measures are taken in the form of completion of a clinical portfolio that assists agencies and the student in setting goals, meeting educational needs, and evaluating experiences.

Course details

Course code: H520
Offered at: Cloud Campus (online)
Duration: 1 year part-time
Intake: March (Trimester 1)

For detailed information on course structure, including unit descriptions, visit: deakin.edu.au/course/graduate-certificate-diabetes-education

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

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

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Clinical placement
Students will complete a 40 hour observational placement if they wish to become credentialed as diabetes educators following course completion. The university will arrange this on behalf of the student during their final trimester of study. Students will submit preferences for the location of the placement and we will do all we can to ensure that the placement is arranged as conveniently as possible. However, this depends largely on facility participation.

Admission requirements
Applicants must be appropriately qualified professionals with a bachelor’s degree or equivalent, with a health science background, including, but not limited to, registered nurses, dietitians, podiatrists, pharmacists, exercise physiologists and general practitioners.

Applicants should have at least two years’ experience working in their professional field since undergraduate course completion. In order to undertake the placement component of this course, students must be currently registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) or equivalent to practise in one of the ADEA listed Credentialed Diabetes Educator eligible professions.

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 on the application process, visit: deakin.edu.au/course/graduate-certificate-diabetes-education.

Course structure
To complete the Graduate Certificate of Diabetes Education students must attain 4 credit points. All four 1 credit point units are core units (these are compulsory).

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<td>HND701 Pathophysiology of Diabetes</td>
<td>HND702 Management of Diabetes</td>
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<td>Students seeking ADEA accreditation must also complete a supervised 40-hour observational placement in a clinical setting (while enrolled in the course) organised by academic staff.</td>
<td>HND732 Diabetes in Social and Psychological Contexts</td>
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