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 – Cardiac Care aims to prepare graduates to practise effectively at an advanced practice level in cardiac care settings. This course is suited to students wishing to specialise in interventional cardiology. 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 – Cardiac 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 be registered as a Registered Nurse 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 had 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.

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* 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.

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<td><strong>Graduate certificate</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>HNN751 Advanced Physiology and Patient Assessment</td>
<td>HNN765 Cardiac Care Nursing 1</td>
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<td>HNN752 Core Principles of Care for the Critically Ill Patient</td>
<td>HNN775 Cardiac Care Nursing 2</td>
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<td><strong>Graduate diploma</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>HNN750 Inquiry into Specialty Nursing Practice</td>
<td>HNN788 Advanced Concepts in Specialty Nursing Practice</td>
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<td>HNN750† Nursing Research Thesis A (1 credit point)</td>
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**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.

# 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.