Bachelor of Nursing

Graduate with a sound theoretical and clinical foundation for a professional career as a registered nurse. This program consists of theory, nursing laboratory skills, clinical simulation and clinical practice. Acute care nursing, primary and community health and mental health nursing are also covered.

Other major areas of study include anatomy and physiology; foundational nursing care; high dependency nursing; and medical surgical nursing with an emphasis on research-based practice, law and ethics.

Program features include:
- orientation program that supports the transition to university life
- clinical practice in each year, in a range of clinical settings across metropolitan and rural areas
- access to human cadavers for observation and anatomical location
- fully staffed clinical laboratories, giving you extended access to the labs to practise your nursing skills
- mental health nursing courses.

Industry connections
You will have the opportunity to undertake clinical practice in a range of healthcare settings, including major metropolitan hospitals and the community sector. Consideration is given to rural and outback nursing in Victoria and interstate placements.

There are clinical placements each year with a total of 20 weeks of supervised practice.

A three-week clinical experience in year one introduces you to the foundations of nursing care. In year two (eight weeks of clinical experience) and year three (nine weeks), you’ll develop advanced skills managing people with complex health problems.

All clinical placements are supervised.

Career outlook
Graduates will have excellent employment prospects in a diverse range of metropolitan, rural, remote and overseas healthcare settings, including:
- acute public and private hospitals
- community and public health
- mental health nursing
- aged care nursing
- specialty support services
- industry and school health nursing.

Professional recognition
Upon successful completion of the program, you will be eligible to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, part of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency.

International experience
If you are interested in gaining an international perspective, overseas opportunities through student exchange and study abroad may be available.

Pathways
Graduates of the Diploma of Nursing (Enrolled Nursing) may be eligible to apply for credit of up to one year (eight courses), provided they are registered as an Enrolled Nurse with the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Board.
Program structure

Year 1
You’ll study biosciences and the fundamentals of nursing practice, including lifespan care requirements and professional practice.

Year 2
You’ll gain knowledge and skills in caring for people in acute care settings, such as medical, surgical and mental health nursing.

Year 3
You’ll acquire knowledge and skills in specialised areas of nursing practice. A professional development seminar will prepare you for working as a nurse.

In Years 2 and 3 you will have the opportunity to select two electives in areas that interest you for a broader learning experience.

Program elective examples
- Palliative Care
- Health and Physical Assessment
- Introduction to Advanced Specialty Nursing
- Paediatric Nursing

Entrance requirements
Successful completion of an Australian Year 12 senior secondary certificate of education or equivalent.

Prerequisites
Current Year 12 prerequisites units 1 and 2-Mathematics (any) or units 3 and 4-Mathematics (any) and a study score of at least 25 in English (except EAL) or at least 30 in English (EAL).

OR
Satisfactory completion of the Diploma of Nursing within the last five years and registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia as an Enrolled Nurse.

Selection tasks
Non-year 12 applicants must also complete a STAT multiple choice test if they do not have an ATAR or GPA.

Additional information
Non-Year 12 applicants may submit additional information if they would like it to be considered. For semester 2 intake, this can be completed through the VTAC Personal Statement online. For semester 1 intake, this can be completed through the personal statement in the Apply Direct application.

Working With Children Check: Students must hold a valid Working With Children Check prior to undertaking the clinical components of this program.

Police check: Students must present evidence of a successful National Police Records Check prior to undertaking the clinical components of this program.

Immunisation Policy: Students must be adequately vaccinated prior to undertaking the clinical components of this program.

Inherent requirements: In order to achieve the required nursing competencies, Bachelor of Nursing students are required to:
- have the use of vision, hearing, smell, and touch to accurately elicit information about patients
- coordinate gross and fine muscular movements and sensory perception to perform nursing and emergency treatments
- manage their own behaviour and emotions to provide safe, competent and ethical nursing care
- apply critical inquiry, problem solving and reflection to develop sound professional judgements.

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