Diploma of Nursing (Enrolled–Division 2 Nursing)

Develop the skills to register and work as an enrolled nurse anywhere in Australia.

This program is designed to build the skills you’ll need in the workforce, ensuring you’re ready for a job as soon as you graduate.

Enrolled nurses help to provide acute, preventive, curative and rehabilitative care, under the direction of a registered nurse. Tasks may include administering intravenous and other medications. As an enrolled nurse, you could be responsible for:

- acute care
- general practice
- medical practice
- surgical care
- rehabilitation
- palliative care
- mental health
- operating theatres
- paediatric care
- community
- aged care settings.

Graduates of this program may continue with further studies through the Bachelor of Nursing degree.

Industry connections

With supervised clinical placements, you’ll reinforce the theory and skills learned in class while gaining real-world experience in a healthcare environment.

You will be required to complete 400 hours of clinical placement, which equates to 10 weeks of clinical placement.

Career outlook

There is a high demand for enrolled nurses and job expectations are strong.

Graduates can work in:

- acute (hospital) care
- medical centres
- mental health
- rehabilitation
- palliative care
- aged care settings.

Professional recognition

The Diploma of Nursing is nationally accredited.

Students may apply to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) upon completing the program and demonstrating competent clinical skills.

AHPRA is governed by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC).

AHPRA registration enables graduates to practice anywhere in Australia.

Pathways

You may be eligible for exemptions of up to a year in the Bachelor of Nursing program.

The completion of the Certificate IV in Tertiary Preparation (Science) may provide pathways into this program (certain criteria must be met).

Entrance requirements

You must have successfully completed an Australian Year 12 or an equivalent senior secondary school qualification.

Or

You must have successfully completed a relevant certificate III or higher qualification.

Or

You must complete the VETASSESS nursing test or equivalent.

Additional information

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.

Non-Year 12 applicants may submit additional information if they would like it to be considered.

For semester 1 intake, this can be completed through the VTAC Personal Statement online.

For semester 2 intake, this can be completed through the personal statement in the Apply Direct application.

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Program structure

**Year 1**
You’ll learn to practise with patients of all ages in different environments. You’ll focus on rehabilitation, aged care and mental health.

You’ll be introduced to:
- basic anatomy and physiology
- wound management, including dressing application and wound care
- first aid
- infection control
- occupational health and safety.

Patient assessment is taught in mock wards using simulated mannequins and you’ll also do five to six weeks of clinical placements.

**Year 2**
You’ll focus strongly on community care, mental health, aged care and medical/surgical nursing skills. In your second year you will:
- develop your analytical skills as you learn to help care for patients with acute and chronic conditions
- be introduced to medication and intravenous administration
- learn how to implement nursing care plans and how to evaluate the care provided
- be trained in cultural diversity and how to cope with challenging behaviour
- do four to five weeks of clinical placements.

Note: The training package for this program is being updated for 2017 and the program is expected to change. The units of competency listed below are indicative of the 2016 program.

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<th>Core units (mandatory)</th>
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<td>Confirm physical health status (HLTAP401B)</td>
<td>Implement and monitor nursing care for consumers with mental health conditions (HLTEN510B)</td>
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<td>Analyse health information (HLTAP501C)</td>
<td>Implement and monitor nursing care for clients with acute health problems (HLTEN512B)</td>
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<td>Work in the nursing profession (HLTEN401B)</td>
<td>Implement and monitor nursing care for clients with chronic health problems (HLTEN513B)</td>
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<td>Contribute to client assessment and developing nursing care plans (HLTEN503B)</td>
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<td>Implement and evaluate a plan of nursing care (HLTEN504C)</td>
<td>Apply understanding of the Australian health care system (HLTEN516B)</td>
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<td>Contribute to the complex nursing care of clients (HLTEN505C)</td>
<td>Apply first aid (HLTFA311A)</td>
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<td>Apply principles of wound management in the clinical environment (HLTEN506B)</td>
<td>Work effectively with culturally diverse clients and co-workers (HLTHIR403C)</td>
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<td>Administer and monitor medications in the work environment (HLTEN507C)</td>
<td>Work effectively with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people (HLTHIR404D)</td>
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<td>Apply reflective practice, critical thinking and analysis in health (HLTEN508B)</td>
<td>Comply with infection control policies and procedures (HLTIN501C)</td>
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<td>Apply legal and ethical parameters to nursing practice (HLTEN509B)</td>
<td>Contribute to WHS processes (HLTWHS300A)</td>
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<td>Recognise and respond to signs and symptoms that may indicate oral health issues (CHCOHC404A)</td>
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