

# Diploma of Nursing

HLT54115

Few professions can offer you the diversity, excitement and challenges of nursing on a daily basis. Nursing is a profession that allows you to make a real difference to the health and lives of many people by caring for them, listening to their needs and becoming their advocates.

## Why study this course?

Nurses are in high demand worldwide. We need new highly trained nurses to care for our future patients, and Health Skills Australia can help you develop your career in this rewarding profession with our nationally accredited qualification.

## Who should study this course?

This course is suitable for those looking to enter the field of health care as an Enrolled Nurse.

## Career outcomes

Enrolled Nurses work in conjunction with Registered Nurses to deliver high quality care to the public in a variety of health care settings, including acute, palliative, aged, rehabilitation, mental health and community care workplaces. This also includes administering intravenous medications and medication administration.

To be registered as an Enrolled Nurse with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), applicants need to have successfully completed the Diploma of Nursing, and studied for at least 5 years full-time in which they were assessed in English (e.g. secondary school). An International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of at least 7 in each band or an Occupational English Test (OET) pass with grades A and B are also accepted.

## Further study opportunities

Candidates who successfully complete this course may be eligible to articulate to Advanced Diploma or Degree level programs in the nursing and health and community services fields. Applications would be assessed on an individual basis by the education provider.



## Entry requirements

Students are required to successfully complete a Maths and English assessment to demonstrate their ability to manage the demands of the course. Students should be willing to undertake a National Police Check and Working with Children Check, as well as immunisations, prior to their first clinical placement.

## Course structure

Using industry best practice, specialist training in the latest methods is delivered through a blended model of theory based classroom learning, online and practical hands-on sessions in nursing labs and clinical practicum. Students also gain real life experience during the course through supervised clinical placements in different health care environments.

The Diploma consists of 25 units and is structured as follows:

- Full time - 3 days per week in class over 18 months (blended delivery)
- Part time - 2 days per week in class over 30 months (blended delivery)
- Up to 15 hours per week of self-directed study

400 hours (minimum) of supervised clinical practicum, with objectives linked to aged care, sub-acute, mental health, palliative and acute care settings.

Please visit the 'Timetable & Course Dates' section of our website for details.

To ensure you leave us with the most up to date qualification: if during or after your enrolment, the course in which you are enrolled is updated in line with national industry standards, Health Skills Australia reserves the right to transition you into the updated course. If this becomes necessary, Health Skills Australia will advise you of the change and the arrangements which will be available for you to complete the updated course.

## Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) or Credit Transfer (CT)

RPL or CT may be granted to students who have completed units of competency that directly match the health training package units. This will be reviewed on an individual basis, and a 50% tuition fee will apply for any RPL granted. All applications must be submitted using the appropriate forms and include all necessary documentation. Application forms can be found on our website under Studying At HSA > Forms.

## Fees and Funding

Course fees can vary by state and are based on a number of different factors.

To view a complete list of course fees, subsidy and funding options, please read the Fees & Funding section on our website, or call us on 1300 306 886 to discuss the most appropriate option for you.

## Assessments

Assessments vary and can include presentations, class discussions, assignments, practical demonstrations, short tests, essays, workbooks and case studies. Each unit is assessed in the classroom/practical lab and in the clinical setting to determine a student's competency.

## About Health Skills Australia

Health Skills Australia is committed to making a positive difference to the lives of people in care by providing excellence in health care training. We work closely with industry groups and health care professionals to ensure our courses meet the needs of the sector and community it serves, and our teaching staff are all practising health care professionals who draw on their depth of experience.

## Campus locations

**Melbourne CBD Campus**  
Level 3, 206 Bourke Street Melbourne VIC

**Blackburn Campus**  
184 Whitehorse Road Blackburn VIC

**Brisbane CBD Campus**  
Level 2, 410 Ann Street Brisbane QLD



## Core units

CHCDIV001	Work with diverse people
CHCDIV002	Promote Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural safety
CHCPRP003	Reflect on and improve own professional practice
HLTAAP002	Confirm physical health status
HLTAAP003	Analyse and respond to client health information
HLTENN001	Practise nursing within the Australian health care system
HLTENN002	Apply communication skills in nursing practice
HLTENN003	Perform clinical assessment and contribute to planning nursing care
HLTENN004	Implement, monitor and evaluate nursing care plans
HLTENN005	Contribute to nursing care of a person with complex needs
HLTENN006	Apply principles of wound management in the clinical environment
HLTENN007	Administer and monitor medicines and intravenous therapy
HLTENN008	Apply legal and ethical parameters to nursing practice
HLTENN009	Implement and monitor care for a person with mental health conditions
HLTENN011	Implement and monitor care for a person with acute health problems
HLTENN012	Implement and monitor care for a person with chronic health problems
HLTENN013	Implement and monitor care of the older person
HLTENN015	Apply nursing practice in the primary health care setting
HLTINF001	Comply with infection prevention and control policies and procedures
HLTWHS002	Follow safe work practices for direct client care

## Elective units

CHCPOL003	Research and apply evidence to practice
HLTAID003	Provide first aid
HLTENN010	Apply a palliative approach in nursing practice
HLTENN025	Implement and monitor care for a person with diabetes
BSBLDR403	Lead team effectiveness

Please note: All students will be enrolled in 50035 Perform calculations in health mathematics



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