Diploma of Nursing (HLT54115)

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OVERVIEW OF COURSE

The course is suitable for those looking to start their career in the health field as an Enrolled Nurse. This qualification covers the application of nursing skills and knowledge required to be eligible for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

COURSE FEATURES

- a commitment to quality in teaching for justice and equity and for the dignity of all people.
- industry current nursing staff to support you and your learning.
- promotes adult learning principles.
- learn through a combination of theoretical and simulation activities.
- access to our simulated clinical environments.
- learning outcomes to focus on person-centred care and holistic nursing practice.
- assessments combine written and online, case studies, tests, practical demonstrations in a simulated environment, and on professional experience placement (PEP).
- 400 hours of PEP includes aged care, rehabilitation, sub-acute and acute care settings.
- access to a range of student activities in a university environment.
- access to free academic skills support, counselling and career advice.
- successful completion of the course leading to Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) registration as an enrolled nurse.
- pathway into ACU Bachelor of Nursing with credit for the first year of the degree.

DURATION AND MODE OF DELIVERY

Melbourne
18 months (full-time) – 4 days per week
27 months (part- time) – 2 days per week
Course commences in February and July each year.

Ballarat
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OUTCOMES

When students have completed the course they will be issued with a nationally accredited award: HLT54115 Diploma of Nursing.

Graduates may apply for registration as an enrolled nurse with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

PATHWAYS TO FURTHER STUDIES

Students can be offered a Commonwealth Supported Place in the Bachelor of Nursing at ACU. This is a competitive process and will depend on the theoretical, practical and professional criteria being met.

Students may also gain credit in other courses in the health area.

CAREER PATHS

Students can work as enrolled nurses at:
- residential aged care facilities
- hospitals (medical and surgical)
- hospices
- primary health care settings
- medical centres
- community health care centres
- outreach programs.

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CREDIT TRANSFER/RPL

We recognise our students' prior qualifications, skills and experiences. Please refer to our website or the Student Handbook for information.

TUITION FEES

Please refer to the ACU website for current tuition fees.

State Government funding, which reduces the tuition fee, is available for eligible students. Please see the ACU website for eligibility criteria.

VET Student Loans (VSL) are available for eligible students. VSL gives rise to a HELP debt that continues to be a debt to the Commonwealth until it is repaid.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT (PEP)

Students are required to complete 400 hours of PEP in a range of settings: aged care, rehabilitation, sub-acute and acute care. This industry experience provides students with the opportunity to apply essential nursing knowledge and clinical skills acquired throughout the three stages of the course. ACU organises the PEP for students.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Year 12 or Equivalent

Students must demonstrate that they meet the requirements of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia's (NMBA) English language skills registration standard as a mandatory requirement for enrolment in this course.

For further details please see link below: www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov. au/Registration-Standards/English-language-skills.aspx

Students will also be required to sit a Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) test at ACU College. Students will attend an interview on the same day as the ACU College test.

Please check the ACU website for the dates of the ACU College LLN test.

Please refer to the inherent requirements that are needed to achieve the core learning outcomes of this course. See link for more information: www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/courses/course_information/inherent_requirements/diploma_of_nursing_course_enrolled_nursing

HLT54115 DIPLOMA OF NURSING

Core

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

HLTAID003 Provide first aid

HLTENN010 Apply a palliative approach in nursing practice

HLTENN025 Implement and monitor care for a person with diabetes

HLTWHS006 Manage personal stressors in the work environment

BSBWOR404 Develop work priorities

APPLYING FOR ADMISSION

ACU is a public university that is open to all.

Applications for this course are made directly to ACU College and not through VTAC.

Refer to the website for the application process and other details.

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