OVERVIEW

Are you looking for a rewarding career helping others? If you want to become a nurse, this is the minimum qualification required to work in any state or territory. Upon graduation and registration, you may find work in acute care hospitals, aged-care facilities, adult day-centres and community health services as an Enrolled Nurse (EN).

Eligibility Requirements to Enrol into a Nursing course

To be eligible to apply for entry into this course you must have completed a literacy and numeracy test with an exit level of 3 or above in line with the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF) https://www.education.gov.au/Australian-core-skills-framework AND satisfy the minimum English language requirements necessary to register with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (see below for further details). You must provide evidence that you meet the above English language requirements prior to being offered a place in this program.
COMPULSORY 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
HLTWS002 Follow safe work practices for direct client care
HLTENN010 Apply a palliative approach in nursing practice
HLTENN025 Implement and monitor care for a person with diabetes
HLTWS006 Manage personal stressors in the work environment
TAEDEL301A Provide work skill instruction
CHCPOL003 Research and apply evidence to practice

SELECTABLE UNITS
Additional selectable units may apply

ASSESSMENT
The assessments will enable students to demonstrate the underpinning knowledge, skills and attributes required to meet the course outcomes. A range of assessment strategies to meet different student’s needs will be selected, including reports, presentations, tests and practical demonstrations of your skills and knowledge learned.
CERTIFICATION
By successfully completing this course you will receive a nationally recognised AQF Qualification.

CAREERS

- Enrolled Nurse

DELIVERY METHODS

- On-campus – The majority of teaching and assessment is conducted on-campus

LOCATIONS

- McKoy Street Main Campus VIC

DURATION

Full-time: 18-24 months

DELIVERY SCHEDULE

Three days per week, 9am-4pm, with some additional self-directed learning.

FIELD PLACEMENT

Students must be a minimum of 18 years of age at the time of their first clinical placement. All students will undertake 400 hours of clinical placement when studying the Diploma of Nursing. Clinical placement is divided into blocks and students are required to attend from Monday to Friday as rostered (this involves shift work hours, for example 7am-3.30pm or 2pm-10.30pm and may also require some travel). For successful course completion, your 100% attendance is required at all rostered placements. The exact dates are arranged and timetabled into the program, but may change subject to clinical venue availability. The specific aims of the clinical placement are: to apply knowledge learned during your course in the workplace; to gain skills that are recognised by industry; to become familiar with employers’ expectations; to increase your employment options and employability skills; and to make contact with employers.

A current National Police Records Check and a valid Working with Children’s Check are required prior to placement.

Prior to placement students are required to have verification of their current immunisation status. If you do not have records of your immunisation status you will need to visit a medical practitioner to obtain written proof of protection against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, hepatitis B, tuberculosis (VIC), tuberculin (NSW) and polio. Annual influenza vaccine is not required but strongly recommended. As a full course of vaccinations may take several months to complete, you are advised to consult your doctor in advance of the commencement of your studies.
REQUIREMENTS

Students must be a minimum of 18 years of age at the time of their first clinical placement.

To be eligible to apply for entry into this course you must have completed a literacy and numeracy test demonstrating Level 3 (working at Level 4) for Reading and Numeracy and Level 2 (working at Level 3) for Writing, AND satisfy the minimum English language requirements necessary to register with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia upon completion of this course (see below for further details).

1. Primary language pathway: To be eligible to register with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, you must have evidence you have attended and satisfactorily completed at least six years of primary and secondary education taught and assessed in English including at least two years between Years 7 and 12.

2. Extended education pathway: If you were not educated in Australia, you must provide evidence you satisfactorily completed five (5) consecutive years of study in English; at least three years and six months (3 1/2 years) of full time equivalence study taught and assessed in English, in one of the recognised countries listed: New Zealand, South Africa, United States of America, Canada, Republic of Ireland, or United Kingdom; and completing the Diploma of Nursing at Wodonga TAFE provides the additional two (2) years of study to meet this requirement.

3. English language test pathway: If you were educated in a non-English speaking country, you will need to sit a Board-approved English language test and achieve the standard set by the Board (see further information available via link below). The test results will be accepted if they were obtained:
   (a) Within the two (2) years before the date you lodge your application for registration,
   (b) Or if more than two (2) years before the date you lodge your application for registration, you have been continuously enrolled in a Board-approved program of study.

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia site provides detailed information regarding English language registration standards, English Language skills evidence guide for Nurses and midwives and approved English language testing providers, http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards/English-language-skills.aspx

You must be able to provide evidence that you meet the above English language requirements prior to being offered a place in this program.

Literacy and Numeracy Test: Applicants will be assessed on literacy, numeracy, and English writing skills.

- Test registration must be completed via Eventbrite, https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wodonga-tafe-core-skills-profile-for-adults-cspa-acer-assessment-schedule-tickets-49078185173?aff=ebdssbdestsearch, and select from registration dates listed. All literacy and numeracy registrations must be completed by the applicant by 12pm on the business day prior to the test date via the registration page.
- Attendance is required strictly 15 minutes before start time in Room A116, Building A, Wodonga TAFE, 87 McKoy Street, Wodonga. All candidates must attend with their Photo ID and Booking Confirmation.
- Note: Completion of and passing the literacy and numeracy entry test does not guarantee a place in the Diploma of Nursing
course at Wodonga TAFE. Numbers are limited and selected applicants will be contacted to attend an interview. Applicants must gain an Exit Level 3 or higher for all components of the test to meet eligibility for selection into the course.

FEES
From 1 January 2019, Free TAFE for Priority Courses is a Victorian Government program that will pay your tuition fees to study in this selected course at Wodonga TAFE, if you’re eligible, subject to minimum numbers.
Government Funded $12,075.00 (Tuition $12,075.00, Materials $0.00)
Fee For Service $20,700.00 (Tuition $20,700.00, Materials $0.00)

FEES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Note: The student tuition fees published are indicative only and can be subject to change given individual circumstances at the time of enrolment. Funding made available to eligible individuals by State and Commonwealth Governments. If funding is utilised, this may affect opportunities to access additional funding in the future. For more information see ‘Fee information and eligibility’ under the ‘Apply Now’ tab on the Wodonga TAFE website. VET Student Loans may be available to eligible individuals. For more information, visit [https://www.education.gov.au/vet-student-loans](https://www.education.gov.au/vet-student-loans) or see the ‘VET Student Loans’ page on our website under the ‘Apply Now’ tab.

HOW TO APPLY
- We advise you to attend an information session regarding this course.
- Apply online via the ‘Apply online now’ button displayed in the course information.
- Register for a literacy and numeracy test via Eventbrite. Attend the literacy and numeracy test and obtain a required scores in all components; Literacy, Numeracy and English Writing Skills. You may bring a calculator - it must be a proper calculator, not a phone etc.
- Note that, in addition to the literacy and numeracy test results, your eligibility for an interview is also dependent on your CV that you must send through after you apply. You may be invited for a group interview at this stage. You will be notified of the outcome of your interview, and if successful you will be forwarded course-specific enrolment information and documentation.
- To finalise your enrolment, present your course-specific enrolment information and documentation to Wodonga TAFE’s Customer Service, Building A-Lower. Fees are payable at this time.

OTHER INFORMATION
This Diploma level course will require approximately 8-16 hours of self-directed learning per week.
PATHWAYS
Complete your Diploma with Wodonga TAFE and continue to your degree! This allows you to become an Enrolled Nurse at the end of your TAFE studies and start working in the industry; to then advance your skills and knowledge even further and enrol in a degree to become a Registered nurse. With your TAFE qualification and nursing registration you are able to work and gain experience while you study at university. Gain the best of both teaching styles and apply your real-world knowledge in day one of your new career!

WHEN YOU CAN ENROL
Applications for 2019 are now closed. Register your expression of interest to be notified when applications are open for our 2020 intake.