



DIPLOMA OF NURSING

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 the Requirements section below for further details).

You must provide evidence that you meet the 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
HLTWHS002 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
HLTWHS006 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, Wodonga Vic (Main campus)

DURATION

Full-time: 24 months

DELIVERY SCHEDULE

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

FIELD PLACEMENT

- All students will undertake 400 hours of clinical placement when studying the Diploma of Nursing.
**Note: Students must be a minimum of 18 years of age at the time of their first clinical placement.
**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

On receipt of your course application you will be emailed an 'Application Requirement Questionnaire' electronic form and you will be required to provide evidence of a Victorian Working With Children's Check (WWCC).

Please note: To be eligible to apply for entry into this course you must meet the following requirements.

English Language Standards

This course has program entry criteria set by the Australian Nursing & Midwifery Accreditation Council. Therefore students must demonstrate they have achieved the Nursing & Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) specified level of English language skills, prior to commencing the program.

You will be asked to complete documentation during the application process to identify how you will meet the English language requirements and provide evidence as required.

You MUST be able to demonstrate English language competency in one of the following areas:

1. Continuous Education Taught and Assessed Solely in English

- You have attended and satisfactorily completed at least 6 years of primary and secondary education taught and assessed solely in English in a recognised country, including at least 2 years between Years 7 and 12.
- You have completed at least 5 years (full time equivalent) vocational and secondary education taught and assessed in English no more than 3 years ago in a recognised country.
- You have completed at least 5 years (full time equivalent) tertiary and vocational education taught and assessed in English no more than 3 years ago in a recognised country.
- You have completed at least 5 years (full time equivalent) combined tertiary, secondary and vocational education taught and assessed in English no more than 3 years ago in a recognised country.
- You have completed at least 5 years (full time equivalent) tertiary education taught and assessed in English no more than 3 years ago in a recognised country.
(*Recognised countries: Australia, United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa or the United States of America.)

Please view the requirements for the English language requirements

<https://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/registration-standards/english-language-skills.aspx>

As part of the enrolment process you be required to complete a signed declaration that English is your primary language.

OR

2. English Language Test Completed: All test results must be less than 12 months old at the time of commencing your study; if you completed your test over two sittings, the date of the earliest test is used.

- The IELTS (academic module) with a minimum overall score of 7 and a minimum score of 7 in each of the four components (listening, reading, writing and speaking).
- The OET with a minimum score of B in each of the four components (listening, reading, writing and speaking).
- The PTE Academic with a minimum overall score of 65 and a minimum score of 65 in each of the four communicative skills (listening, reading, writing and speaking).
- The TOEFL iBT with a minimum total score of 94 and the following minimum score in each section of the test: 24 for listening, 24 for reading, 27 for writing, and 23 for speaking.

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 also be assessed on Literacy, Numeracy, and English Writing skills.

- Applicants must gain an Exit Level 3 or higher for all components of the test to meet eligibility for selection into the course, applicants will receive an email once their application has been received and assessed by our Customer Experience team.

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 \$12,412.00 (Tuition \$11,935.00, Materials \$477.00)

Fee For Service \$20,937.00 (Tuition \$20,460.00, Materials \$477.00)

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> or see the 'VET Student Loans' page on our website under the 'Apply Now' tab.

MATERIALS FEES

- Materials fees may apply for course enrolments.

HOW TO APPLY

- Apply online via the 'Apply Now' link in the course information. You will be asked to complete documentation during the application process to identify how you will meet the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia's (NMBA) English language requirements and provide evidence as required.
- Participate in a language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) assessment. To continue to the next stage, you need to achieve an English language, literacy and numeracy result of Exit Level 3 or above.
- Attend a face-to-face interview. At your interview you will need to provide evidence that you have satisfactorily completed the English language requirements within the last 5 years and sign a declaration to that effect.
- Await the outcome of your interview, you will be notified by our Customer Experience team if you have or have not been offered a place. Note: If an applicant is not accepted into their preferred course they will be contacted and provided information on alternate pathways and/or courses.

Please note: We reserve the right to close course intakes early. Many courses have limited places and high demand. Early applications are recommended. We reserve the right to cancel intakes and courses if there are insufficient student numbers.

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 have now closed for our March 2021 intake. Please register your details via the 'Enquire Now' button to be notified when future intakes are scheduled and applications open.