



Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice Cardiorespiratory and Renal specialties



Develop your nursing specialisation **online** with the University of Melbourne in partnership with your hospital.

With a growing demand for registered nurses to demonstrate advanced knowledge and clinical skills in a range of acute and clinical settings, the University of Melbourne has developed the Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice, with specialisations in cardiac and respiratory, or renal nursing.

Overview

Offered for the first time in January 2018, this course has been designed to provide registered nurses working in a variety of acute clinical settings, an opportunity to develop nursing specialty practice and enhance career progression.

Delivered online with a clinical component, this course will give you the opportunity to develop highly sought-after clinical knowledge and practice while being mentored in your area of specialty. You'll also be able to personalise your qualification to match your area of interest and clinical practice.

As a graduate of this course, you will be eligible for credit to transition into the on-campus Master of Advanced Nursing Practice.

Who should apply?

If you are a practicing registered nurse, with one or more years' experience, working a minimum of 24 hours a week, and you are committed to enhancing your practice and being recognised and rewarded for your commitment and expertise, this course is for you.

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As a student of this course you will:

- Develop advanced specialist knowledge and skills relevant to your role and area of clinical practice
- Learn and be mentored by nursing experts in the field
- Undertake workplace clinical assessment at your hospital
- Enhance your confidence in delivering high quality care
- Benefit from the flexibility of online learning

Course structure

To gain the Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice you must complete 3 core 12.5 subjects, and 2 core selective subjects from your chosen specialty.

Subjects:

Applied Pathophysiology (core)
Nursing Specialty 1 (core)
Nursing Practice 1 (core)

Nursing Specialty 2 - Cardiorespiratory (core selective)
Nursing Practice 2 - Cardiorespiratory (core selective)

Nursing Specialty 2 - Renal (core selective)
Nursing Practice 2 - Renal (core selective)

Learning outcomes:

On completion of this course you will have:

- An in-depth understanding of the scientific knowledge and evidence-based practice that underpins acute care nursing practice
- The clinical competency to demonstrate application of knowledge to practice in your chosen speciality
- The ability to apply critical thinking to complex clinical situations in the provision of specialty nursing care to individuals who are acutely ill and may have complex chronic diseases

- The ability to communicate and demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the theory underpinning specialist nursing practice
- Lifelong learning skills that facilitate knowledge and skill development as a specialty nurse and the ability to undertake continuing professional development in preparation for more advanced levels of nursing practice, including clinical leadership

Why study the Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice?

As a graduate of this course you will enhance your knowledge and confidence in delivering high quality care as well as being eligible for postgraduate qualification allowance.

How to apply?

To be eligible for this course, you must be nominated by your hospital to support you to undertake the clinical practice component of the course. Speak with your Education Manager or Clinical Nurse Educator to confirm that your hospital is willing to support your clinical supervision.

Key dates

For study commencing in Term 1, 2018, applications close 27th November. Orientation week commences 11th December with the teaching period starting 8th January, 2018. For additional term dates please visit our website.

Learn more

To learn more, visit our website, or contact our Student Support team on **+61 3 8344 0149** (9am to 5pm AEST Mon - Fri) or via email on **study-online@unimelb.edu.au**

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