

CHANGING COURSE

GO AHEAD AND CHANGE CAREERS — WE’LL RECOGNISE THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS YOU’VE ALREADY GAINED.

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY BACHELOR OF NURSING - GRADUATE ENTRY

COURSE AIMS

The course aims to provide students with the following attributes:

- A sound knowledge of the theory and practice of nursing.
- An understanding and appreciation of health and illness as it is influenced by a variety of political, social, psychological, economic, cultural, and biological factors.
- A broad range of clinical practice skills that can be used to provide care to individuals, families, and communities within the context of the promotion of health, the prevention of ill health, the management of ill health, and attempts to promote recovery from ill health.
- Comprehensive nursing skills that will lead to employment and beginning practice in a broad range of health care settings.
- An ability to practise independently, in an ethical and professional manner and, collaboratively in multidisciplinary settings.
- An ability to adapt to the changing needs of the health care industry, as well as the ability to take a leadership role in promoting institutional and social change in health care settings.
- Locate, evaluate, manage and use information technology effectively.

COURSE STRUCTURE

YEAR 1 — SEMESTER 1

- Nursing Practice 2: Acute Care
- Clinical Practicum 2: Acute Care

- Nursing Practice 3: Health and Illness in Older Adults
- Clinical Practicum 3: Health and Illness in Older Adults
- Human Bioscience 3
- Ethics and Legal Studies

SEMESTER 2

- Nursing Practice 4: Acute Care
- Clinical Practicum 4: Acute Care
- Nursing Practice 5: Mental Health and Illness
- Clinical Practicum 5: Mental Health and Illness
- Human Bioscience 4
- Nursing Therapeutics: Applied Medication Management

YEAR 2 — SEMESTER 1

- Nursing Practice 6: Health of the Community
- Clinical Practicum 6: Health of the Community
- Nursing Practice 7: Mental Health and Illness
- Clinical Practicum 7: Mental Health and Illness
- Nursing Practice 8: Child and Family Health
- Clinical Practicum 8: Child and Family Health

SEMESTER 2

- Transition to Professional Practice
- Research for Practice
- Nursing Practice 9: Elective
- Clinical Practicum 9: Elective



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS/PREREQUISITES

- Graduate of other degree program
- Satisfactory completion of recognised graduate study in introduction to nursing, human bioscience, and psychology.

All applicants must hold a current Level 1 First Aid Certificate. Applicants who do not meet this requirement may be offered a place in the course on the condition that they satisfactorily complete an appropriate short course prior to commencement.

Note: For students who have not completed the appropriate higher degree study, a bridging program (see information below) will be available prior to commencement of the course to enable them to meet this prerequisite. The program will be offered in January/February each year and will consist of the following subjects:

- Introduction to Nursing Studies
- Human Bioscience
- Psychology

COURSE LOCATION

St Albans

CLINICAL PLACEMENT

Applicants should note that they will be subject to safety screening (police checks) before placement, in accordance with Department of Human Services policy. Students may be asked to declare their immunisation status to satisfy the requirements of the hospitals / agencies at which they will be placed. All applicants must ensure that they are aware of the physical components and location requirements of the course.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Graduates of this course will be eligible for registration with the Nurses Board of Victoria. Graduates may also apply for membership with:

- Royal College of Nursing Australia
- Australian Nursing Federation
- New South Wales College of Nursing
- Australian and New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses

HOW TO APPLY

Apply through VTAC. The VTAC Guide is available from VTAC and most newsagents.

VTAC

40 Park Street,
South Melbourne, 3205
Telephone: (03) 9690 7977
WWW.VTAC.EDU.AU

Applicants may receive an Early Offer, conditional upon meeting the prerequisites.

There will be no Credits or Recognition for Prior Learning (RPL) in this course.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

For specific information relating to courses available and application procedures for International students (including English Language requirements), please access www.vu.edu.au/international or contact the International Branch via email at international@vu.edu.au or call the International Branch on 61 3 9919 1164.

INFORMATION

The Faculty Student Centre:

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