

## Faculty of Health Sciences

# NURSING AND MIDWIFERY – Frequently Asked Questions

### How do I apply for this course?

All applications are made online through the ([www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)). Applications open on the **1<sup>st</sup> August 2011 at 9:00 am**. Timely applications close on the **30<sup>th</sup> September, 5:00 pm 2011**. Late applications may be submitted up to the **9<sup>th</sup> December 5:00 pm 2011**. Applicants **MUST** check the 2012 VTAC Guide for specific requirements regarding applying for each of our Nursing courses.

To apply for the Bachelor of Nursing (Post Registration) you are required to fill out application form available at <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/students/enrolment/documents/admission-ug-coursework.pdf>

### If I am an International student, how should I apply for Bachelor of Nursing?

International applicants must contact La Trobe International (LTI) to obtain a copy of the International Prospectus and information about enrolling. Please contact LTI, Level 2, Peribolos East Building, La Trobe University Victoria 3086 Australia (+61 3) 9479-1199, E: [international@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:international@latrobe.edu.au). International applicants are also required to provide current evidence of English language proficiency (IELTS (*International English Language Testing System*) a minimum score of 7 overall, & 6.5 in any band).

### What were the ATAR cut off scores for 2011?

Bundoora Campus:	70.20
Bendigo Campus:	60.25
Wodonga Campus:	52.70
Mildura Campus:	52.60
Shepparton Campus:	62.35

### What are the prerequisites for the Bachelor of Nursing 2011?

VIC VCE – Units 3 & 4: study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or 25 in English (any).

NSW HSC – English Standard or English Advanced (Band 3) or English as a Second Language (Band 4).

### How many places are available each year (Melbourne)?

Bachelor of Nursing (Pre Registration):	Approx. 200
Bachelor of Nursing (Division 2 Conversion):	Approx. 50
Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry):	Approx. 40
Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery:	Approx. 60

### What campuses is this course being taught at?

Bachelor of Nursing (Pre Registration): AW; BE; ME; MI; SH  
 Bachelor of Nursing (Div 2 Conversion): AW; BE; ME; MI; SH  
 Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry): AW; BE; ME  
 Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery: ME

(**AW**-Albury/Wodonga; **BE**-Bendigo; **ME**-Bundoora; **MI**-Mildura; **SH**-Shepparton)

### If I am selected into the course at a regional campus am I able to transfer to Bundoora?

If you receive a place at a regional campus you must do the First Year at the designated campus and providing you meet the course criteria you can then apply to transfer.

### I am currently enrolled at La Trobe University, how do I apply for Bachelor of Nursing?

Current La Trobe University students need to submit an "Application for Course Transfer" form. Copies of these forms are available from the Student Administration Office or the Faculty of Health Sciences Reception (Bundoora campus). Further information on course transfers and associated forms can be located at <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/students/health/your-studies/course-transfer-information>. Applications for 2012 open early September 2011 and completed applications should be lodged at the Faculty of Health Sciences Reception (Bundoora campus) by Friday 2nd December 2011.

Students wishing to transfer from another Health Sciences First Year (FY) course are required to fill out a Supplementary form and are recommended to undertake NSG1ENC – Essential Nursing Care as their elective in semester 2. If successful in being offered a course transfer, this will enable them to transfer directly into second year.

### Is there a mid-year intake?

Due to the sequencing of subjects in the course structure we are unable to offer a mid-year intake.

### What is the duration of the courses?

Bachelor of Nursing (Pre Registration):	3 Years
Bachelor of Nursing (Division 2 Conversion):	2 Years
Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry):	2 Years
Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery:	4 Years

### How many contact hours are in the course?

Year 1: Theoretical Hours: 328	Clinical Hours: 65
Year 2: Theoretical Hours: 257	Clinical Hours: 360
Year 3: Theoretical Hours: 180	Clinical Hours: 440
<b>TOTAL: Theoretical Hours: 771</b>	<b>Clinical Hours: 865</b>

Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry) and Bachelor of Nursing (Division 2 Conversion) students commence in Year 2. Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery students have additional Midwifery specific clinical and theoretical hours.

### How does the clinical school model work?

Students are based at the Austin, Alfred, Northern or Royal Melbourne Clinical School. Theory is conducted the Clinical School and clinical placement within the clinical school network. It is expected that students will commence their studies within the clinical school network in semester 2 of their second year as of 2012.

Our clinical school partnerships for **Nursing** are Austin, Alfred, Northern, Royal Melbourne, Maroondah, St Vincent's, Epworth, Box Hill and associated networks (i.e. BECC for Northern and Repatriation for Austin). Our clinical school partnerships for **Midwifery** are Mercy, Royal Women's, Frances Perry, St Vincent's & Mercy Private.

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### What documents are needed for Clinical Placement?

Police check, Working with Children, Senior First Aid Certificate/ Workplace level 2, Immunisation Declaration Form  
Nursing Uniform, Name Badge

### What are my employment opportunities?

100% of students get accepted to undertake a graduate year. There are additional opportunities within community organisations, the defence force and registration with overseas nursing boards (NB:- *each country has different requirements for registration. If you are planning on seeking registration in another country, the onus is on you to check the requirements for that country.*) There are numerous postgraduate studies available.

### What is the starting salary?

Approximately \$50,000 (with penalties)

### What are the pathway options?

Potential applicants can undertake a Certificate IV or Diploma in Health (Nursing) and, upon completion and registration as an Enrolled Nurse with the Nursing & Midwifery Board of Australia, can apply for our Bachelor of Nursing (Division 2 Conversion).

Applicants with an Australian Bachelors degree OR an overseas qualification deemed to be equivalent are eligible to apply for our Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry).

Current La Trobe University students are eligible to apply for a Course Transfer. More information about internal course transfer can be found at <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/students/health>

### I completed my degree more than 5 years ago am I still eligible to apply for the Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry)?

There is no requirement for students applying for the Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry) to have completed their degree within the last 5 years. Selection is done based on your Grade Point Average (GPA). Evidence of having completed a Bachelors degree and transcripts must be provided with your VTAC application.

### I got my Bachelors degree in another country, am I still eligible to apply for the Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry)?

Applicants **MUST** hold a relevant Bachelors degree OR overseas qualification deemed to be equivalent by NOOSR. NOOSR equivalency is done by the selection officer during the selection process. Applicants are no longer required to provide an equivalency certificate.

### I am an Enrolled Nurse or Certificate IV/Diploma of Health (Nursing) student. Are there additional requirements if I want to apply for the Bachelor of Nursing (Division 2 Conversion)?

Bundoora applicants **MUST** sit an entrance examination run by the School of Nursing and Midwifery. There are three examination dates, 2 in October and 1 in December. Applicants can register from 1<sup>st</sup> August. Further information and links to the entrance exam registration page can be found at <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/health/study/pathways/application-requirements/division-2-enrolled-nurse-conversion>

### Are there additional requirements if I am successful in being made an offer into the Bachelor of Nursing (Division 2 Conversion) or Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry)?

Students accepted into both the Bachelor of Nursing (Division 2 Conversion) and the Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry) are required to undertake and successfully complete a Bridging Course in Anatomy & Physiology and a Cornerstone Transition Program prior to commencing their first semester of studies.

Further information regarding dates and costs associated with the Bridging Course in Anatomy & Physiology can be found at <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/health/areas-of-study/human-biosciences/anatomy-and-physiology>.

The Cornerstone Transition Program in 2012 commences on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012 and runs for 2 weeks.

### Can I apply for credit for prior study?

After enrolment, a student may submit an Application for Advanced Standing. Prior study must **EXACTLY** match units within our curriculum in order to be granted. Students must supply supporting documents such as clinical books and unit guides.

Students that have completed a large proportion of a nursing degree at an alternative institution are unlikely to get full credit for their prior study and may still be required to undertake units from first year onwards.

Division 2 Conversion students do not get any further credit for having completed additional studies such as Medication Endorsement.

### Are there overseas study opportunities?

Nursing & Midwifery student are eligible to go apply for exchange at the following partnership universities:

Denmark – Metropolitan University College (MUC) (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> year students)  
Sweden – Malmo University (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> year students)  
Finland – Laurea University of Applied Sciences (in progress) (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> year students)  
Canada – University of Windsor (in progress) (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> year students)  
Singapore – Nanyan Polytechnic (Cultural Exchange for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> year students)

### Are there any additional costs?

Text books, Uniform - Shirt (approx \$50 per shirt) – can wear own navy trousers/skirts, etc. with black shoes, name badge (approx \$9), FOB watch (\$30), stethoscope (\$99), health assessment Kit (\$57). Travel to clinical schools. Immunisations (approx \$250-470), Level 2 First Aid (A\$160), Police check (A\$15)

### Is Nursing at La Trobe University available via online or distance education?

No. The Bachelor of Nursing courses are only available by face to face.