

Master of Nursing (Emergency Care)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the difference between a graduate certificate, postgraduate diploma and Masters?

The certificate provides students with the opportunity to develop the specialist knowledge and skills required to deliver nursing care in the emergency department environment.

The diploma is designed to encourage a broader study of emergency nursing and prepare students for higher degree studies.

The Masters program aims to broaden and deepen the theoretical knowledge of intensive care and provides the opportunity for students to develop knowledge and skills in research and equips them to undertake higher degrees by research.

2. Do I have to be currently working as a division 1 nurse?

Yes. You have to be registered as a Division 1 nurse.

3. Can I do my clinical at any hospital?

You have to be employed in a hospital affiliated with La Trobe University when the course commences. These currently include The Alfred and Sandringham Hospitals.

4. How many days do I have to do clinical and how many days in tutes?

The minimum requirement for clinical is 140 hours of clinical learning time per unit in the certificate. There may be additional requirements of the particular hospital at which you are employed but that would be organised between you and your employer. This is in addition to the study days.

5. Are the lectures/ tutorials in blocks?

No. Lectures are currently held on one study day every Wednesday during semester at The Alfred Hospital.

6. Is it a paid model and supernumary?

You will not be supernumary during the course and will be paid according to your employment contract with your employer. However you may be eligible for study leave, which is negotiated between you and your employer.

7. Scholarships

Scholarships for postgraduate study are offered annually by the DHS. For more information:

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/nursing/furthering/postgrad>

Some hospitals also offer scholarships for postgraduate studies. You would need to contact your employer about applying for these.

8. Admission requirements

You must be registered as a Division 1 nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia and:

- Have at least one year of recent relevant nursing experience.
- Hold a degree or diploma from a college or university or a nursing certificate from a hospital-based program.
- Be employed at an affiliated hospital (see Q3)

9. Do I have to be a staff member at The Alfred or Austin Health?

No. We currently accept students employed at either The Alfred or Sandringham Hospitals.

10. Do you have Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP)?

Unfortunately no CSP places are available for the course in 2011. CSP allocations for 2012 have not been determined yet and will not be known until November 2011. Information about current course fees can be found at: <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/students/fees/course/>

11. How do I apply?

You can apply by completing an application form available from:

<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/courses/nursing/postgraduate> and submitting it together with supporting documentation to the Bundoora Campus of the School of Nursing and Midwifery.

12. How much does the course cost?

In 2012 there are likely to be only full fee paying places available for the course. Approximate cost is \$2,522 per 20 credit point subject. Eligible students can also borrow funds to pay full fees through FEE-HELP.

13. I have further questions – where can I get help?

You can contact the course coordinator – Jackie Williams - at:

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