

Nursing and Midwifery

Initial Registration for Overseas Nurses (IRON)

Campus: Bendigo

Course Length: 13 Weeks

Fees: Total course fee – AUD\$9,850.

Please note: The University reserves the right to vary fees on an annual basis. Fees will not normally rise above 7% per annum. Should the University decide to increase its fees, that increase will take effect on 1 January of the following year. Please also see the University's refund Policy which can be viewed online at: www.latrobe.edu.au/international/apply

Nursing at La Trobe University

The Division of Nursing and Midwifery has a long and respected history as Australia's oldest provider of tertiary education for Nurses. The Division offers both undergraduate and postgraduate award courses and a variety of short courses for clinicians in practice. All of these courses are developed by academic and clinical experts to ensure they are theoretically sound and clinically relevant and meet best practice standards.

More information about Nursing at La Trobe University is available at www.latrobe.edu.au/nursing

Professional Recognition

The IRON course will allow suitably qualified internationally registered nurses to undertake a short, non-award course, necessary to register and work as a Division 1 Nurse in Victoria, Australia.

Benefits of the IRON Course at La Trobe University

Participants who successfully complete the IRON course will attain the necessary competencies defined by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council (ANMC) National Competency Standards for registration as Division 1 Registered Nurses by the Nurses Board of Victoria, Australia. The course addresses:

- Contemporary thinking and research about current best practice and evidence based health care and nursing practice;
- Health care in the Australian context;
- Interpersonal communication and teamwork with patients, other nurses and interdisciplinary health care staff;
- Nursing knowledge and skills required for the provision of person-centred care and health outcomes; and
- Roles and responsibilities expected of a Division 1 Registered Nurse in Victoria inclusive of areas around patient care, interdisciplinary practice and risk management.

Careers

Nursing as a career can provide endless opportunities both abroad and within Australia. In Australia nurses work in general and specialist hospitals, community health centres, mental health, extended care facilities, defence forces, schools and services for intellectually disabled.

Entry Requirements

Candidates must:

- a. Be qualified and currently registered as a nurse in a country other than Australia,
- b. Apply to the Nurses Board of Victoria (NBV) for approval to undertake the course (www.nbv.org.au/web/guest/home),
- c. Provide a letter from the NBV stating that they will be eligible for registration upon satisfactory completion of the course, and
- d. Provide evidence of English Language Competency which meets NBV requirements as of 1 July 2009 (www.nbv.org.au). Candidates must achieve a score of at least 7.0 in all four components of the IELTS which includes reading, listening, writing and speaking; with an overall band of at least 7.0.

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Course structure

The IRON course consists of a minimum 80 hours of directed learning and up to 400* hours of supervised clinical placement. The course will be undertaken in a predominantly full-time mode over 13 weeks. The clinical component of the course will be undertaken with five 8-hour shifts per week for the duration of clinical placements to a maximum of 400 hours.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Early exit option commencement point	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
30 hours theory	30 hours theory	40 hours Non Acute Clinical Placement	20 hours theory	40 hours	40 hours	40 hours	40 hours		Acute Care Clinical Placement Compulsorily 200 hour in total	40 hours	40 hours	40 hours	40 hours
										Acute Care Clinical Placement (Students may exit at any point after 200 hours of clinical practice and once ANMC competencies have been met)			

The course consists of twelve (12) modules.

- Module 1: Introduction and Academic Skills
- Module 2: Health and Illness – The Australian Health Care System
- Module 3: Law and Ethics of Health Care in Australia
- Module 4: Professional Practice in Australia – Risk Management
- Module 5: Nursing practice in Australia – The Clinical Reasoning Process
- Module 6: Nursing Practice in Australia – The Mental Health Perspective
- Module 7: Medication Management – Delegation, administration responsibilities and accountability of the Registered Nurse Division I in Australia
- Module 8: Nursing Practice in Australia – Vulnerable Groups
- Module 9: Communicating in the Australian Health Care Environment
- Module 10: Peri-operative (procedural) care in Australia
- Module 11: Patient Care (Testing, Fluids and Electrolyte Balance)
- Module 12: The nurse's role in Australia: A summary

Intake Details

Intake ^	Month and Year	Commencement date	Early exit option date (from)	Full course end date
1	January 2010	04/01/10	26/02/10	02/04/10
2	June 2010	21/06/10	20/08/10	24/09/10

^ Subject to enrolment numbers and clinical placement availability.

Clinical Placement

La Trobe University Bendigo Campus has agreement from a number of regional clinical venues to facilitate IRON students in supernumerary clinical placement. The primary venues for clinical placement will be Bendigo Health and St John of God Hospital, both of which are located in Bendigo. However, prospective students should note some clinical placements may be in other agencies outside Bendigo.

Bendigo Campus:

La Trobe University's Bendigo campus is the University's second largest campus, situated on 33 hectares of natural Australian bushland adjacent to the Bendigo National Park, just 3km from the centre of Bendigo. Bendigo (150km north-west of Melbourne) is a progressive and vibrant regional Victorian city

and there are more than 4,000 local and international students studying at this campus. The student community is strong and inclusive and the Bendigo campus offers a stimulating and secure learning, teaching and research environment, with excellent facilities.

How to Apply:

International student should contact La Trobe international or visit the below website for information about application procedures, any further information, and study opportunities at La Trobe University:

- La Trobe International
- T** (+61 3) 9627 4805 or 1800 619 768 (within Australia)
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- W** www.latrobe.edu.au/international