

Nursing and Midwifery

Master of Nursing (Acute Care)



This course provides students with the in-depth knowledge and skills required to practise in contemporary acute care nursing practice. The course offers students a strong evidence base, supported by appropriate clinical skill development, along with the necessary life-long learning skills.

The specialty units within the course enable the student to undertake focused and advanced clinical studies in acute care nursing. Students will be expected to undertake supervised and assessed clinical practice.

Program Structure

The Masters program is a 180 credit point program with exit options available at either the Graduate Certificate or the Postgraduate Diploma level.

Students wishing to complete the Masters program are required to complete 60 credit points at level 4 (Certificate/Diploma level subjects) and 120 credit points at level 5 (Master level subjects).

Graduate Certificate (60 Credit Points)

Students are required to complete the Comprehensive Health Assessment subject and two speciality subjects in order to exit with a Graduate Certificate qualification.

Postgraduate Diploma (120 Credit Points)

The postgraduate diploma program requires students to complete the certificate subjects and an additional 60 credit points which would normally include the Clinical Audit subject and two elective subjects in their chosen area.

Masters (180 Credit Points)

At the Masters level, students can choose to complete the final 60 credit points from one of the following options:

- Clinical project
- Minor thesis
- Speciality subjects in their chosen area.

Please refer to our website for an updated list of available subjects. www.latrobe.edu.au/nursing/ProspectiveStudents/

**If you would like to vary from the recommended structure above, please discuss with the Postgraduate Course Coordinator.*

Entry Requirements

- Hold current Division 1 Nurse Registration with NBV or equivalent
- Have at least one year of recent relevant nursing experience
- Must be employed by an agency approved by the Course Coordinator

Students must apply to the hospital for their clinical placement at the same time they apply for the course.

Duration

The Graduate Certificate program (3 subjects) may be taken over one year part-time.

The Postgraduate Diploma program (6 subjects) may be taken over one year full-time or the part-time equivalent.

The Master program (9 subjects) may be taken over one and half years full-time or the part-time equivalent.

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Delivery Mode

This course can be undertaken via face-to-face teaching mode or distance education.

At the Diploma and Master's level, elective subjects are offered in a variety of delivery modes such as face-to-face, on-line or independent study.

Some online subjects may require Internet access with broadband speed.

Industry Credit

The Division of Nursing and Midwifery have arrangements in place with Austin Health, The Alfred Hospital, Box Hill Hospital, Southern Health, Bendigo Health, Werribee Health and South West Health Care whereby certain programs undertaken at these health care organisations may attract credit towards some of the postgraduate courses offered within the Division of Nursing and Midwifery. (Please check with your agency for more details.)

Tuition Fees

The cost of this course can be found at www.latrobe.edu.au/nursing/ProspectiveStudents

Fee-paying places and a limited number of Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) are available. Australian citizens are eligible to defer tuition fees by using the HECS-Help or FEE-Help loan schemes. Further information on HECS-Help and FEE-Help can be found at www.goingtouni.gov.au

To find out the advantages of a fee-paying place please refer to our Tax Benefits brochure.

The Division

The Division is one of the four divisions in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

The Division of Nursing and Midwifery's origins as a provider of high level nursing education extend back to 1948 as the College of Nursing, Australia. We therefore have a long and well regarded history as Australia's oldest tertiary Division of Nursing.

Our extensive history has enabled the Division to develop a wide range of national and international links with leading healthcare organisations. This has fostered a tradition of innovation, excellence and dynamism in nursing and midwifery research and education.

La Trobe University

Established in 1964, La Trobe University is one of Australia's largest, most respected and fastest growing universities. La Trobe has earned a reputation for excellence in teaching and research. Its programs and courses are recognised by international accreditation authorities, and held in high regard by overseas companies and educators.

Further Information and How to Apply

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