

Nursing and Midwifery

Master of Nursing (Cardiac Care)

This program is designed to develop the nurse's theoretical knowledge and practical skills in caring for patients with cardiac disease; from coronary artery disease and acute myocardial infarction to ventricular assist devices and heart transplantation. As well as examining the pathophysiology of cardiac diseases, the psychosocial, ethical and rehabilitative aspects will be explored.

Speakers include specialist nursing and medical clinicians and there will be practical skills workshops for the technological aspects of cardiac nursing such as ECG interpretation and intra-aortic balloon pumps. There is a minimum clinical requirement, with study days for the Certificate held at the Alfred Hospital location.

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 (Masters 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 Registration with NBV or equivalent
- 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 Masters program (9 subjects) may be taken over one and half years full-time or the part-time equivalent.

Delivery Mode

This program is offered at The Alfred Hospital with some subjects available via distance education, which caters for people who may be working, living interstate or who may not be in a position to attend classes during normal working hours.

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At the Diploma and Master's level, elective units of study 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.

Tuition Fees

The cost of this program 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.

Scholarship Information

Every year, the Department of Human Services (DHS) Nurse Policy Branch may offer scholarships for postgraduate nursing students. If you are interested in a scholarship we recommend you consult the DHS postgraduate scholarships website – www.health.vic.gov.au/nursing/furthering/postgrad.htm or ring the Nurse Policy Branch on 1300 662 685 for more information.

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

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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