

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**Breast Care Nursing**

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

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

2. What is the difference between the Graduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and the Masters?

The Graduate Certificate provides students with the opportunity to develop the specialist knowledge and skills required to deliver nursing care in the cancer/palliative Care environment.

The Postgraduate Diploma is designed to encourage a broader study of cancer/palliative care nursing and prepare students for higher degree studies.

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

3. Can I do my clinical at any hospital?

There is no clinical component as part of this course. It is a distance education course.

4. Scholarships?

Scholarships for postgraduate study are offered annually by DHS. For more information: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/nursing/furthering/postgrad>

Some scholarships are available through ANF, RCNA and CNSA. Check websites for details.

5. Admission requirements?

Registered as a Div 1 nurse with the Nurses Board of Victoria/similar registration in another state/territory.

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.

Employed in an area of breast care nursing.

<p>6. Do you have Commonwealth Supported places available?</p> <p>7. Is Advanced Standing available</p> <p>8. How do I apply?</p> <p>9. How much does the course cost?</p> <p>10. I have further questions – where can I get help?</p>	<p>Yes. There are a limited number of CSP places. More information can be found at: http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/fees.html</p> <p>Advanced standing may be applicable and needs to be negotiated with the Course Co-ordinator.</p> <p>You can apply by completing an application form together with supporting documentations and submitting it to the Bundoora Campus of the Division of Nursing and Midwifery.</p> <p>http://www.latrobe.edu.au/nursing/ProspectiveStudents/Postgraduate2009/index.php?p=1.1.6.4</p> <p>In 2010 there will be both CSP (Commonwealth Supported Place) subsidised by the Commonwealth Government and Full Fee (students pay the full cost of the course) places available. Eligible students can also borrow funds to pay full fees (through FEE-HELP) or their CSP contribution (through HECS-HELP)</p> <p>You can contact the course coordinator:</p> <p>Liz Pascoe Phone (03) 9496 4465 Email: e.pascoe@latrobe.edu.au</p>
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