

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS****Cancer/Palliative Care**

1. Do I have to be currently working as a Division 1 nurse?
2. What is the difference between the Graduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and Masters?
3. Can I do my clinical at any hospital?
4. Do I organise my own clinical?
5. How many days do I have to do in clinical and how many days in tutorials?
6. Scholarships?

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

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.

Yes with the proviso that you are working on a cancer or palliative care ward. For students who work in hospitals e.g. rural areas that have no cancer unit but where cancer patients are nursed, negotiation with the stream coordinator is required.

You will do your clinical in the area you are working in.

Students must work a minimum of 3 days/week in order to meet the clinical criteria. There are no tutorials.

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.

<p>7. Admission requirements?</p> <p>8. Do I have to be a staff member at a particular hospital?</p> <p>9. Do you have Commonwealth Supported Places available?</p> <p>10. Is there Institutional credit available?</p> <p>Is Advanced Standing available?</p> <p>11. How do I apply?</p> <p>12. How much does the course cost?</p> <p>13. I have further questions - where can I get help?</p>	<p>Registered as a Division 1 nurse with the Nurses Board of Victoria/similar registration in another state/territory.</p> <p>Have at least one year of recent relevant nursing experience.</p> <p>Hold a degree or diploma from a college or university or a nursing certificate from a hospital based-program.</p> <p>Employed in the cancer/palliative care area.</p> <p>No. We currently accept students who work at any hospital providing they work in the cancer or palliative care area.</p> <p>Yes. There are a limited number of CSP places. More information can be found at: <a href="http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/fees.html">http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/fees.html</a></p> <p>Institution/Industry credit is applicable to selected hospitals.</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. <a href="http://www.latrobe.edu.au/nursing/ProspectiveStudents/Postgraduate2009/index.php?p=1.1.6.4">http://www.latrobe.edu.au/nursing/ProspectiveStudents/Postgraduate2009/index.php?p=1.1.6.4</a></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: <a href="mailto:e.pascoe@latrobe.edu.au">e.pascoe@latrobe.edu.au</a></p>
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