

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Cardiac Care Nursing

<p>1. What is the difference between a certificate, postgraduate diploma and masters?</p>	<p>The certificate provides students with the opportunity to develop the specialist knowledge and skills required to deliver nursing care in the cardiac care environment.</p> <p>The diploma is designed to encourage a broader study of cardiac care nursing and prepare students for higher degree studies.</p> <p>The Masters program aims to broaden and deepen the theoretical knowledge of intensive care and provides the opportunity for students to develop knowledge and skills in research and equips them to undertake higher degrees by research.</p>
<p>2. Do I have to be currently working as a Division 1 nurse?</p>	<p>Yes. You have to be registered as a Division 1 nurse.</p>
<p>3. Can I do my clinical at any hospital?</p>	<p>You have to be employed in a hospital affiliated with La Trobe University when the course commences. These include The Alfred, Western Hospital, Austin Hospital, and Box Hill Hospital.</p>
<p>4. How many days do I have to do clinical and how many days in tutes?</p>	<p>The minimum requirement for clinical is 140 hours of clinical learning time per unit in the certificate.</p> <p>There may be additional requirements of the particular hospital at which you are employed but that would be organised between you and your employer.</p>
<p>5. Are the lectures in blocks?</p>	<p>No. Lectures are currently held on a study days, currently every Wednesday during the semester.</p>
<p>6. Is it a paid model or supernumary?</p>	<p>You will not be supernumery during the course and will be paid according to your employment contract with your employer. Any study leave, annual leave etc. will need to be negotiated with your employer.</p>
<p>7. Scholarships</p>	<p>Scholarships for postgraduate study are offered annually by the DHS. http://www.health.vic.gov.au/nursing/furthering/postgrad Some hospitals offer scholarships, you would need to contact your employer about applying for these.</p>

<p>8. What are the admission requirements?</p>	<p>Registered as a Division 1 nurse with the Nurses Board of Victoria.</p> <p>Have at least one year of recent relevant nursing experience.</p> <p>Normally hold a degree or diploma from a college or university Applications are also accepted from nurses who hold a nursing certificate from a hospital-based program</p>
<p>9. Do you have CSP (Commonwealth Supported Places)?</p>	<p>Yes. There are a limited number of CSP places. For information please visit: http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/fees.html</p>
<p>10. Institutional credit?</p>	<p>Yes. Institutional credit can be offered to students who have completed courses with approved institutional credit at their local hospital.</p>
<p>11. How do I apply?</p>	<p>You can apply by completing an application form together with supporting documentation and submitting it 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>12. How much does the course cost?</p>	<p>In 2009 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. In 2008 for a full fee paying student, one unit of 20 credit points cost \$2040 Eligible students can also borrow funds to pay full fees (through FEE-HELP) or their CSP contribution (through HECS-HELP)</p>
<p>13. I have further questions – where can I get help?</p>	<p>You can contact the course coordinator – Yvonne Cristiano as follows:</p> <p>Phone: (03) 9076 5021 Email: y.cristiano@latrobe.edu.au</p>