The Bachelor of Nursing is an innovative and contemporary course designed to produce a graduate with the ability to function competently within a dynamic field of professional practice. The course is underpinned by a philosophy of person-centred and holistic care, and focuses on professional nursing practice and theory.

Students are prepared for practice through a combination of on-campus theory and the latest simulation activities, as well as supported clinical practice in a variety of health care settings. This clinical practicum forms an integral component of the degree, and students are exposed to nursing practice early within the course. The range of clinical placements offered within the curriculum reflects the diverse roles of nursing today.

Prior to undertaking clinical placement in a health service/agency during the course, students must complete a National Police Records Check and be prepared to declare their health and immunisation status.

Student must successfully complete 144 credit points comprising 24 core subjects and one elective.

Subjects are organised into three themes of study – Nursing Theory and Concepts, Integrated Clinical Practice and Professional Perspectives.

Semester 1
- Nursing 1 – The Individual and Community
- Bioscience 1 – Foundations of Anatomy and Physiology
- Integrated Clinical Practice 1
- Professional Studies 1 – The Health Context and Nursing Profession

Semester 2
- Nursing 2 – Foundations of Care
- Bioscience 2 – Foundation Studies in Human Anatomy, Physiology and Pharmacology
- Integrated Clinical Practice 2
- Professional Studies 2 – Law and Ethics

Semester 3
- Nursing 3 – Clinical Care A
- Nursing 4 – Family-centred Care
- Bioscience 3 – Mechanisms of Health Breakdown
- Integrated Clinical Practice 3
- Professional Studies 3 – Evidence-based Practice

Semester 4
- Nursing 5 – Clinical Care B
- Nursing 6 – Mental Health
- Integrated Clinical Practice 4
- Professional Studies 4 – Research in Nursing

Semester 5
- Nursing 7 – High Dependency and Emergency
- Nursing 8 – Aged Care
- Integrated Clinical Practice 5
- Professional Studies 5 – Cultural Diversity and Indigenous Health

Semester 6
- Nursing 9 – Rehabilitation and Community Care
- Nursing 10 – Elective
- Integrated Clinical Practice 6
- Professional Studies 6 – Readiness for Practice

The degree has been fully accredited by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority. Students who successfully complete the degree are eligible to apply to the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) for registration as a Registered Nurse.

Applicants for registration will need to provide the NMBA with documentary evidence that their secondary education and nursing education were completed in Australia. If secondary education was not completed in Australia, applicants will need to complete the IELTS examination with a minimum score of 7.0 in each of the four components or an overall pass in the OET with grades A or B only in each of the four components.

Students who wish to register as nurses in Australia upon successful completion of their course, should keep up to date with requirements set by the NMBA.

Successful completion of Year 12/Matriculation with credit passes – including a credit in mathematics
- English language proficiency of IELTS 6.5 (Academic) with three bandscores no less than 6.5 and one bandscore no less than 6.0.
- A background in a relevant Health Science or closely related area is recommended.

Graduates of the Bachelor of Nursing will be well prepared academically to undertake post-graduate study in nursing and related fields of interest.

3 years full time

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