



Critical Care Nursing

The knowledge and experience of nurses are pivotal when it comes to caring for seriously ill patients and their families. Studying critical care nursing at the University of Melbourne will develop your clinical problem-solving skills and expertise in this specialist area, including emergency and intensive care.

Work-integrated learning model



Designed by leading clinical experts



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Why study critical care nursing?

Our suite of courses includes the Critical Care Nursing (Intensive Care) and the Specialist Certificate in Critical Care Nursing. Both qualifications prepare you to work in a critical care environment by enhancing your knowledge and skills in high-pressure situations. You will develop the specialised knowledge needed to provide evidence-based care to patients with acute and complex illnesses or injuries.

The Specialist Certificate and the Graduate Certificate courses are delivered online, and will enhance your ability to understand and implement nursing interventions in the context of critical care.

These courses will advance your knowledge, understanding and clinical practice and you will gain skills that are highly sought after across high dependency units, intensive care units, emergency departments and retrieval services.

Why study at Melbourne?

Our teaching model for nursing specialty graduate certificates is unique to the University of Melbourne. In a work-integrated learning framework, you will undertake online study and face-to-face classes, as well as clinical supervision in your own hospital environment.

This model is designed to maximise your learning, clinically and theoretically.

What will you learn?

At the completion of either of the certificate courses you will have learnt to:

- » Identify and provide solutions to complex patient-related problems
- » Make judgements in a range of clinical, technical or care management functions.

“The opportunities for discovery, exploration and application in this online course at one of Australia’s premiere universities, coupled with real-life clinical practice with experts in their field, makes this course an amazingly creative and interactive learning experience.”



Nick Bridge,
Course Coordinator,
Critical Care Nursing

Who are these courses for?

Our courses are designed to be flexible, to suit the needs of currently practising nurses. As an applicant, you must be a registered nurse. If applying for the Graduate Certificate, you must have the support of your employing hospital, which must be equipped to support you to complete your studies.

Entry requirements

To apply for the Critical Care Nursing courses, applicants are required to have:

- » Completed a Bachelor of Nursing or equivalent
- » Documented evidence of clinical practice within the preceding five years from the time of application
- » Nomination by your hospital to support you in undertaking the clinical component of the course
- » Current unrestricted registration as a Division 1 Registered Nurse with AHPRA or equivalent registration with an international health practitioner regulation agency.

Meeting these requirements does not guarantee selection. In ranking applications, the Selection Committee will consider:

- » Prior academic performance
- » Area of speciality practice and clinical experience
- » The University’s English language requirements (equivalent to Academic Board performance band 6.5).

Fees and course structure

Course	Structure	Duration	Fees
Specialist Certificate in Critical Care Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » One core prerequisite subject » One core subject 	6 months part-time	AU\$5,472
Critical Care Nursing (Intensive Care)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » One core prerequisite subject » Two core subjects » Three specialisation subjects. 	1 year part-time	AU\$10,944

Key dates

Term	Intake
Summer	December
Winter	June

Need more information?

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