



Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing Practice

Extend your nursing knowledge and develop a depth and complexity that enhances your mental health nursing practice in a variety of contexts. Developed specifically for online learning, the Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing Practice has been created using the National Framework for Postgraduate Mental Health Nursing Education developed by the Australian College of Mental Health Nursing.

Why choose the Graduate Diploma in Nursing Practice?

The Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing Practice has been designed collaboratively and with the guidance of a strategic reference group representing consumers, carers, industry leaders and government bodies. This is the only course in Australia to feature a postgraduate subject developed and delivered by a Consumer Academic.

Delivered online, this unique course gives students the opportunity to focus on specialities in aged mental health, first episode psychosis, child or youth mental health, or acute/adult mental health nursing. It is relevant to current practice and prepares you for a fulfilling career as a specialist mental health nurse.

What will You learn?

Upon completion of the course, graduates will:

- » Appreciate from a consumer perspective how to apply theoretical, critical and practical knowledge and understand the implications of providing care
- » Employ specialist nursing knowledge and skills to conduct comprehensive mental health assessment and develop a meaningful formulation
- » Exercise enhanced clinical judgment, decision-making and insight into specialist mental health nursing in pursuit of optimal outcomes for the person and family

100% Online



Flexible, Part-time



Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) Available

- » Interrogate the concepts of risk and safety from a person-centred care perspective which considers social protections and the legal, moral and ethical principles to balance risk in recovery
- » Apply scientific judgement and contemporary evidence from a range of sources (consumer-reported, clinician-observed and research-driven) to underpin the use of therapies, management of medication regimes and application of frameworks which inform mental health nursing care.

“The Department of Nursing at the Melbourne School of Health Sciences has prioritised the development of mental health nursing curriculum to support workforce demands and lead postgraduate mental health nursing. We have strong links with health services and are committed to preparing nurses for specialist nursing practice. Mental Health nurses play an important role in providing care for consumers and support families in recovery.”



Associate Professor Marie Gertz,
Head of Department of Nursing.

Course structure

Students enrolled in the Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing Practice have the opportunity to progress into the Master of Advanced Nursing Practice midway through the graduate diploma (pending academic results).

Registered nurses who have completed a recognised mental health graduate year credentialed by the University or have previously completed the Master of Nursing Science (University of Melbourne), can apply for advanced standing of up to 25 credit points.

Entry requirements

To apply for this course, applications are required to have:

- » Bachelor of Nursing (or equivalent training)
- » Current unrestricted registration with AHPRA
- » Current employment and clinical support in a mental health specialty area; and
- » Satisfy the University's English language requirements (equivalent to Academic Board performance band 6.5).

In ranking applications, the Selection Committee will consider:

- » Prior academic performance
- » Area of specialty practice and clinical experience

Key dates

Term	Intake
Term 1	December
Term 3	June

2021 Fees and course structure

Core subjects	Elective Subjects	Duration	Fee
<p>Seven core subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Specialist Mental Health Nursing » Assessment in Mental Health Nursing » Psychopharmacology » Consumer Perspective: Theory & Practice » Advanced Therapeutic Skills » Mental Health Nursing Practice 1 » Mental Health Nursing Practice 2 » Evidence in Practice 	<p>Choose one elective subject:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Clinical Teaching and Preceptorship » Child and Family Health » Health Assessment for Advanced Practice¹ » Advanced Nursing Practice in Context » Applied Pathophysiology » Advanced Trauma Perspectives » Suicide Prevention » Domestic and Family Violence 	1 year full-time; or 2 years part-time	\$21,888

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