



# Acute and Complex Care

With a growing demand for Registered Nurses to demonstrate advanced knowledge and clinical skills in a range of acute and clinical settings, the University of Melbourne has developed the Specialist and Graduate Certificates in Nursing Practice (Acute and Complex Care), featuring specialisations in cardiorespiratory or renal nursing.

Work-integrated learning model

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Designed by leading clinical experts

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Australia's #1 university <sup>†</sup>

## Why study Nursing Practice at Melbourne?

The University of Melbourne's specialist nursing courses are designed to be flexible, to suit the needs of currently practising nurses. Specialist and Graduate Certificates in Nursing Practice (Acute and Complex Care) are delivered predominantly online and will provide you with the fundamental knowledge needed to deliver patient care with confidence.

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?

As a graduate of these courses you will enhance your knowledge and confidence in delivering high quality care. Delivered online with an in-hospital clinical assessment, you will have the opportunity to develop highly sought-after clinical knowledge while being mentored in your specialty area. With renal and cardiorespiratory streams available, you can personalise your qualification to match your area of interest and clinical practice.

“My experience with the University of Melbourne has been fantastic, they’ve been so supportive throughout the whole thing. All our professors, all our teachers, they’ve been really relatable, and they’re in the field, so they know exactly what’s going on and everything is relevant to what you’re doing. One of the best takeaways throughout the whole course was utilising our critical thinking on a daily basis, being able to apply that to everything. We used case studies from our own ward, so it was completely relevant to everything that we do.”



**Kristel, Cardiorespiratory Nurse,**  
Graduate Certificates in Nursing Practice  
(Acute and Complex Care)

## Who are these courses for?

If you are a practising Registered Nurse, working a minimum of 24 hours a week, and you are committed to enhancing your practice and being recognised and rewarded for your expertise, this course is for you.

## Entry requirements

To apply for either the Specialist or Graduate Certificates in Nursing Practice (Acute and Complex Care) you are required to have:

- » A bachelors degree (or equivalent qualification) in the discipline of nursing, and
- » At least one year of documented evidence of clinical experience as a Registered Nurse working in an acute or community health care service within the preceding five years from time of application, and
- » Current unrestricted registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Agency as a Division 1 Registered Nurse (domestic students only).

To be eligible for Graduate Certificate, you must also be nominated by your employing hospital, which will support you to undertake the clinical practice component of the course. Speak with your Education Manager or Clinical Nurse Educator to confirm that your hospital is willing to support your clinical supervision.

## Fees and course structure

Course	Structure	Time	Fees
Specialist Certificate in Nursing Practice (Acute and Complex Care)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» One core prerequisite subject</li> <li>» One core subject</li> </ul>	6 months part-time	\$5,472
Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice (Acute and Complex Care)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» One core prerequisite subject</li> <li>» Two core subjects</li> <li>» Three specialisation subjects.</li> </ul>	12 months part-time	\$10,944

## Key dates

Term	Intake
Summer	December
Winter	June

## Need more information?

Contact one of our dedicated Student Support team members on **+ 61 3 8344 0149** (Mon to Fri 8am–9pm, weekends and public holidays 10am–5pm AEST/AEDT) or via email [continuing-education@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:continuing-education@unimelb.edu.au)



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