About this course

This Diploma will teach you how to be an Enrolled nurse by providing skills and knowledge in human biology, chemistry, medical terminology, medicines and how to deal with a range of people from different backgrounds.

With our nursing qualification you'll gain skills that are relevant to current industry trends and practices. By the end of the course you will be able to:

- Assist in the provision of preventative, curative and rehabilitative nursing
- Understand anatomy and physiology
- Understand and implement infection control
- Provide nursing care for the client
- Understand legal and ethical parameters
- Promote positive health
- Understand health issues of Indigenous Australians
- Contribute to the nutritional and mental health care of the clients

On completion of the Diploma of Nursing graduates can gain employment in the health industry. Employment prospects are high in this industry and you'll also gain satisfaction from helping people and possibly even saving lives.

Entry to the Diploma of Nursing is very competitive. It is recommended that you discuss your application with a career development adviser. As part of an application for this course you will be required to sit and pass a 2 hour test on literacy and numeracy.
PLEASE NOTE: – Changes to Diploma of Nursing entrance requirements

Considering a career in (enrolled) nursing and wondering what subjects you should choose at school or what the prerequisites are for getting into a nursing course?

School-aged applicants (minimum age 17 years and 6 months and educated in Australia)

If you wish to study nursing at TAFE you will need: • A pass in year 12 English and maths. Though not a prerequisite, a science (e.g. human biology) might also be a good subject to choose. • Attainment of the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) or equivalent from another Australian State if not from Western Australia.

Mature-aged applicants (educated in Australia)

• Completion of five (5) years continuous (full-time equivalent) of secondary, tertiary and/or vocational education (or a combination thereof)

All other applicants (educated in an English speaking country)

If you were not educated in Australia, you must provide evidence of: • Being taught and assessed in English in any of the following recognised countries: Canada; New Zealand; Republic of Ireland; South Africa; United Kingdom; and United States of America. • Completion of five (5) years continuous (full-time equivalent) of secondary, tertiary and/or vocational education (or a combination thereof) in above recognised country.

All other applicants (educated in a non-English speaking country)

If you were educated in a non-English speaking country you will need to sit a board-approved International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test and achieve a minimum score of seven (7) in each of the four components, or Occupational English Test (OET) and achieve a minimum score of ‘B’ in each of the four components. Information on other acceptable tests is available from www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/

Test results will only be accepted as a course entry prerequisite if they were obtained: • Within two (2) years before the date you lodge your application for registration. OR • For test results older than two (2) years, you can still apply if you have been continuously enrolled in a board-approved program of study.

In some cases there may be alternatives for entry. If you are unsure if you meet the requirements or if you have any questions please contact us.

Download our changes to Diploma of Nursing requirements flyer

Core Skills Required

Overview
Entrance requirements

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Job opportunities

- enrolled nurse


Further study opportunities:

- University

Fees and charges

Indicative fees and charges

2019 general admission fees list
2019 apprenticeship/traineeship fees list

Fees and charges published on our website are indicative. Your fees will depend on your eligibility for government funding or a concession rate, and the units you choose to study or seek to be recognised under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). Our Indicative fees lists show fees that are:

- Based on the full possible study plan of units, including the recommended electives
- Based on full time study in 2019
- Charged at the government funded rate for over 18 years of age students
- Based on unit electives designed to meet localised industry demand for skills
- Made up of course fees and resource fees, or RPL fees. Course fees are the cost of your tuition, while resource fees pay for consumables provided to you to aid your study (such as printing and paper). You may also be required to purchase text books or equipment that are not part of our tuition or resource fees.

Fees may vary between students and between educational providers. Other charges may apply.

Visit our [Fees and payment options](#) page for more information.

Call 1800 001 001 to get a more accurate fee indication based on your eligibility and study plan before applying.
VET Student Loans

Selected courses are VET Student Loan eligible courses.

A VET Student Loan creates a debt that must be repaid to the Commonwealth and is only available to students who are eligible.

To find out if you are eligible or to see the list of eligible courses visit our Student Loans page.

International students

Selected courses are available to International students for full time study only.

Fees, charges, available locations, applications and enrolment procedures for International students are different to those for students who have Australian permanent residency.

For more information or to find a course visit the TAFE International WA website.

Apprenticeships and traineeships

Fees for apprenticeships and traineeships are charged at a rate per nominal hour of study.

This means that your fees will vary depending on the units you study as part of your training plan.

Apprentices and trainees are liable to pay for their own fees but some industrial agreements (awards) dictate that employers are required to reimburse their apprentice upon receipt of satisfactory progress. An employer may also opt to pay on behalf of the apprentice or trainee.

For more information visit our Apprenticeships and traineeships page.

Recognition of Prior Learning

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) enrolments are charged at $3.25 per nominal hour of study.

No concession fees apply to RPL enrolments. Refer to the institutional or apprenticeship/traineeship fee lists for an indicative RPL course fee.

Please note, fees are subject to change.