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## HLT54115 Diploma of Nursing Information Booklet



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## Course Structure

The Diploma of Nursing course prepares the student to seek registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, as an Enrolled Nurse, upon the successful completion. The duration of the course is 18 months and is divided into three stages of study. Each stage of study is presented in a variety of delivery modes:

- Blended delivery Face-to-face learning (classroom) and live online classes for remote students, via video conference
- Simulated practical sessions (Pundulmurra Campus, South Hedland)
- Practical placements in a hospital or health care organisation/service

The Enrolled Nurse works under the supervision of a Registered Nurse and the scope of practice is guided by the Decision-Making Framework developed by ANMC which outlines the codes, conduct and professional boundaries that provides guidance to the profession. The clinical areas covered in the course include Aged Care, Acute Surgical and Medical, Mental Health, Aboriginal Health, Palliative Care, Rehabilitation and Community Health.

This qualification can also provide up to one-year credit towards a Registered Nurse University qualification.

Clinical placement is included within this course to ensure that students are competent in a variety of relevant nursing skills and to gain an understanding of the culture and practices of the workplace.

Students will undertake numerous clinical placements during the Diploma of Nursing, usually at the end of each semester. Placements are between 2-6 weeks full time. Part-time placements are not available. Clinical placement is a mandatory component of the Diploma of Nursing. Students are required to complete **a minimum of 440 unpaid hours** prior to graduating and to be eligible to register with the NMBA.

**Students may be allocated to any health care agency within Western Australia.** Travel will be required and students are responsible for any costs associated with getting to and from their clinical placement, including the cost of accommodation, this can be for periods of in excess of two-three weeks. Nursing is a profession that occurs **24 hours a day and across 365 days per year**. It is desirable that students work morning & afternoon shifts, however in this ever-competing world of clinical placements, students should expect that they may at some stage in their EN training, be allocated clinical placements that occur beyond the semester end dates and be a mixture of AM, PM and Night shifts rosters.



## Entry Requirement Information

To gain entry into the Diploma of Nursing, **there are two very distinct requirements that need to be met**, firstly the Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) entry requirements as outlined in Part 1 and secondly the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) requirements, outlined in Part 2.

The LLN entry requirements are based on the applicant having sufficient educational preparation to study at a Diploma level.

The NMBA requirements are based on the applicant having sufficient English language competence to practice in Australia as an Enrolled Nurse.

**Both of these entry requirements must be met prior to gaining entry into the Diploma of Nursing program.**

### PART 1: Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) Entry Requirements

Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they meet the minimum Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) entry requirements, demonstrating achievement of an Australian Core Skills Framework Exit Level 3.

#### All Applicants

All non-school leaver applicants must complete the literacy and numeracy components of the LLN Robot.

Applicants from non-English speaking countries who have undertaken a formal English Language Skills Test for example (IELTS) need only undertake the numeracy component of the LLN Robot.

Applicants who have completed Year 12 with either ATAR or General studies and achieved a minimum grade of C in English, need only to undertake the numeracy component of the LLN Robot.

The LLN Robot is an interactive on-line tool designed to identify and measure an individual's foundation skill level. Participants who undertake this assessment must have an exit level three against the Australian Core Skills Framework in **BOTH** reading and numeracy.



## PART 2: NMBA English Language Competency

Applicants **must also** provide evidence that they have met the minimum English Language Competency set out by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA), prior to commencing in the Diploma of Nursing.

### What do I need to do?

**You need to have met one of the following criteria:**

At admission to the program the applicant has English as their primary language and can demonstrate they have attended and satisfactorily completed at least six years of primary and secondary education (at least two years must be between years 7 to 12) taught and assessed in English in one of the **recognised English-speaking countries** that meet the NMBA requirements; these countries are:

**Australia**  
**New Zealand,**  
**The United States of America,**  
**The United Kingdom,**  
**Canada (excluding French Canadian territories),**  
**The Republic of Ireland and**  
**South Africa.**

**OR**

At the time of applying to study in the Diploma of Nursing the applicant who does not have English as their primary language must be able to demonstrate minimum scores in one of the following English Language Tests:

- i. **IELTS** International English Language Testing System (academic module) with a **minimum overall score of 7** and a **minimum score of 7** in each of the **four components**(**listening, reading, writing and speaking**).
- ii. **OET** Occupational English Test with a minimum score of **B in each** of the four components (**listening, reading, writing and speaking**).
- iii. **PTE Academic** Pearson test of English academic with a minimum overall score of 65 and a **minimum score of 65** in each of the four communicative skills (**listening, reading, writing and speaking**).
- iv. **TOEFL iBT** Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet-Based Test with a minimum total score of 94 and the following minimum score in each section of the test:  
24 for listening  
24 for reading  
27 for writing, and  
23 for speaking



Please note these scores must be from one sitting. For students who have test results from multiple sittings please refer to [NMBA Registration Standard: English Language Skills Mar 2019.](#)

As well as meeting the entry requirements, students must also be able to obtain the below mentioned to be eligible to commence in the Diploma of Nursing, if you cannot obtain the following, you will be ineligible to attend clinical placements, therefore ineligible to commence in the Diploma of Nursing program.

- National Police Clearance valid within 12 months of this application
- Pre-entry medical exam (documents will be provided upon successful entry into the program)

## Fee Information

Fees are payable per semester at the start of each semester.

If you require financial assistance with your fees, you may be eligible to apply for the **VET Student Loans Program**. Please go to <https://www.education.gov.au/vet-student-loans> for further information.

If you are **not eligible** for the VET Students Loans Program but **would like to enter a payment plan**, please request this option with staff at the time of enrolment so the necessary documentation for this may also be completed

If you have a specific enquiry in regard to the Diploma of Nursing Program please call 1300 996 573.