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HLT54115 Diploma of Nursing Stage 1 Semester 2 2023 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 ANMAC 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, Community Health and Primary Health Care.

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

North Regional TAFE requires candidates to have completed **Year 12** and/or have completed a minimum of **Certificate 3** course prior to undertaking this Diploma Course.

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

All 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.

- **School Leaver**

School leavers must show evidence of completion of WACE (Western Australian Certificate of Education) General or ATAR with a minimum of C grade or equivalent in both English and Mathematics.

- **Mature Age Applicants**

Mature age applicants or non-school leavers must show evidence of completion of minimum Certificate 3 course (AQF 3).

All applicants must complete 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 (3)** against the Australian Core Skills Framework. This means that in order to pass the LLN test, you need to get a **minimum score of three (3) in each of the five LLN Robot components:**

- Learning
- Reading
- Writing
- Oral Communication
- Numeracy

An online testing day and time will be organised through North Regional TAFE for you to undertake this test.

All applicants will be contacted regarding provision of a login and password for this test.

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:

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

OR

2. 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

In addition, the following English language tests are being accepted by National Boards for applicants for registration who need to use the test pathway to meet the *English language skills registration standard* requirements:

- OET paper or computer-based test (OET CBT) at a testing venue
- IELTS (Academic module) paper or computer test in a testing venue including **IELTS One Skill Retake (OSR)**
- TOEFL iBT test (computer at testing centre)
- PTE Academic (computer at testing centre)

Please note that the National Boards no longer accept remote proctored tests for registration purposes.



Please refer to below link for further details regarding NMBA English Language Competency

<https://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards/English-language-skills.aspx>

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 into 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 regards to the Diploma of Nursing Program please email details of your enquiry to TCPundulmurra@nrtafe.wa.edu.au

Important Information

Please note that as a student, you will also have additional costs associated with your study when enrolling in the Diploma of Nursing:

- You will need to purchase textbooks, uniform (Scrub Top and Pants) and closed in slip resistant shoes. Details of these will be provided during orientation week
- You will be required to complete a health check
- You will be required to provide evidence of vaccinations – 3 course of COVID-19 (unless medically contraindicated), Hepatitis B, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella and Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP)
- Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) Screening Test, Mantoux test or QuantiFERON-TB Gold serology (if required)
- Working With Children Check (WWC)
- National Police Certificate - through WA Police website only
- NDIS Worker Screening Check via NRTAFE
- WA Health Department Criminal History Record Check (no cost if applied for post Police Certificate)

You will also be required to:

- Travel to NRTAFE Pundulmurra Campus to attend simulation training and nursing calculation exams
- Travel to NRTAFE clinical placement agencies to complete **440 hours of clinical placement.**
- Attend clinical placement across a seven (7) day week, which may include **weekends and public holidays.**
- Carry out shift work including a combination of **morning, afternoon and night shifts.**

To protect the public from harm, registered health practitioners and education providers must report concerns about registered students. This is a legal requirement. Practitioners and education providers only



need to notify Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) when they have a 'reasonable belief' that a student has an impairment that, when undertaking clinical training, may place the public at substantial risk of harm.

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) Enrolled Nurse Accreditation Standards 2017 also require Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) delivering HLT54115 Diploma of Nursing to notify AHPRA of any student undertaking clinical training who has been identified as having an impairment that may place the public at substantial risk of harm. AHPRA will be advised of the names of all students undertaking the Diploma of Nursing.

Upon completion of the course and a minimum of 440 hours of work placement, graduates will need to seek registration with AHPRA to work as an enrolled nurse, or to enrol in further study to become a registered nurse. The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) has developed core registration standards that define the requirements that applicants, registrants or students. NMBA states that with the exception of registered students and non-practising registrants, these standards apply to applicants for registration and currently registered nurses and midwives.

- Criminal history registration standard
- English languages skills registration standard
- Registration standard: continuing professional development
- Registration standard: recency of practice
- Registration standard: professional indemnity insurance arrangements

What to do next...

Please submit your application by one of the options below:

In Person:

North Regional TAFE Pundulmurra Campus Attention: Head of Programs 18 Parker St South Hedland WA 6722

By post:

North Regional TAFE Pundulmurra Campus Attention: Head of programs
18 Parker Street South Hedland WA 6722

By Email: nursing@nrtafe.wa.edu.au and cc TCPundulmurra@nrtafe.wa.edu.au

Please note that applications close COB 16 June 2023.

After a thorough review of all candidate submissions, the successful candidates will be informed in writing, and will be given the required documents and information to formally enroll into the Diploma of Nursing.

Please submit your documents **as soon as possible** when you are offered placement with NRTAFE Diploma of Nursing.



Should you require further assistance regarding entry requirements, please contact the Head of Programs - Nursing on 08 91585639 or email: Dexter.Catambay@nrtafe.wa.edu.au

Applicant Checklist

- Application Form
- Enrolment Forms
- Working With Children Check (receipt of application if card not yet available)
- National Police Certificate (receipt of application if certificate not yet available)
- Health Information Booklet (due prior to Simulation Week 1)