



Graduate Certificate in Acute Care Nursing

FAQ's for prospective students

How do I apply for the course?

Advertising and recruitment will occur as per normal recruitment processes at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. The positions will be advertised on the RMH careers webpage, and you will need to provide the following information in your application

- Cover letter
- Resume
- Academic Transcripts

If you are then successful with your application you will be offered an interview either via webex or in person with a member of the Nursing Education team and a Nurse Unit Manager. If you are successful in obtaining a clinically supported position on a Medical or Surgical ward to complete the Graduate Certificate in Acute Care Nursing, you will then be provided with instructions to enrol into the Master of Acute Nursing through La Trobe University.

Why do I enrol into a Master of Acute Care Nursing, when I am completing the Graduate Certificate in Acute Care Nursing supported by RMH?

The Graduate Certificate is the first year of the Master degree (if completing part time). The requirements from La Trobe university is to enrol into a Master of Acute Care Nursing. Further information pertaining to the Graduate Diploma and the Masters can be found here: <https://www.latrobe.edu.au/courses/master-of-nursing>

What if I only want to complete the Graduate Certificate in Acute Care Nursing now, and not complete the entire Master degree?

Once you have completed the Graduate Certificate you can complete an 'early exit' or an 'intermission' to halt study at the Graduate Certificate or the Graduate Diploma level for a number of years, and return at a later date to complete the Masters of Acute Care Nursing at your discretion.

Why does this course need to be 'clinically supported' by the RMH and endorsed by the Nursing Education Department?

In order to complete your Graduate Certificate in Acute Care Nursing offered through La Trobe University, you need clinical support from an affiliated Healthcare Network. This is because there are clinical appraisals, clinical hurdles and other assessments conducted by the Clinical Nurse Educators at the RMH that are requirements of the Graduate Certificate. The program being endorsed by the Nursing Education Department means that the Clinical Nurse Educators, preceptors and other staff supporting delivery of the course understand the course requirements, and have allocated time to complete hurdles, appraisals and supportive study days associated with the course.



When does the course commence and conclude?

The Graduate Certificate in Clinical Nursing commences on Monday the 12th of July 2021 and concludes on Sunday the 10th of July 2022 (subject to slight change).

How many study days are involved in the Graduate Certificate?

There are 8 paid study days included in the Graduate Certificate year which will be attended either face to face (F2F) virtually (online) or a blend of both). These study days can be utilised as Post Graduate (paid) study days. Students will be expected to apply in advance to their NUM's for these study days and any additional Professional Development or Exam leave days they are entitled to as per the EBA in advance via the usual RMH leave application procedure. Students must prioritise requesting these days off at least 6 weeks in advance of the roster and not at the expense of the clinical floor.

What is the cost of the course?

The (approximate) full fee paying cost of the Graduate Certificate in Acute Care Nursing is \$12,000. The approximate course of the entire Master of Acute Care Nursing degree is \$27,400.

There will be opportunity to apply for Commonwealth Supported Positions (CSP) in enrolling into this course. CSP funding is allocated to the University by the Australian government, and there are processes that both the University and the Australian government must adhere to when allocating funds. La Trobe University will manage the CSP allocation of funds. If you are successful in obtaining CSP this will drop the cost of the course by approximately 75%. If you are allocated CSP you will have this throughout your entire Master degree.

Need more information?

Please visit the RMH Post Graduate Nursing webpage here:

<https://www.thermh.org.au/health-professionals/continuing-education/nursing-education/post-graduate-nurse-program>

Or visit the La Trobe University Master of Nursing webpage here:

<https://www.latrobe.edu.au/courses/master-of-nursing>

For all other questions pertaining to the La Trobe academia and La Trobe specific course requirements please contact La Trobe Acute Care Course Coordinator Katie Street:

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