

More information

Application procedures

Application for entry into the Bachelor of Nursing Practice is through VTAC.

Applicants should refer to the VTAC guide or www.vtac.edu.au for information regarding the application procedure.

VTAC
40 Park Street
South Melbourne
Victoria 3205

Phone: 1300 364 133

Successful applicants

Police Check

Students must complete a National Police Records check before undertaking clinical placements.

Working with Children

Students must hold a Working with Children check before undertaking clinical placement.

Failure to hold satisfactory checks may result in students being unable to complete this course.

Immunisation Policies

Students must comply with the Monash University School of Nursing and Midwifery Immunisation Policy. (See www.med.monash.edu.au/nursing/current.html)

Clinical placements

Students are required to attend scheduled clinical experiences throughout the program and these may include both metropolitan and rural appointments.

Enquiries

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Web page and email

For further information, please contact Monash University on the website at: www.med.monash.edu.au/nursing

Or email:
nursing.enquiries-gippsland@med.monash.edu.au

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Undergraduate course guide



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Introduction

The Bachelor of Nursing Practice* degree, which is offered at the Gippsland campus of Monash University, reflects a primary health focus to health care and negotiates the interaction between traditional nursing practices, new technology and caring values. The course provides a comprehensive foundation to clinical practice for the student nurse, offering a passport to a career in nursing. The school has active and effective partnerships with major health industry providers in metropolitan and rural Victoria, interstate and overseas. These links enable the University lecturers to maintain contemporary practice standards and explore current issues in their teaching activities.

The course aims to develop a graduate nurse who is committed to the promotion, maintenance and restoration of health and to the prevention of disease. It is anticipated that this first-level practitioner will be skilled in the delivery of holistic healthcare and be able to apply an extensive body of knowledge from the relevant disciplines in a range of practice settings. The nursing student will be trained in problem-solving and clinical reasoning; be competent and safe in the practice of clinical nursing skills and be able to work within professional, legal and ethical standards of practice.

The School of Nursing and Midwifery offers an innovative curriculum that is sensitive to the changing educational needs of nurses, the healthcare industry and the community, built on the integrated themes of personal and professional development, scientific basis of clinical practice, society, population, health and illness, and nursing knowledge and skills. The Bachelor of Nursing Practice ensures that graduates possess skills relevant to the contemporary healthcare environment, ensuring excellent employment prospects for all graduates.

* Subject to Nurses Board of Victoria approval.

Before entry into the Bachelor of Nursing Practice

Entry pathways

Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)

Satisfactory completion (ie pass a minimum of four subjects at level 3 and 4)

Prerequisites

Units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or 25 in any other English and either Units 1 and 2 – one of General Mathematics or Mathematical Methods or Units 3 and 4 – Mathematics (any).



Other degrees and diplomas

Completion of the TAFE Certificate IV or completion of another tertiary course or part thereof may be considered for entrance eligibility. Further information can be sought from the Gippsland campus of the School of Nursing and Midwifery.

Transition programs

There are a variety of programs available to potential applicants, to enable those applicants to meet minimum entry requirements for the Bachelor of Nursing Practice.

Options include undertaking single units, from the Bachelor of Nursing Practice or may take units through Open Universities Australia (www.open.edu.au). Applicants are also able to arrange an interview to discuss their entry eligibility.

Alternative entry programs

The Diploma of Tertiary Studies is an additional entry pathway. The program is suited to students requiring learning support in their first year of study and is offered

from the Gippsland campus of Monash University. Further information is available online at www.arts.monash.edu.au/humcass/ugrad/dots.php

Credit

Credit may be granted towards the course on the basis of previous study. Results of advanced standing applications may affect student's workload and type of enrolment. Credit application forms are available from the school's Administration Office or download from www.adm.monash.edu.au/service-centre/forms

Special Entry Access Scheme

Monash University recognises that certain groups in the community can be under represented in tertiary education, or have difficulty in gaining access to university studies. The Monash University Special Admissions Scheme allows granting of extra consideration to applicants who meet the scheme's selection criteria.

Please refer to the VTAC Guide/website (www.vtac.edu.au) for further information on the VTAC Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS).

During the Bachelor of Nursing Practice

Course structure

The Bachelor of Nursing Practice is a three-year full-time or six-year part-time degree which provides a broad educational foundation for general nursing practice and pathways to future professional employment. Part-time classes are day classes.

The course has four major themes throughout the curriculum: personal and professional development, scientific basis of clinical practice, society, population, health and illness, and nursing knowledge and skills.

The units and themes integrated throughout this curriculum enable students to develop a diverse range of skills in communication, research, clinical reasoning, judgment and skills. The course facilitates learning through lectures, tutorials, laboratories and online activities.

Further information about the units offered in the Bachelor of Nursing Practice can be found at www.med.monash.edu.au/nursing

Clinical

Clinical experience makes up 50 per cent of the course content and is completed in hospitals and community agencies. Clinical begins in the first semester of the course and progressively increases in duration and complexity. Rural clinical placement options are available to students.

Students are provided with learning experiences in a range of areas including medical/surgical, aged care, paediatrics, mental health, operating theatre, accident and emergency, and intensive care.

Simulated clinical environment

The nursing laboratories provide simulated hospital environments that create opportunities to explore complex nursing situations that require creative problem-solving.



Are you an international student?

Please check the Undergraduate Course Guides for International Students or visit www.monash.edu/international. This guide contains important information regarding Australian Government requirements and conditions for study in Australia, living costs, course fees, health insurance, working while you study, work rights for your husband or wife and schooling for your children.

Information about visa applications can be obtained from www.immi.gov.au and www.dfat.gov.au/missions

Your application for a student visa will be assessed according to your Assessment Level. Your Assessment Level is determined by the passport you hold and the education sector for which you are seeking a student visa. www.immi.gov.au/students

For more information: www.monash.edu.au/intoff/AGOV.html

After the Bachelor of Nursing Practice

Career paths

Monash University offers postgraduate studies at graduate certificate, masters and PhD level to support your career development in the following areas:

- Advanced medical/surgical nursing
- Aged care
- Child nursing
- Critical care
- Emergency
- Midwifery
- Mental health
- Nursing education
- Nursing informatics
- Nursing management
- Palliative care