Diploma of Nursing

TAFE NSW Course Number: HLT54115-01V01
National Course Code: HLT54115
Delivery: This course is usually available at our Nepean and The Hills colleges. It is usually offered as a Fee-for-Service course. VET Student Loans are available.

Course description
This course provides the skills and knowledge to work as an enrolled nurse under the supervision of the registered nurse in a variety of settings including acute, aged care, community, rehabilitation and mental health. It will provide the theoretical and practical skills to:
- relate the concepts of the person, environment and health to the safe and effective practice of nursing
- participate in a multidisciplinary team to assist the individual to meet their needs
- practise in a safe and culturally competent manner to meet the physical, psychosocial, emotional and mental health needs of individuals
- practice within the nursing professional standards, codes of practice and state legislation
- develop, monitor and maintain a holistic plan of care in collaboration with the RN, multidisciplinary team
- demonstrate effective communication and documentation skills in a variety of healthcare settings
- participate in professional development of self
- practise within safety standards and quality improvement guidelines
- engage in reflective practice, nursing research and critically analyse and apply evidence based practice to nursing care

To complete the Diploma of Nursing students are required to successfully complete all units and complete a minimum of 400hrs of unpaid professional experience to meet the assessment requirements of the units. On completion of HLT54115 qualification students are eligible to apply for registration as an Enrolled Nurse with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (http://www.ahpra.gov.au).

ENROLLING IN FIRST AID UNITS OF COMPETENCY
If you are enrolling in a First Aid unit of competency you are advised that to complete the unit you must be able to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for at least 2 minutes on the floor. If you have a disability that would prevent you from performing required basic life support skills you are advised that you will not be able to achieve the unit of competency.

We highly recommend you complete a personalised career and study profile to confirm this course is right for you, you will find the Career Voyage link below.

What are the entry requirements? (including Recognition of Prior Learning)
Academic Requirements
- Year 12 or equivalent
Or
- Certificate III

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English language requirements for course entry
You must demonstrate your English language competency in one of the following ways:

1. If English is your primary language and you have attended and satisfactorily completed at least six years of primary and secondary education taught and assessed in English in one of the recognised countries, including at least two years between years 7 and 12. (Recognised countries are Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom, USA)

OR

2. Completion of four (4) years of secondary, vocational or tertiary education taught and assessed in English in one of the recognised countries above.

NOTE: the English language requirements includes that your Diploma of Nursing must be a minimum of one (1) year full time equivalent pre-registration program of study otherwise English language testing is an additional requirement.

Or

3. English Language achievement in AHPRA approved tests including: (Please note that the results can be collected across two (2) tests within a six (6) month period)
   1. Academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS) examination with a minimum score overall score of 6.5 and a minimum score of 6.5 in each of the 4 components – listening, reading, writing and speaking from one test sitting.
   2. Occupational English Test (OET) with minimum score of B in each of the 4 components
   3. PTE Academic with a minimum overall score of 58 and a minimum score of 58 in each of the 4 components in one sitting
   4. TOEFL iBT at a minimum overall score of 79 with reading at a minimum of 19, listening a minimum of 20, speaking at a minimum of 20 and writing at a minimum of 24
   5. Other English language tests approved by the Board from time to time.

Credit (or recognition) for modules/units may be granted based on previous learning, studies, work and/or life experiences. Please discuss this with the teaching section when you enrol.

Other requirements

Professional experience
With supervised professional experience, you will reinforce the theory and skills learned in class while gaining real-world experience in a healthcare environment. Prior to undertaking professional experience you must be prepared to:

1. NSW HEALTH
Before you commence any professional experience in NSW Health facilities, you will be required to
- Meet NSW Health’s - Criminal Record Check requirements;
- Sign the NSW Health Code of Conduct form and any other forms, as required by NSW
Health;
- Undertake Occupational Assessment, Screening and Vaccination against Infectious Diseases and provide your Health Care Worker/Student Vaccination Record Card.
For specific information regarding NSW Health’s requirements, and access to the required forms, it is recommended that you visit their FAQs for students at:

2. AGED CARE WORK
Before you undertake any professional experience in Aged Care Facilities you will be required to undertake a National Criminal Record Check. Visit:

3. COMMUNITY AND CHILDREN’S SERVICES
Anyone in child-related work (including student professional experience and volunteers) MUST have a current Working with Children Check (students/volunteers free) in line with the Office of Children’s Guardian phase-in schedule and processes. Visit:

4. STUDENT READINESS FOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
Professional experience will only occur after there has been a reasonable amount of student/teacher contact and when the teacher is satisfied that you are ready to benefit from workplace learning and perform workplace duties. Your teacher can provide further information.

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
For more information visit: https://www.tafensw.edu.au/courses/rights-and-responsibilities/index.htm

Under 17 and wanting to leave school?
If you are under 17 and want to leave school, your options have been affected by a recent change in NSW law. From January 2010 you must complete Year 10 and then continue in either full-time education, training, paid employment or a combination of these options until you’re at least 17 years of age. More information about options for school students under 17 is available from our website:
wsi.tafensw.edu.au/under17

What kind of work could I do?
Enrolled nurses can work in general or specialised health care facilities including acute (hospital), care, medical centres, community, mental health, rural and remote, aged care and palliative care.

Pathway to university or higher education
Thinking of studying next year? Not sure if you should go to TAFE or uni? Let us help you decide. At TAFE NSW - Western Sydney Institute we offer you the flexibility to fast-forward your career with Pathways.

Choosing to study at TAFE before going on to uni can see you graduating and entering a competitive workforce sooner — and not with one, but two, nationally recognised qualifications! For more information visit wsi.tafensw.edu.au/uni

To ensure you leave us with the most up to date qualification...
If during or after your enrolment, the course in which you are enrolled is updated in line with
national industry standards, the Institute reserves the right to transition you into an alternate course. If this becomes necessary, the Institute will advise you of the change and the arrangements which will be available for you to complete your alternate course.

**I would like to talk to someone before I enrol**

Please contact TAFE Western Sydney Service Centre 131 870.

We are committed to enhancing all students' prospects to reach their potential and achieve a positive future. We recognise that for some students additional support services are fundamental to ensure success. We have the following expert support services available at each College which you may access by calling 131 870 to make an appointment: Counselling and Career Development, Disability, Aboriginal, Multicultural, Outreach, Adult Basic Education and Open Learning Centre Support Services.

**Need help deciding?**

Our free online career and study planning tool can help.

You will receive a personalised career and study profile based on your responses. If you would like to discuss your results in person, please contact our Counselling and Career Development Unit by calling 131 870 to make an appointment. To get started follow the link below:


**Unique Student Identifier (USI)**

From 1 January 2015, all students participating in Nationally Recognised Training in Australia will need to have a Unique Student Identifier, or USI.

This includes students completing an apprenticeship, skill set, certificate or diploma course.

A USI gives you access to your online USI account and will contain all of your nationally recognised training records and results from 1 January 2015 onwards. Your results will be available in your USI account in 2016.

When applying for a job or enrolling in further study, you will often need to provide your training records and results. One of the main benefits of the USI is that you will have easy access to your training records and results throughout your life.

**How to get a USI**

It is free and easy for you to create your own USI online at usi.gov.au. Your local Customer Service office can also provide further information and assistance. If you already have your USI you can enrol with TAFE WSI.

**How to Enrol?**

This course is usually available at our Nepean and The Hills colleges. It is usually offered as a Fee-for-Service course. VET Student Loans are available.

Visit the website to see what offerings are currently available or contact us to register your interest in this course.