

# Diploma of Nursing

COURSE CODE	HLT54115
LOCATIONS	Warrnambool, Hamilton
STUDY MODE	Full-time, On Campus
Length	2 years
Commencement	February 2021
Timetable	3 days on-campus per week with additional self-directed learning

## Course Overview

*This section gives you an introduction to what you will be learning in this course, plus course outcomes, career opportunities, and student support.*

### Study from home during COVID-19 restrictions

Whilst we pride ourselves on our hands-on training, we have had to adjust most of our courses for study from home and remote learning during the COVID-19 restrictions. This means courses will be delivered using a range of methods including online learning, virtual classrooms, workbooks and direct contact with your teacher.

Given the government restrictions that are now in place to reduce the spread of coronavirus in Australia, we expect this new model of study will continue until the government makes changes to these restrictions.

## Introduction

The Diploma of Nursing provides the skills and knowledge to work as a safe and competent Enrolled Nurse providing quality nursing care in a variety of healthcare settings. Successful completion of this course will enable the graduate to apply for registration with the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

### Philosophy:

This course recognises that the holistic care of a person is based on the uniqueness of individuals physiological, psychological, social/cultural, spiritual and developmental health care needs throughout the life span. The impact of chronic and complex conditions is recognised and that nursing care encompasses self-management and the emphasis on wellness through purposeful interventions.

Health is recognised as holistic, dynamic in nature, and culturally driven. Nursing focuses on the provision of care that meets a person's multidimensional holistic health care needs over the life span.

This comprehensive course has a strong practical and applicable focus preparing graduates for current and safe work practices as an Enrolled Nurse. The program utilises a variety of teaching methods to address the learning needs of the student. These include problem based learning through tutorials, lectures, on line learning, practical skill simulation labs and clinical placement in a variety of healthcare environments.

The knowledge and skills gained from this program will provide the student with a pathway to various exciting career opportunities within the healthcare industry.

## What will I Learn?

The Diploma of Nursing is made of 25 units that cover the broad spectrum of learning required for a medication and intravenous endorsed enrolled nurse. You will gain the skills and knowledge required to work as a safe and competent enrolled nurse in any health care setting ranging from aged care to acute hospital settings. You will learn how to link your theory to practice, going from a classroom setting to the simulation lab and clinical placement. On completion of the Diploma of Nursing, you will be eligible to register with the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA) which will enable you to work as an Enrolled nurse in Australia.

## Course Outcomes and Career Opportunities

On completion of the Diploma of Nursing, you will be eligible to register with the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA) which will enable you to work as an Enrolled nurse within Australia. You will be able to work across a wide range of healthcare settings including aged care, acute hospital settings, community settings, medical clinics and pathology clinics, with many more opportunities becoming available to enrolled nurses.

**Please note:** it is a requirement upon enrolment into the Diploma of Nursing course that you are registered with AHPRA as Diploma of Nursing students. For further information on the registration requirements view [the Factsheet and FAQ for student registration](#).

## Pathways

This course offers a pathway into a Bachelor of Nursing at Deakin University, Warrambool Campus.

## Placement

Clinical placement opportunities are integrated into the course to support the development and consolidation of skills and knowledge within the nursing environment enabling the safe application of theory into practice. Four hundred and forty hours of clinical placement across various clinical areas (Aged Care, Community, Mental Health, Sub-acute and Acute) are a mandatory and essential aspect of the course. This is not only an opportunity to experience different perspectives in the nursing profession but also allows you to recognise where you believe you would like to work in the future...and an opportunity for the healthcare facilities to recruit excellent nurses.

You will have a clinical placement briefing before each placement to examine the objectives that are applicable to each specific placement. You will be assisted to set personal and professional learning objectives and are expected to maintain a reflective journal to assist the development of reflective and critical thinking skills. Throughout the clinical placement, you are "buddied" with Registered Nurses who facilitate with clinical support and supervision. The SWTAFE Clinical Placement Coordinator will also be available to discuss any concerns and will conduct placement visits throughout the year.

A clear Police Check and Working with Children Check is required to attend clinical placement. Health Facilities also require proof of a current Immunisation Record. Please discuss this with the Program Coordinator if you have any concerns.

Placement occurs across a wide range of locations and there is an expectation that you will travel for placement if required. Placement is unpaid work experience and you are responsible for all associated costs such as accommodation, meals etc. whilst on placement.

## Information Session

Why don't you come along to our next course info session to find out everything you need to start your learning journey? You can chat with our teachers, tour our facilities, learn more about the course, find out about the application process and get your questions answered by our course experts.

[Find the next info session near you](#)

## Course Requirements

*This section gives you an overview of entry requirements, course units and electives, skills recognition, and assessment criteria.*

### Entrance requirements & pre-requisites

Entry Requirements for this course include;

- Applicants must apply directly to South West TAFE.
- Applicants must complete a Pre-training review (PTR)
- Applicants are also expected to have suitable language, literacy, numeracy, communication and technology skills to undertake the Diploma in Nursing.
- Applicants will be required to attend an information session, after which they will be required to complete a literacy and numeracy (LLN) entrance test and a written assessment. Applicants must satisfactorily complete this LLN test with an ACSF exit level 3 to meet the

course selection criteria. Applicants who complete the examination successfully will be requested to participate in an interview process at a proposed date and time.

- Enrolment appointments will be scheduled upon your acceptance into the Diploma of Nursing.
- The Diploma of Nursing is delivered and assessed in the English language. All applicants must be able to provide evidence that they have achieved the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) English language standards listed below prior to enrolment.
  - At least six years of primary and secondary education, including at least two years between years 7 and 12, taught and assessed in English in one of the 7 recognised countries - Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom or United States of America.
  - Five years (full time equivalent) of continuous education, taught and assessed solely in English, in any of the 7 recognised countries (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom or United States of America). NOTE-South West TAFE will only accept the following:
    - Vocational and secondary education taught and assessed in English; or
    - tertiary and vocational education taught and assessed in English; or
    - combined tertiary, secondary and vocational education taught and assessed in English; or
    - tertiary education taught and assessed in English
  - Test pathways - below is a list of the approved tests and the minimum scores required:
    - IELTS (academic module) with a minimum overall score of 7 and a minimum score of 7 in each of the four components
    - OET with a minimum score of B in each of the four components
    - PTE (academic) with a minimum overall score of 65 and a minimum score of 65 in each of the four communicative skills
    - TOEFL iBT with a minimum total score of 94 and a minimum score of 24 in listening, 24 in reading, 27 in writing and 23 in speaking
- This English language requirement must be demonstrated prior to entry into the Diploma of Nursing and you will be required to complete relevant documentation during the application process

## Course requirements

Applicants must be able to provide the following as part of their enrolment into the Diploma of Nursing.

- A National Police Check (any disclosures are to be discussed with the Senior Educator on an individual basis). This must be provided prior to enrolment.
- A volunteer Working with Children Check. This must be provided prior to enrolment.
- A record of current immunisation status and immunisation history (forms will be provided for students to have their doctor complete). Serology may be required.
- A statutory declaration to declare that applicants do not have an international police record (forms will be provided to students).
- Completion of 440hrs of clinical placement across a variety of settings. These placements may occur across the State, so travel will be required for some placements.
- Clinical placement uniform will be required to be purchased. This includes placement shirts, appropriate navy pants and appropriate enclosed footwear.
- You will need to have access to an electronic device ie. laptop or tablet to utilise during class.
- You will need to purchase text books on enrolment into the course (a booklist will be provided)

Please note: South West TAFE will only grant credit for HLTENN units from ANMAC approved Diploma of Nursing courses

## Units offered

### Core Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
CHCDIV001	Work with diverse people	40	\$0.00
CHCDIV002	Promote Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural safety	25	\$0.00
CHCPRP003	Reflect on and improve own professional practice	120	\$0.00
HLTAAP002	Confirm physical health status	90	\$0.00
HLTAAP003	Analyse and respond to client health information	60	\$0.00

HLTENN001	Practise nursing within the Australian health care system	100	\$0.00
HLTENN002	Apply communication skills in nursing practice	50	\$0.00
HLTENN003	Perform clinical assessment and contribute to planning nursing care	50	\$0.00
HLTENN004	Implement, monitor and evaluate nursing care plans	110	\$0.00
HLTENN005	Contribute to nursing care of a person with complex needs	90	\$0.00
HLTENN006	Apply principles of wound management in the clinical environment	45	\$35.00
HLTENN007	Administer and monitor medicines and intravenous therapy	250	\$55.00
HLTENN008	Apply legal and ethical parameters to nursing practice	30	\$0.00
HLTENN009	Implement and monitor care for a person with mental health conditions	60	\$82.00
HLTENN011	Implement and monitor care for a person with acute health problems	70	\$0.00
HLTENN012	Implement and monitor care for a person with chronic health problems	50	\$0.00
HLTENN013	Implement and monitor care of the older person	75	\$0.00
HLTENN015	Apply nursing practice in the primary health care setting	80	\$0.00
HLTINF001	Comply with infection prevention and control policies and procedures	25	\$0.00
HLTWHS002	Follow safe work practices for direct client care	25	\$0.00

### Elective Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
HLTAHA023	Support the provision of basic nutrition advice and education	55	\$0.00
HLTAID003	Provide first aid	18	\$50.00
HLTENN010	Apply a palliative approach in nursing practice	50	\$0.00
HLTENN025	Implement and monitor care for a person with diabetes	80	\$0.00
HLTWHS006	Manage personal stressors in the work environment	25	\$0.00

## Assessment

This course involves accredited units. You will be required to complete assessment tasks to demonstrate your underpinning knowledge, skills and attributes to meet the course outcomes. A combination of written, oral and practical assessment strategies will be used in either a classroom, online or workplace environment.

Where units require demonstration of skills in a workplace environment, you will have the opportunity to do this either in your own workplace (where appropriate), through a practical placement, or by using one of the Institute's simulated workshops/classrooms. Detailed information about the types, conduct and dates of assessments will be provided in advance. You will also be provided with information about the opportunity for reassessment and appeal.

## After applying

Once you have applied for your chosen course, you will receive a thank you email from South West TAFE with a few steps to help process your enrolment.

### Complete a Pre-Training Review

You will receive an email to complete a Pre-Training Review online evaluation. This evaluation helps us tailor your training to suits your needs.

### Create or provide a Unique Student Identifier (USI)

A USI is a nationally recognised reference number that provides an online record of your training qualifications gained in Australia.

[Create your USI](#)

Already have a USI but can't remember it? [Find your USI](#)

### Skills recognition

If you have experience or prior qualifications, you may be eligible to apply for [recognition of prior learning](#) and gain credits. You will be asked to provide any relevant Statement of Attainment to support identified credits.

## Fees

*This section gives you an overview of course fees, subsidies, and how they can be paid.*

## Course Fees

Here's an outline of fees and costs associated with your course.

Your fees each year can be made up of 3 different elements. Everyone has different circumstances that can affect what you pay and how much you pay. :

1. Tuition fees - charged as an hourly rate that varies from course to course. A large portion of the tuition is subsidised by the Victorian Government for eligible students.
2. Resource and/or materials costs - covers the cost of materials and other incidentals. This fee will vary according to the course being undertaken.
3. Booklist items - such as textbooks, equipment and stationery recommended for your course

## Tuition fees

There are 4 different rates of tuition fees. Only one will apply to you (depending on your eligibility and circumstances).

1. Government Subsidised Fee - you could be eligible for a government-subsidised rate under the Skills First funding depending on your age, educational history, and citizenship or residency status. If you are eligible, the government will contribute to the cost of your training. [Check your eligibility](#)
2. Government Subsidised Concession Fee - If you are eligible for a Skills First government-subsidised place and hold a current healthcare or pension card, that you can provide at enrolment. You may be eligible for the concession rate. [Find out more about concession rates](#)
3. Free TAFE - Students who are eligible for Victorian government-subsidised training will not pay course tuition fees for the duration of their enrolment in this course, however, there may be some consumable/material fees for the course (find out more below). Any resource or material costs, or booklist items for this course are listed in the table below.
4. Full fee - If you are not eligible for a Skills First government-subsidised place, exemption, concession or are enrolling in a course that isn't government-subsidised, you may be required to pay the full fee rate.

### **FIND OUT MORE ABOUT FEES AND ELIGIBILITY**

*The fees listed below are indicative only and may be subject to change without notice and given individual circumstances. Your actual fees will be calculated based on your individual circumstances at the time of enrolment. Funding made available to eligible individuals by State and Commonwealth Governments. If funding is utilised, this may affect future opportunities to access additional funding in the future.*

Course fees by student type	Indicative Course Fee
Government subsidised rate (if eligible)	\$10,425.00
Full fee rate (if not eligible for govt subsidy)	\$24,160.00

  

Additional course fees	Indicative Course Fee
Course consumable/materials (approximate)	\$812.00

## This is a Free TAFE course

Students who are eligible for Victorian government-subsidised training will not pay course tuition fees for the duration of their enrolment in this course, however, there may be some consumable/material fees for the course (find out more below). The consumable fees for this course are listed in the above table.

[Find out more](#) or chat with our Customer Service team on [1300 648 911](tel:1300648911), or visit a [SWTAFE Campus](#).

## Resource and/or materials costs

Some courses require specific resources or materials necessary for your study eg: tools of the trade, excursions, etc. Final costs will be determined and discussed with you prior to enrolment.

## Booklist

Your course may require you to purchase additional materials or books (eg uniform, stationery, textbooks). Some of these items are optional and some are mandatory, however, you are able to choose where to purchase these items from (including second hand).

You can download the booklist for this course here: <https://www.swtafe.edu.au/media/2202/hlt54115-diploma-of-nursing-2020-booklist.pdf>

## How do I pay my fees?

Once we have processed your enrolment form, you will receive an email with your invoice.

You have [three options when organising your payment](#):

1. [Upfront payment](#) - can be made over the phone with EFTPOS
2. [Payment plan](#) - can be directly debited from your bank account, debited from your Centrelink payments or via a [VET Student Loan](#) (for diploma or advanced diploma courses only)
3. [Paid by employer, school or job network agency](#) - if your fees are being paid by your employer, school or job network agency, you will need to complete an Authority to Invoice form.

Payments will need to be arranged within five(5) business days of receiving the email containing your invoice.

We also offer a range of [scholarships](#) each year which you may be eligible to apply for to assist with course fees.

## Next Steps

*Ready to take the next step? Here you can [make an enquiry](#), [attend an information session](#) or [begin the application process](#).*

## Careers and Course Advice

Not sure which course is right for you? South West TAFE will help you find your way.

Our [Pathfinders Skills and Jobs Centre](#) is here to support you. Whether you're exploring career options, transitioning from school to the workforce or looking to study after school we're here to help you. Call, email or drop in.

Call 5564 8515 or email [skillsandjobscentre@swtafe.edu.au](mailto:skillsandjobscentre@swtafe.edu.au)

## How to apply

There are [five simple steps to apply for a course](#) with us.

1. **Apply** - [complete a short online application form](#). Once this form is submitted we'll send you a thank you email.
2. **Get ready** - your thank-you email will contain links to a pre-training review, to a unique student identifier and to government-subsidised training eligibility.
3. **Chat with your teacher** - your teacher or course specialist will contact you about your Pre-Training Review outcomes and additional course information.
4. **Enrol** - after chatting with your teacher, you will receive an email with your enrolment form and a link to verify your identity.
5. **Sign** - once you've completed your enrolment, you will receive a declaration form to review and sign.

If need any assistance with applying, [contact our Customer Service team](#) on 1300 648 911 or [visit your nearest campus](#).

## Student Support

As a SWTAFE student, you can access a variety of support services that will enhance your study experience and help you complete your studies successfully. For more information about any of these services, [visit our student page](#).