



Study nursing
at RMIT

RMIT's range of nursing programs prepare you for diverse and complex healthcare environments through academic excellence, innovative research, clinical practice and community partnerships.

With state-of-the-art facilities and an emphasis on real-world skills, you'll graduate ready to start your career as a nurse.

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What's next...

Vocational study

Diploma of Nursing



Graduate with the skills to provide acute, preventive, curative and rehabilitative care as an enrolled nurse across a number of healthcare settings.

At RMIT, you'll get a blended learning environment that includes face-to-face classes, practical lab sessions and clinical placement, with some online delivery.

As a student of this course, you'll study topics such as:

- Basic anatomy and physiology
- Wound management
- Analyse health information
- Infection control
- Medications and intravenous administration
- Care for patients with acute and chronic conditions
- Implement nursing care plans
- Evaluate the care provided

You'll learn to work with patients of all ages in different environments. There is a focus on aged care, community, and mental health.

You'll also learn how to administer intravenous medications and gain the skills in acute care, which involves medical and surgical nursing skills.

You'll also get technology-enhanced learning experiences using simulation laboratories and a new web-based simulation.

This combined with a minimum of 400 hours of work placement (equivalent of up to 12 weeks) ensures that you will be work-ready.

Career outcomes

Nursing is an essential profession with a high number of employees and high demand in Australia.

Graduates who complete this course can go on to work in:

- acute (hospital) care
- medical centres
- mental health
- rehabilitation
- palliative care
- aged care settings

You will provide acute, preventative, curative and rehabilitative care under the direction of a registered nurse.

Diploma of Nursing (C5365)



Duration

Full-time: 1.5 or 2 years



Location

Melbourne City, Bundoora



Entry score

Not applicable



Fees

[Fee Finder](#)

[*Free TAFE course](#)



Intakes

February, July



How to apply

Semester 1: VTAC

Semester 2: Direct application



Need more info?

rmit.edu.au/programs/c5365

Program structure

Graduate with the theoretical and clinical skills to kick-start your career as an enrolled nurse anywhere in Australia.

Year 1

Your first year of studies will cover:

- basic anatomy and physiology
- wound management
- training in cultural diversity and coping with challenging behaviour
- infection control
- legal and ethical parameters of nursing
- patient assessment.
- complete five to six weeks of clinical placement.

Year 2

In your second year you will:

- develop analytical skills as you learn to care for patients with acute and chronic conditions
- be introduced to medication and intravenous administration
- learn how to implement nursing care plans and to evaluate the care provided
- complete four to five weeks of clinical placement.

RMIT - Epworth Healthcare partnership

Students accepted into the [C5365EPW stream](#) have the opportunity to study whilst embedded in the Epworth Healthcare environment.

Within a supervised work placement over 18 months, students will reinforce the theory and skills learned through RMIT while gaining real-world experience in a healthcare environment.

Upon completion of this diploma, students of this stream are guaranteed an interview for an ongoing professional role with Epworth Healthcare, including the Epworth Richmond and Freemasons Graduate Program.

Find out about the [RMIT Epworth Healthcare partnership](#).

Pathway options

This course offers pathway options. If you don't meet the entry requirements, a formal pathway might be your way in.

The completion of the Science Stream of the [Certificate IV in Tertiary Preparation](#) may provide a pathway into this program.



Alicia White

Diploma of Nursing

I have always felt the need to help people, and studying nursing has given me a way to do that. I no longer feel helpless in the face of medical emergencies

Credit and recognition of prior learning

Credit, recognition of prior learning, professional experience and accreditation from a professional body can reduce the duration of your study by acknowledging your earlier, relevant experience. [Find out if you might be eligible.](#)

Professional recognition

RMIT's Diploma of Nursing is a nationally accredited qualification. Upon graduation, you can register with the National Health Practitioners Regulation Agency AHPRA, allowing you to work anywhere in Australia.

Further study

Graduates of this course may be eligible for exemptions from the [Bachelor of Nursing](#), subject to meeting the entry requirements. A bachelor degree will allow you to work as a registered nurse.

For more information, use our [Online Pathways Finder](#) or contact Study@RMIT for more information.

Ready to take the next step?

Find out more at rmit.edu.au/programs/c5365 or get in touch with the Study@RMIT team.

Undergraduate Bachelor of Nursing

RMIT's Bachelor of Nursing gives you the theoretical content and real-world skills to successfully practise as a registered nurse in Australia.

The Bachelor of Nursing combines theory, laboratory skills, clinical simulation and clinical practice to ensure you are job-ready at graduation.

The degree features:

- clinical practice in each year, in a range of clinical settings across metropolitan and rural areas
- clinical laboratories, giving you extended access to the labs to practise your nursing skills
- mental health nursing subjects
- a core indigenous health subject
- professional development support to prepare you for graduate employment

You'll develop your skills in our state-of-the-art interactive nursing laboratories using high-fidelity simulation and gain real-world experience in a diverse range of clinical placements, including major metropolitan, rural hospitals and the community sector.

You'll also gain skills in caring for people in acute care settings, such as medical, surgical and mental health, as well as specialised areas of nursing practice.

Career outcomes

Nursing is an essential profession with a high number of employees in Australia.

Nurses work in hospitals, general practices, aged-care facilities and community care. They work across a wide range of fields including:

- emergency
- mental health
- neonatal
- orthopaedic
- paediatric
- rehabilitation
- oncology
- aged-care
- critical care

Professional recognition

The Bachelor of Nursing degree is accredited by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) as an "entry to nursing practice" degree.

Successful completion of this degree will enable RMIT graduates to apply for registration with the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia as a Registered Nurse in Australia.

Bachelor of Nursing (BP032)



Duration

Full-time: 3 years



Location

Bundoora campus



Entry score

Refer to [website*](#)



Fees

[Commonwealth supported places](#)



Intakes

February, July[^]



How to apply

Semester 1: VTAC
Semester 2: Direct application



Need more info?

rmit.edu.au/programs/bp032

* Refer to rmit.edu.au/programs/bp032 for up-to-date entry score
[^] Diploma pathway students only

Program structure

Graduate with the theoretical and clinical skills to kick-start your career as a registered nurse.

Year 1	Introduction to Nursing Studies	Principles and Practice of Nursing 1	Therapeutics for Nursing 1 (Nursing Concepts)	Introduction to Human Biosciences
	Principles and Practice of Nursing 2	Essentials of Health Care Practice	Systems Physiology	Professional Experience Practice 1
Year 2	Medical and Surgical Nursing 1	Therapeutics for Nursing 2 (Systems Pharmacology)	Mental Health Nursing and Human Development	Professional Experience Practice 2
	Complex Mental Health, Trauma and Recovery	Medical and Surgical Nursing 2	Indigenous Health	Professional Experience Practice 3
Year 3	Complex Nursing Care	Law and Ethics for Health Professionals	Preparation for Practice and Leadership	Professional Experience Practice 4
	Health Care Informatics and Research Critique	Transcultural, Primary and Community Health	Professional Experience Practice 5	Program Option Course (Elective)

Year 1

You'll study biosciences, fundamentals of nursing practice, essentials of health care practice in Australia and undertake clinical practice.

Year 2

You'll extend the knowledge and skills developed in Year 1 and focus on caring for people in acute care settings, such as medical, surgical and mental health.

Year 3

You'll acquire further knowledge and skills in general and more specialised areas of nursing practice. A professional development seminar will prepare you for working as a registered nurse.

You will select one of the following electives in a specialised area that interests you:

- Palliative Care
- Health and Physical Assessment
- Introduction to Speciality Nursing
- Paediatric Nursing
- Dual Diagnosis Co-morbidity and Society



Pathway options

This course offers pathway options. If you don't meet the entry requirements, a formal pathway might be your way in.

Undertaking a Diploma of Nursing can help you meet the entry requirements for your preferred course.

These qualifications often provide credit, reducing the duration of your bachelor degree.

Use our [Online Pathways Finder](#) or contact Study@RMIT for more information.

Credit and recognition of prior learning

Credit, recognition of prior learning, professional experience and accreditation from a professional body can reduce the duration of your study by acknowledging your earlier, relevant experience. [Find out if you might be eligible.](#)

Further study

When you successfully complete this program, you may be eligible for entry into an [honours](#) or [postgraduate](#) degree.

Graduates may pursue further study in an area of specialisation. RMIT offers:

- [Graduate Diploma in Child and Family Health Nursing](#)
- [Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing](#)
- [Master of Mental Health Nursing](#)

Ready to take the next step?

Find out more at rmit.edu.au/programs/bp032 or get in touch with the Study@RMIT team.

Postgraduate

Master of Mental

Health Nursing



Understand the complexities of mental health to get you ready for leadership and clinical roles.

The Master of Mental Health Nursing offers registered nurses the opportunity to develop specialty skills in mental health nursing and prepare for advanced clinical leadership roles.

As a student of this course, you'll study topics such as:

- advanced individual and group counselling
- mental health treatment
- contemporary nursing issues, global health
- physical health assessment
- psychopharmacology
- leadership and mentorship
- clinical teaching
- research

RMIT is the leading provider of postgraduate mental health nursing education in Australia and sits at the forefront of nursing education and research.

Our mental health nursing courses are linked and supported by industry partners and offered to nurses working in acute, forensic services, child and adolescent, aged mental health, addictions, homelessness teams and consultation liaison services.

Career outcomes

According to the Australian Government, a substantial workforce gap is projected for the mental health nursing sector to 2030.

Graduates will be able to extend their careers in mental health nursing in a range of hospital and community settings across metro and rural areas.

Graduates of this program should be well prepared to conduct shift leadership and care coordination roles as well as mentorship of staff in a mental health setting.

Professional recognition

You can join the [Australian College of Mental Health Nurses](#) and cite this qualification as part of your application for credentialing. Credentialed mental health nurses can be funded for employment under the Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program.

Graduates can apply for registration with the [Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia](#) and after obtaining credentialing with the ACMHN may seek a provider number for private practice or practice in any Australian state or territory under the mental health nurse incentive program.

Master of Mental Health Nursing (MC268)



Duration

Full-time: 1.5 years or part-time equivalent



Location

Melbourne City, Bundoora



Entry score

Not applicable



Fees

[Commonwealth supported places](#)
[Full-fee places](#)



Intakes

February, July



How to apply

Semester 1: Direct application



Need more info?

rmit.edu.au/programs/mc268

Program structure

Discover a rewarding career and seize your opportunities for professional development with a qualification from RMIT.

Year 1	Foundations of Mental Health Nursing Partnerships	Context of Mental Health Nursing	Therapeutic Initiatives in Mental Health	Dual Diagnosis and Community Work
	Mental Health Nursing Clinical Portfolio	Assessment Analysis In Mental Health Nursing	Health Inquiry Critique	Program Option Course
Year 2	Health Research Project	Program Option Course	Program Option Course	Program Option Course

Year 1

Year 1 takes place at the Bundoora campus or via distance education.

You'll study specialised subjects in mental health give you an understanding of applying diagnostic and therapeutic techniques in your clinical practice, as well the broader professional and social context of mental health nursing.

You'll also select and complete one area of specialisation from the following program options:

- Narrative Approaches for Career Counselling
- Leadership and Management
- Quality Improvement for Health Care Professionals
- Forensic Psychology
- Parent-Infant Mental Health
- Loss, Trauma and Grief
- Clinical Learning and Teaching

Year 2

Year 2 takes place at the Melbourne City campus or via distance education.

You'll extend the knowledge and skills developed in Year 1, and select and complete 48 credit points from the following courses:

- Health Research Project 1
- Health Research Project 2
- Leadership, Supervision and Mentoring in Health Care
- Physical Assessment, Therapeutics and Mental Health
- Global Mental Health

Pathway options

Learn more about [pathways](#) or if you are eligible for [credit transfer and recognition of prior learning](#).

Credit and recognition of prior learning

Graduates of the RMIT's [Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing](#) are eligible to seek 96 points of credit transfer towards the Master of Mental Health Nursing.

Applicants who have completed an equivalent postgraduate certificate or postgraduate diploma (which must include a Research Methods component) in mental health nursing at another university can claim a maximum of 72 points credit (50%) towards the Master of Mental Health Nursing degree at RMIT.

You can also apply for credit if you have completed a recognised psychiatric graduate nurse program (that was at least 12 months long) and/or are a nurse with advanced standing and experience in mental health.

Further study

After successfully completing the Master of Mental Health Nursing you may be eligible to proceed to a master by research or PhD.

Ready to take the next step?

Find out more at rmit.edu.au/programs/mc268 or get in touch with the Study@RMIT team.

Postgraduate

Graduate Diploma

in Mental Health Nursing

Turn your passion for people's wellbeing into a career in mental health.

Mental Health Nurses are specialist registered nurses with key responsibilities under the Mental Health Act to assess, plan and provide care for people who are often vulnerable and in crisis.

As a student of this course, you'll study topics such as:

- advanced individual and group counselling
- mental health treatment
- contemporary nursing issues, global health
- physical health assessment
- psychopharmacology
- leadership and mentorship
- clinical teaching
- research

RMIT is the leading provider of postgraduate mental health nursing education in Australia and sits at the forefront of nursing education and research.

Our mental health nursing courses are linked and supported by industry partners and offered to nurses working in acute, forensic services, child and adolescent, aged mental health, addictions, homelessness teams and consultation liaison services.

Career outcomes

According to the Australian Government, a substantial workforce gap is projected for the mental health nursing sector to 2030.

Graduates will be able to extend their careers in mental health nursing in a range of hospital and community settings across metro and rural areas.

Graduates of this program should be well prepared to conduct shift leadership and care coordination roles as well as mentorship of staff in a mental health setting.

Professional recognition

The Graduate Diploma of Mental Health Nursing is a core requirement that can be used in your application to be credentialed by the [Australian College of Mental Health Nurses](#), which will allow you to practice as a recognised Mental Health Nurse.

Upon graduation, you will be able to access a Graduate Diploma allowance under the Victorian Public Mental Health Nurses award and seek promotional positions that require this qualification.

Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing (GD158)



Duration

Full-time: 1 year
Part-time: 2 years



Location

Bundoora



Entry score

Not applicable



Fees

[Commonwealth supported places](#)
[Full-fee places](#)



Intakes

February, July



How to apply

Semester 1: Direct application



Need more info?

rmit.edu.au/programs/gd158

Program structure

RMIT's focus on industry-based, practical learning is realised in the design and outcomes of our Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing.

Year 1	Foundations of Mental Health Nursing Partnerships	Context of Mental Health Nursing	Therapeutic Initiatives in Mental Health	Dual Diagnosis and Community Work
	Mental Health Nursing Clinical Portfolio	Assessment Analysis In Mental Health Nursing	Health Inquiry Critique	Program Option Course

What you will study

This course is for registered nurses with at least 840 hours (approximately six months) experience working in mental health clinical practice, or currently completing a graduate year in mental health nursing.

This diploma will give you an understanding of applying diagnostic and therapeutic techniques in your clinical practice, as well the broader professional and social context of mental health nursing. You will also develop research skills and the ability to be reflective of your practice.

A work-integrated learning subject will further develop your skills caring for clients in a variety of clinical settings with interaction and feedback from industry.

You'll also select and complete one area of specialisation from the following program options:

- Narrative Approaches for Career Counselling
- Leadership and Management
- Loss, Trauma and Grief
- Quality Improvement for Health Care Professionals
- Forensic Psychology
- Parent-Infant Mental Health
- Clinical Learning and Teaching

Relevant and industry-based learning

RMIT's focus on industry-based, practical learning is realised in the design and outcomes of the diploma.

It has been developed in close consultation with industry and is based on the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses (ACMHN) Credentialing Guidelines.

Teaching staff are experienced practitioners with strong industry connections. Learning activities and subjects are constantly updated to ensure your studies are linked to contemporary and evolving vocational practice.

Pathway options

Learn more about [pathways](#) or if you are eligible for [credit transfer and recognition of prior learning](#).

Credit and recognition of prior learning

Graduates of the RMIT's [Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing](#) are eligible to seek 96 points of credit transfer towards the Master of Mental Health Nursing.

Applicants who have completed an equivalent postgraduate certificate or postgraduate diploma (which must include a Research Methods component) in mental health nursing at another university can claim a maximum of 72 points credit (50%) towards the [Master of Mental Health Nursing](#) degree at RMIT.

You can also apply for credit if you have completed a recognised psychiatric graduate nurse program (that was at least 12 months long) and/or are a nurse with advanced standing and experience in mental health.



Susan Hua

Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing

I was interested in RMIT's Graduate Diploma of Mental Health Nursing as the course had a strong focus on psychotherapeutic interventions. I've really enjoyed the opportunity to learn in a specialised field. I felt relaxed and supported throughout the course, because our educators were very understanding of our needs.

Further study

After successfully completing the Master of Mental Health Nursing you may be eligible to proceed to a master by research or PhD.

Ready to take the next step?

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Postgraduate

Graduate Diploma in

Child and Family

Health Nursing



Advance your midwifery career and further develop your skills and knowledge.

The Graduate Diploma in Child and Family Health Nursing prepares registered nurses (with qualifications as midwives) for advanced practice in community child and family health nursing.

At the completion of the graduate diploma, you'll be able to:

- critically analyse and apply the principles of primary health care related to child and family health
- analyse and evaluate nursing strategies designed to promote and maintain wellbeing for children and their families
- apply evidence-based practice to primary care within the scope of the Maternal Child Health (MCH) service
- critically examine key ethical issues relevant to professional health care practice in community settings.

You will develop the ability to critically analyse and apply principles of primary healthcare, to help you secure a rewarding role as a maternal and child health nurse.

The face-to-face contact at RMIT develops strong clinical skills in child health and enables regular support and discussion to enhance learning.

Career outcomes

Nursing is an essential profession with a high number of employees in Australia and around the world.

Graduates work in maternal and child health nursing in local government, early parenting centres and community services.

Professional recognition

Upon completing the graduate diploma, you can join professional organisations such as the [Victorian Association of Maternal and Child Health Nurses \(VAMCHN\)](#) and the [Maternal & Child Health Nurses Victoria \(MCHN VIC\)](#).



Graduate Diploma in Child and Family Health Nursing (GD159)



Duration

Full-time: 1 year
Part-time: 2 years



Location

Bundoora



Entry score

Not applicable



Fees

[Commonwealth supported places](#)
[Full-fee places](#)



Intakes

February



How to apply

Semester 1: Direct application



Need more info?

rmit.edu.au/programs/gd159

Program structure

RMIT University is one of the longest running oldest providers of nursing education in Australia with a history of industry partnership and strong graduate employability for over 40 years.

Year 1	Child and Family Nursing in the Community	Family and Community Studies	Child and Family Health Assessment	Working in Partnership with Families
	Child and Family Nutrition	Health Promotion for Early Parenting	Maternal and Child Health Clinical Practice	Program Option Course

How you will study

This graduate diploma is available on-campus but includes units with significant online modules that can be studied from home. It also includes 300 hours of clinical placements and visits.

Units are mostly offered in full-day attendance mode. You will experience a range of learning approaches including learner-centred curriculum, learning activities and projects.

Your learning will be further supported by face-to-face lectures, some online learning, independent study and clinical experiences across a range of early childhood services.

What you will study

The Graduate Diploma in Child and Family Health Nursing consists of 96 credit points, which you will need to complete in order to successfully complete your qualification.

You'll also select and complete one elective from the following:

- Context of Mental Health Nursing
- Parent-Infant Mental Health
- Foundations of Mental Health Nursing Partnerships
- Therapeutic Initiatives in Mental Health
- Health Inquiry Critique
- University Postgrad Elective

Relevant and industry-based learning

RMIT University is at the forefront of nursing education and research, and its focus on industry-based, practical learning is realised in the design and outcomes of the graduate diploma.

To meet curriculum requirements, you will be required to complete a minimum of 300 hours of clinical experience in approved early childhood services. While most experience occurs in approved MCH centres, almost one-third of your clinical experience will include observations and visits to community agencies.

These include childcare centres, early intervention services, early parenting centres, MCH Line, community day stay programs and other key services.

Entry requirements

This course is for registered nurses (with qualifications as midwives) who meet all of the following requirements:

- an Australian bachelor degree in Nursing, or equivalent;
- an Australian Graduate Diploma in Midwifery, or Bachelor of Midwifery, or equivalent;
- current registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) as both a Nurse (Division 1, General) and Midwife (General);
- completed a minimum of 1 year (full-time equivalent) post-registration clinical experience as a registered nurse and 1 year (full-time equivalent) post-registration clinical experience as a registered midwife (2 years total);
- demonstrated recent clinical experience, defined as a minimum of 1 year (full-time equivalent) employment within the last 5 years as a registered nurse OR a registered midwife.

Applicants will also be required to meet a number of immunisation and compliance requirements, and provide a valid Police Check and Working with Children Check prior to undertaking any clinical components of the program.

Pathway options

Learn more about [pathways](#) or if you are eligible for [credit transfer and recognition of prior learning](#).

Further study

After successfully completing the Graduate Diploma in Child and Family Health Nursing you may be eligible to proceed to a master by research.

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