



STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

I have found this a really wonderful course and would like to continue to complete the full course in the near future. Staff have been extremely supportive, understanding and prompt with their assistance. I should have started earlier in the course but also feel that I would not have had the knowledge at that time to feel confident to complete. Thank you all. It has been a really wonderful course.

Overall, at first I was hesitant and contemplated pulling out of the course, but ... the Pap Test workshop enlightened me of the importance for the need of female practitioners and has encouraged me to give the course 110%.

Best distance education course I have ever done; support has been fantastic from academics, if floundering at all, I know I can ring someone for support.

It has been a long time since I have done formal study. I felt welcomed and assisted at all times. I at no time felt that any of my queries were an annoyance or trivial. The workbook material was excellently presented and very organised.

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Postgraduate Certificate/Diploma in Primary Care Nursing

Department of General Practice and
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THE POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE/ DIPLOMA IN PRIMARY CARE NURSING

This is a tailored course for nurses working in general practice and primary care that will provide practice nurses with evidence based information and training, which will give them the knowledge and skills to provide advanced clinical care. It also builds the knowledge needed to have practice nursing identified as a nursing specialty and prepare future leaders in this field.

For the general practitioner it provides them with reassurance that the nurses working in their practice are academically prepared to take on a complex nursing role in a challenging environment. Clinical skills are focused on the Medicare Benefits Scheme and will add capacity to the general practice business model.

The course has been developed by experienced practice nurses and general practitioners to suit the needs of busy nurses in professional and clinical areas. It has been designed to complement previous experience and expand the practice nurse's scope of practice.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The course is delivered by distance education and some subjects require attendance at a one day face-to-face workshop. The distance education format takes into consideration the nurse's location and work/life balance.

The course pathway is as follows:

- 4 subjects to obtain the Postgraduate Certificate in Primary Care Nursing
- 8 subjects to obtain the Postgraduate Diploma in Primary Care Nursing
- Completion of the Diploma provides credit towards the Masters of Advanced Nursing Practice (School of Nursing) with the option of preparation for Nurse Practitioner endorsement. Enrolment is dependant on meeting prescribed registration and clinical experience requirements.

SUBJECTS

- Preventive Health Care
- Immunisation and Travel Health
- Management of Common Chronic Conditions
- Primary Care of Type 2 Diabetes
- Pregnancy Care in General Practice
- Youth Health in Primary Care
- Taking Pap Tests: Theory and Practice
- Significant Issues in Women's Health
- Responding to Women in Primary Care
- Sexual and Reproductive Health
- Sexually Transmissible Infections
- Communication Skills in General Practice

- Advanced Nursing Practice in Primary Care
- Risk Management in Primary Care
- Applications of Clinical Pharmacology
- Evidence for Practice

Recognition of prior learning is available for some postgraduate subjects completed at other institutions.

INDIVIDUAL SUBJECTS

Enrolment in a single subject is also available via the University's Community Access Program (CAP)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Australian Registered Nurse (Division 1 in Victoria)
- A minimum one year clinical experience
- An equivalent approved overseas qualification

FEES:

All subjects: \$1,718.75 AUD

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