

Program 26

Enrolment day for confirmed applicants Wednesday 5 August

On-campus: 6 August to 4 September

Clinical placement: 7 September to 25 September

Extended route

On-campus: 6 August to 15 September

Clinical placement: 21 September to 16 October

Venue

On-campus: The College of Nursing, 14 Railway Parade, Burwood.

Clinical placements are negotiated in NSW public hospitals. Some participants may need to travel some distance.

Criminal Record Check and Prohibited Employment Declaration

NSW Health Department policy requires all participants undertaking clinical placement to undergo a criminal record check and sign a prohibited employment declaration. Applicants are required to obtain a police clearance from their country of origin (with English translation). This must be brought on the first day of the program.

Immunisation

NSW Health policy requires participants to comply with its policy of vaccination against infectious diseases, including adult diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B, influenza, measles, mumps, rubella, varicella and tuberculosis (see NSW Health Department Policy Directive – PD 2007_006).

Refer to the following website for additional information:

www.health.nsw.gov.au/ohs_vaccination/

Insurance

Participants undertaking clinical as part of this assessment program are considered 'students under supervision' and are covered for public liability including professional indemnity.

Personal accident or workers compensation insurance is not covered during the clinical placement and participants are strongly advised to arrange this coverage for the duration of their program.

Web addresses for additional information

The College of Nursing: www.nursing.edu.au

The New South Wales Health Department: www.health.nsw.gov.au

Nurses and Midwives Board, New South Wales:
www.nmb.nsw.gov.au

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship:
www.immi.gov.au

Community Relations Commission For a multicultural NSW:
www.crc.nsw.gov.au/

Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council:
www.anmc.org.au

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Contemporary nursing in Australia: Orientation and assessment of competence as an enrolled nurse

Program information
for overseas qualified
enrolled nurses

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About the College

The Mission of the College is to provide leadership through partnership with nurses in line with the changing needs of the community, trends in health service delivery and the aspirations of nurses themselves.

As part of the College's commitment to ensuring customer focused performance through the provision of goods and services of the highest quality, its endeavours are the subject of a number of quality management activities.

About the program

The College of Nursing conducts programs for overseas qualified enrolled nurses who are referred by the Nurses and Midwives Board of New South Wales for assessment of competence to practice as an enrolled nurse.

The goal of the program is to orientate participants to contemporary nursing practice in Australia, building upon their previous knowledge, skills and experience to prepare them to demonstrate safe practice at the entry to practice level according to the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council (ANMC) competency standards for the enrolled nurse.

The program consists of pre-reading, on-campus and workplace clinical components. Participants must successfully complete a number of written and simulated clinical assessment items before being eligible to proceed to the workplace clinical component and assessment of competence. Upon completion of the program a comprehensive report on each participant's progression in the program will be forwarded to the Nurses and Midwives Board, New South Wales. This report will include a recommendation as to whether or not the individual should be enrolled as a nurse.

Duration

The duration of the program is either 320 hours or 400 hours (8 to 11 weeks) depending on the participant's orientation needs.

It is estimated the pre-reading, which is undertaken prior to attending the College, will take approximately 40 hours to complete. The on-campus component, which includes lectures, group activities, tutorials and simulated clinical sessions will be conducted over 160 – 200 hours (4 to 6 weeks). The workplace

clinical component will be conducted over 120–160 hours (3 to 4 weeks).

On-campus sessions are conducted from 8.00am to 5pm; clinical hours are from 7am to 3.30pm.

Entry criteria

To be eligible to attend the program the applicant must meet each of the following criteria:

1. have a letter of referral from the Nurses and Midwives Board, New South Wales which is current at the time of commencement of the program
2. provide evidence of an English language test within the previous 2 years at one of the following levels:
 - The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) academic module, a score of:
 - 7 overall
 - at least 6.5 on the individual bands of listening and reading, and
 - at least 7 on the individual bands of writing and speaking
 - A pass at "B" level on each of the four components (reading, writing, listening and speaking) of the Occupational English Test (OET) for nurses.
3. be an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or have permanent resident status or holders of any of the following visas:
 - Temporary resident visa
 - Provisional resident visa
 - Visitor visa
 - 456 visa
 - Bridging visa (except 8207 visa conditions)
 - Student visa, where the holder is currently enrolled in a registered educational course for overseas students
 - Dependent of a holder of a student visa.

Holders of any short-term visas must complete the full program within the validity of their visa. Applicants are advised that finalisation of results may take several weeks to process and this should be considered when planning their arrival date.

Program fee

AUD \$10,000.00

The cost for the program consists of a \$450.00 non-refundable application fee and \$9550.00 which is to be paid prior to the program commencement.

Application process

Applicants are advised to:

1. Complete application form
2. Forward completed application form (and non-refundable application fee) along with the following documents:
 - original letter of referral from the Nurses and Midwives Board, New South Wales
 - a certified copy of your English language test result
 - a certified copy of your visa*

* Applicants who will be applying for a short stay visa in order to undertake the program may be issued with a letter from the College that can be used to support their application for a visa when all other entry requirements have been met.

Note: Incomplete applications cannot be processed.

3. Successful applicants will be notified by mail.
Applicants are advised not to finalise any personal arrangements until confirmation of a place in the program is received from The College of Nursing.
4. Confirmed applicants are required to attend the program enrolment session where all original documentation is to be presented for verification. Applicants will be excluded from the program if the original documentation and eligibility cannot be verified. Outstanding fees are to be finalised at this time.

Authority to transact business

Where the applicant has another person/agent acting on their behalf, an authority to transact business form must be completed and forwarded to the College.

Program dates

Program 25

Enrolment day for confirmed applicants Wednesday 11 March

On-campus: 12 March to 9 April

Clinical placement: 14 April to 5 May

Extended route

On-campus: 12 March to 21 April

Clinical placement: 27 April to 22 May