

Program 113

Enrolment day for confirmed applicants Thursday 15 July

On-campus: 19 July to 13 August

Clinical placement: 16 August to 3 September

Extended route On-campus: 19 July to 20 August

Clinical placement: 30 August to 24 September

Program 114

Enrolment day for confirmed applicants Thursday 23 September

On-campus: 24 September to 22 October

Clinical placement: 25 October to 12 November

Extended route On-campus: 24 September to 29 October

Clinical placement: 8 November to 3 December

Venue

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:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/immunisation/ohs/providers.asp>

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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The College of Nursing

Contemporary nursing in Australia: Orientation and assessment of competence as a registered nurse

**Program information
for overseas qualified registered nurses**

January – December 2010

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 registered nurses who are referred by the Nurses and Midwives Board of New South Wales for assessment of competence to practice as a registered 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 registered 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 registered 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 minimum score of 7 on each of the individual bands of writing and speaking, listening and reading,
 - 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 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 111

Enrolment day for confirmed applicants Friday 29 January

On-campus: 1 February to 26 February

Clinical placement: 1 March to 19 March

Extended route On-campus: 1 February to 5 March

Clinical placement: 15 March to 9 April

Program 112

Enrolment day for confirmed applicants Thursday 22 April

On-campus: 23 April to 21 May

Clinical placement: 24 May to 11 June

Extended route On-campus: 23 April to 28 May

Clinical placement: 7 June to 2 July