
THE GEELONG HOSPITAL

As the acute care facility of Barwon Health, The Geelong Hospital is the major provider of health services to the 350,000 people of Greater Geelong & the 500,000 people of the Barwon South-Western region. The hospital has over 360 beds and treats over 58,000 inpatients per year.

Our range of services is among the most comprehensive in Victoria.

The Geelong Hospital is:

- The sole provider of public acute hospital services for Greater Geelong and the principal provider of psychiatric programs for the Barwon area.
- A teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Melbourne with Chairs in Medicine, Surgery and Psychiatry; and Deakin University with a Chair in Nursing
- Associated with the Gordon Institute of TAFE for the clinical education of Division 2 students of nursing.

The Barwon Health Centre for Education & Practice Development offers Graduate Diplomas in Perioperative Nursing, Critical Care Nursing, and Midwifery in conjunction with Deakin University and Emergency Nursing in conjunction with The University of Melbourne. The Centre also offers supported programs in speciality areas of nursing practice and conducts regular specialised short courses and seminars.

APPLICATION PREREQUISITES

- ◆ Registered Nurse Division 1 with current Victorian Nurses Board Registration
- ◆ Minimum of 12 months recent post-registration acute general nursing experience

SELECTION CRITERIA

- ◆ Meet Deakin University selection criteria
- ◆ Meet medical and police check criteria
- ◆ Satisfactory interview performance
- ◆ Satisfactory clinical references

CONTRACT

Contract for employment is for the duration of the Clinical program. Students will receive a salary equivalent of 0.8 E.F.T. at substantive rate. Payment is not made for theoretical hours.

APPLICATIONS

The Course is advertised on the Barwon Health employment website, in local newspaper and major Melbourne newspapers during September. Mid year applications will be considered.

Application must be made to both Barwon Health and Deakin University.

Enrolment packages are available from School of Nursing, Deakin University, Burwood Campus.

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STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE

Clinical Program Duration:

The 12 month clinical program commences in February of each year and includes rostered annual leave.

Course Aims:

To enable Registered Nurses (Division 1) to gain an advanced knowledge base from which to plan and care for critically ill adults.

To develop Registered Nurses (Division 1) clinical skills as competent critical care nurse practitioners.

To provide the academic and clinical environment for the professional growth of the Registered Nurses (Division 1) into specialised critical care nurses.

Theoretical Component:

Deakin University administers the theoretical component of the course. The Geelong Hospital provides a strong program of clinical tutorials and support. The theoretical program can be completed in one academic year, however part-time study options are available.

Clinical Component:

The clinical component of the course is undertaken in the critical care areas of the Geelong Hospital with specific objectives and assessments to be achieved (see over).

CLINICAL STREAMS

The Geelong Hospital offers clinical streams in Cardiac Nursing and Intensive Care Nursing, providing course participants with the opportunity to specialise in either area of interest. Students will rotate to both clinical areas will be able to consolidate their clinical practice in their chosen area.

Cardiac Services

The inpatient Cardiac Services Unit at Geelong Hospital, comprises of 6 acute beds, 24 sub acute telemetry beds and 10 cardiothoracic surgical step down beds, it is supported by 2 cardiac cath labs and seven cardiologists. It provides a range of services including angiography, angioplasty and coronary artery stenting, electrophysiology studies, insertion of implantable devices and 24-hour service for emergency procedures.

The acute care beds are supported by nursing staff with post graduate qualifications committed to providing specialised care for over 1200 acute cardiac patients a year.

Intensive Care Unit

The Intensive Care Unit at The Geelong Hospital is the only public Level 3 Intensive Care Unit servicing the needs of the south western region. The ICU is a dynamic environment where clinical knowledge and experience combines with state of the art facilities to provide holistic care to critically ill patients.

It is currently a 15 bed unit, including seven general ICU beds, two cardiac surgery beds and six high dependency beds. It has a throughput of approximately 1000 patients per year including critically ill medical patients, post trauma, paediatric patients, cardiac surgical patients and other high risk post surgical patients.

CLINICAL SUPERVISION

Clinical supervision and assessment is undertaken by the clinical nurse educators and the senior critical care nursing staff. A preceptorship program is in place and students are under constant supervision by experienced critical care staff and/or clinical nurse educators.

CLINICAL ASSESSMENTS

Formal clinical appraisal and assessment of competency skills are undertaken throughout the course in accordance with Deakin University guidelines and specific unit requirements.



CENTRE FOR EDUCATION
& PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT
In affiliation with

Deakin University

Graduate Diploma of Nursing (Critical Care)

With clinical streams in:

- Cardiac Nursing
 - Intensive Care Nursing
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