

BARWON HEALTH

Barwon Health was formed in April 1998 from a voluntary amalgamation of:

- The Geelong Hospital
- McKellar Centre
- Geelong Community Health Service
- Surfcoast Community Health Service
- Corio Community Health Service

Barwon Health is the largest regional health service in Victoria, providing an extensive range of acute medical and surgical, maternity, emergency, rehabilitation, palliative and extended care, psychiatric and community based programs to the people of Geelong and the Barwon South Western Region through The Geelong Hospital, The McKellar Centre, Community & Mental Health; approximately 906 beds and over 4,500 staff deliver services over 19 sites. A Professorial Chair in Nursing has been jointly established with Deakin University.

AIMS OF THE GRADUATE NURSE PROGRAM

(skills, knowledge & competencies to be acquired by participants.)

To assist the Graduate Registered Nurse:

1. Achieve transition from student nurse to registered nurse and to have confidence in their own abilities.
2. To consolidate nursing knowledge and practice established by the initial nursing education course. To enable the graduate, with the assistance of clinical staff, to develop competencies in nursing in a range of clinical settings.
3. To prepare graduates for their professional, managerial and administrative functions as registered nurses.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE PROGRAM

1. The Graduate Nurse is able to practice effectively as a Registered Nurse.
2. Has developed competencies in Nursing.
3. Has confidence in their ability, is aware of limitations and seeks to improve them.

EDUCATION

Six formal study days and regular graduate support sessions are programmed throughout the year. A Professional Development Record is maintained and a clinical development project is to be completed.

CLINICAL PLACEMENTS

Graduate Nurses will undertake a minimum of two rotations, which may include medical, surgical and specialty area nursing experience.

DURATION OF THE PROGRAM = 12 months

NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE = Approx 40

INTAKES: Twice yearly

CLINICAL SUPERVISION

Support provided by Preceptors, Clinical Support Nurse, Clinical Nurse Educators and Graduate Support Sessions.

HONOURS PROGRAMS

Eligible graduates enrolled in an Honours Program may undertake the Graduate Nurse Program on a part-time basis. Support is provided to attend university study days. Co-supervision of research is provided between the university and Barwon Health Nursing Education Services.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Note: Applications through Nursing Computermatch only.

To apply you must submit:

- Letter of application
- Curriculum Vitae
- Academic Record
- All Second & Third Year Clinical Assessments
- Two professional referees (nursing)

forwarded to:

**Kathryn Coumans
Graduate Nurse Program Facilitator
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Closing date for applications:

as stipulated in Computermatch book

Candidates who are short listed will be interviewed.



CENTRE FOR EDUCATION &
PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT

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