

THE GEELONG HOSPITAL

As the acute care facility of Barwon Health, The Geelong Hospital is the major provider of health services to the 220,000 people of Greater Geelong & the 450,000 people of the Barwon South-Western region. The hospital has over 360 beds and treated over 50,000 inpatients in 2002-2003.

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 other teaching hospitals - such as St Vincent's for Medical Education and the Royal Children's for Paediatric Surgery - through existing and evolving strategic alliances and/or clearly established referral patterns;
- Associated with the Gordon Institute of TAFE for the clinical education of Division 2 students of nursing.

The Geelong Hospital Nursing Education Services offers Graduate Diplomas in Perioperative Nursing, Critical Care Nursing, and Midwifery in conjunction with Deakin University and Emergency Nursing in conjunction with Melbourne University. The Geelong Hospital Nursing Education Services also offers supported programs in speciality areas of nursing practice and conducts regular specialised short courses and seminars.

APPLICATION PREREQUISITES

- ◆ Registered Nurse Division 1
- ◆ Holds a current Victorian Practising Certificate
- ◆ Minimum of 12 months recent post-registration acute general nursing experience

SELECTION CRITERIA

- ◆ Meet the University of Melbourne selection criteria
- ◆ Passed as medically fit
- ◆ Satisfactory interview performance
- ◆ Satisfactory clinical references

SALARY

Students will receive a salary equivalent of 0.78 E.F.T. at substantive rate. Payment will not be made for theoretical hours.

CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT

Contract for employment is for the duration of the Clinical program.

APPLICATIONS

The Course is advertised in the local newspaper and major Melbourne newspapers during August/September. Mid-year applications will be considered.

Applications forms are available from School of Post Graduate Nursing, The University of Melbourne.

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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 a broad knowledge base from which to plan and care for patients presenting for emergency care.

To develop registered nurses' clinical skills so that they may be competent nurse practitioners.

To provide the academic and clinical environment for the professional growth of registered nurses into specialised emergency nurses.

Theoretical Component:

The University of Melbourne 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 Emergency Department of the Geelong Hospital.

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 emergency nursing staff and/or a clinical nurse educator.

Clinical Assessments:

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



EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

The Emergency Department has approximately 40,000 presentations per annum, one third of which are paediatric. A broad spectrum of presentations are seen in the department, including road, industrial and rural trauma. One third of all patients seen in the department are admitted to the hospital for ongoing management. An eight bed Clinical Decision Making Unit provides intensive assessment of selected emergency patients with a view to improving outcomes and reducing length of stay in hospital.

The Department provides 24 hour emergency medical and nursing cover, is the main referral centre for South - West Victoria and is involved in retrieval of seriously ill patients from the region. The Barwon Regional Ambulance Service and the Emergency Department work closely together and a Mobile Intensive Care Ambulance is based at the hospital.

NURSING EDUCATION SERVICES
In affiliation with

The University of Melbourne

Post Graduate Diploma in Advanced Clinical Nursing

(Emergency Stream)