

# Bachelor of Nursing

2019

Undergraduate

Graduate with a sound theoretical and clinical foundation for a professional career as a registered nurse.

This degree combines theory, nursing laboratory skills, clinical simulation and clinical practice to ensure you are job-ready at graduation to practise as a registered nurse in Australia. It provides a thorough grounding in biosciences and evidence-based care.

Areas of study include anatomy and physiology, community care nursing, continuing care nursing, high dependency nursing, medical surgical nursing, foundational nursing care, acute care nursing, and mental health nursing. Theoretical content is supported with nursing practice laboratories, clinical simulation and clinical practice.

RMIT's nursing program prepares you for diverse and complex healthcare environments through:

- clinical placement in each year of study across a range of clinical settings in both metropolitan and rural areas
- interactive skill development via high fidelity simulation lab facilities
- a core Indigenous health course

## Career outlook

Nurses make a difference to people's lives every day. Working across many different communities, registered nurses are in high demand across diverse roles in a vital global industry.

Nurses perform complex assessments of the physical and psychological needs of patients and put together care plans for their treatment and recovery.

They assist medical staff who perform invasive or complex procedures, educate patients to promote self-care and health, perform clinical tasks such as wound management and medication administration, and supervise other nurses or healthcare workers.

They can also specialise in a range of areas including emergency, paediatrics, cardiology, education, mental health, aged care, critical care, oncology and public health.

Nurses work in hospitals, general practices, aged care facilities and community care.

Graduates will have excellent employment prospects in a diverse range of metropolitan, rural, remote and overseas healthcare settings.

## Industry connections

Industry involvement in the program is extensive and includes:

- clinical placements for all students in a variety of healthcare agencies during the program
- healthcare agency involvement in the development and monitoring of the program via industry advisory groups
- clinical staff from healthcare agencies directly involved with clinical supervision of students

## Professional recognition

Graduates are eligible to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, a part of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, and to practise as a registered nurse in Australia.

Graduates seeking international registration will need to satisfy the specific requirements of the country concerned.

## Program snapshot

Program code: BP032

### Duration

Full-time: 3 years

### Location

Bundoora campus

### Selection mode

ATAR (2017: 69.00)

### How to apply

Semester 1: VTAC  
[vtac.edu.au](http://vtac.edu.au)

Semester 2: Direct to RMIT  
[rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/direct](http://rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/direct)

### Fees

For local fee information:  
[rmit.edu.au/programs/fees](http://rmit.edu.au/programs/fees)

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## Program structure

### Year 1

You'll study biosciences, fundamentals of nursing practice, essentials of health care in Australia and undertake clinical practice.

### Year 2

You'll extend the knowledge and skills developed in Year 1 and focus on caring for people in acute care settings, such as medical, surgical and mental health nursing.

### Year 3

You'll acquire further knowledge and skills in general and more specialised areas of nursing practice. A professional development seminar will prepare you for working as a registered nurse.

You will have the opportunity to select one elective in an area that interests you for a broader learning experience.

### Program elective examples:

- Palliative Care
- Health and Physical Assessment
- Introduction to Advanced Speciality Nursing
- Paediatric Nursing

Year 1	Introduction to Nursing Studies	Principles and Practice of Nursing 1	Therapeutics for Nursing 1 (Nursing Concepts)	Introduction to Human Biosciences
	Principles and Practice of Nursing 2	Essentials of Health Care Practice	Systems Physiology	Professional Experience Practice 1
Year 2	Medical and Surgical Nursing 1	Therapeutics for Nursing 2 - Systems Pharmacology	Mental Health Nursing and Human Development	Professional Experience Practice 2
	Law and Ethics	Medical and Surgical Nursing 2	Professional Experience Practice 3	Indigenous Health
Year 3	Complex Nursing Care	Complex Mental Health Trauma and Recovery	Preparation for Practice and Leadership	Professional Experience Practice 4
	Health Informatics and Research Critique	Transcultural Primary and Community Health	Professional Experience Practice 5	Program elective

Compulsory courses     Program electives

*Please note: This is an example of the program structure. Courses may change and may not be available each semester.*

## Additional information

Non-Year 12 applicants may submit additional information if they would like it to be considered. For semester 1 intake, this can be completed through the VTAC Personal Statement online. For semester 2 intake, this can be completed through the personal statement in the Apply Direct application.

**SEAS Form:** This is a gender under represented program and awards SEAS bonus points to male applicants. To be eligible you must submit a VTAC SEAS application and select category 1.

**Working With Children Check:** Students must hold a valid Working With Children Check prior to undertaking the clinical components of this program.

**Police Check:** Students must present evidence of a successful National Police Records Check prior to undertaking the clinical components of this program.

**Immunisation Policy:** Students must be adequately vaccinated prior to undertaking the clinical components of this program.

**Inherent requirements:** This program has inherent requirements. These are non-academic abilities you'll need to complete this program that relate to your physical capacity and behavioural stability. Check the website for a full list of the Bachelor of Nursing inherent requirements.