

J03-AA Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing Practice

Year and Campus:	2009
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate
Duration & Credit Points:	
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Course Overview:	<p>The course provides the opportunity for nurses to extend their undergraduate nursing knowledge and skills in an area of specialty nursing practice.</p> <p>Enrolment in the Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing Practice (PCNP) is dependant on meeting the registration and clinical experience requirements outlined in the Admission Requirements section. You must also be employed in your specialty area and have the support of your current employer to facilitate completion of specialty clinical competencies.</p>
Objectives:	<p>As a graduate of the PCNP you will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # a sound understanding of the scientific knowledge and research based evidence that underpins skill development specific to a specialty area of nursing practice # the ability to apply theoretical knowledge to understand the practice of providing care to individuals experiencing specific disturbances to health and well-being that require specialty nursing interventions # critical inquiry skills relevant to a chosen specialty area of nursing practice # the ability to communicate an understanding of the theoretical basis for practice both verbally and in a written form # problem solving skills appropriate for delivery and evaluation of patient care as a specialty practice nurse # life long learning skills that facilitate knowledge and skill development as a specialty practice nurse and the ability to undertake ongoing professional development in preparation for more advanced levels of specialty practice # demonstrated clinical competencies in a workplace, assessed by clinical experts, at a beginning competency level as benchmarked against Australian specialty practice competencies
Course Structure & Available Subjects:	<p>The PCNP is comprised of 50 credit points of clinical coursework subjects. Enrolment is dependant on meeting prescribed registration and clinical experience requirements. You must also have the support of your current employer to facilitate completion of specialty clinical competencies.</p> <p>Course structures for the specialty areas can be found at the School of Nursing website: http://www.nursing.unimelb.edu.au/courses/SAP/pcnp.html (http://www.nursing.unimelb.edu.au/courses/SAP/pcnp.html) Please note that Paediatric Critical Care is not offered as a certificate course</p>
Entry Requirements:	<p>Please visit the School of Nursing website for Admission Requirements: http://www.nursing.unimelb.edu.au/courses/SAP/admission.html (http://www.nursing.unimelb.edu.au/courses/SAP/admission.html)</p>

Core Participation Requirements:	It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's courses. This course requires all students to enrol in subjects where they must actively and safely contribute to clinical/field work activities. Students who feel their disability will impact on meeting this requirement are encouraged to discuss this matter with the Course Coordinator and the Disability Liaison Unit.
Links to further information:	http://www.nursing.unimelb.edu.au