GC-TRNSPRC Graduate Certificate in Transfusion Practice

Year and Campus:	2011 - Hawthorn
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate
Duration & Credit Points:	50 credit points taken over 6 months full time. This course is available as full or part time.
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Course Overview:	The Graduate Certificate in Transfusion Practice provides students with the skills and the opportunity to extend their nursing knowledge in an area of specialty transfusion practice. It aims to improve the transfusion safety and appropriate use of blood and blood products within hospitals. The foundation of the work is the translation of national best practice guidelines into everyday transfusion practice. The Graduate Certificate in Transfusion Practice is a part-time, four subject online program of one years duration administered by The University of Melbourne School of Nursing and coordinated by Melbourne Consulting and Custom Programs. The course is delivered in partnership with the Australian Red Cross Blood Service under the auspices of the Blood Matters: better safer transfusion (BeST) program and the Department of Human Services Victoria. The program is conducted by an experienced nurse educator and is the only online Graduate Certificate in Transfusion Practice course in the Southern Hemisphere.
Objectives:	The course aims to: • Assist students to develop skills and attitudes that enable them to initiate and accommodate change within the specialty area of Transfusion Medicine; • Inform participant's knowledge of international best practice, theory, policy and trends emerging around transfusion practice; • Develop thinking skills, problem solving, critical/analytical inquiry in relation to transfusion practice and determines the need for practice change; • Develop a high level of communication and educational skills to complement the resource aspect of this role; • Develop critical self-awareness to enable self-monitoring of performance and initiate self-education when required.
Course Structure & Available Subjects:	To satisfy the requirements of the Graduate Certificate in Transfusion Practice students must successfully complete all four subjects, a total of 50 points.
Subject Options:	**Core Subjects**

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
NURS90062 Quality Within Transfusion Practice	Semester 1, Semester 2	12.50
NURS90063 Fundamentals of Transfusion Practice	Semester 1, Semester 2	12.50
NURS90061 Transfusion Practice - Advanced Concepts	Semester 1, Semester 2	12.50
NURS90064 Transfusion Speciality Practice	Semester 1, Semester 2	12.50

Entry Requirements:	The minimum entry requirement is:

	• An undergraduate degree or equivalent qualification in medicine, nursing, an allied health profession, science or social science which is recognised by the University as evidence of adequate preparation for the course, OR • At least five years of documented relevant work experience.
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering requests for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
Further Study:	None
Graduate Attributes:	• Coordinate and deliver educational information • Motivate other health care professionals to implement policy• Analyse data and present persuasively the outcome and implication to relevant stakeholders• Present at workshops on the latest technologies and the implications for current practice
Professional Accreditation:	None
Generic Skills:	Please refer to **www.mccp.unimelb.edu.au (http://www.mccp.unimelb.edu.au/)**
Links to further information:	http://www.mccp.unimelb.edu.au/courses/award-courses/graduate-certificate/graduate_certificate_in_transfusion_practice