

Course Requirements

HLT54121 Diploma of Nursing

Expectations and inherent requirements of a student enrolled in the Diploma of Nursing

In order to make an informed choice about the suitability of a course, you must take into account the essential skills and knowledge in addition to the critical aspects of assessment of a course or qualification.

Please review the information below and think about whether you might experience challenges in meeting the student expectations and inherent requirements.

- If you think you might experience challenges related to a disability or mental health condition, you should discuss your concerns with the Course Coordinator or an Accessibility and Learning Support Officer.
- If you have made an informed choice that this is not the right pathway for you, please consider another qualification.

Please read the following information carefully. The information listed below set out the expectations and inherent requirements of a student training in this qualification.

In this industry career pathway, the following areas need to be considered:

Observational skills:

- Notice changes in people's behavior, ability and the environment
- Recognise the deteriorating patient
- Identify safety hazards and risks
- Observe and understand non-verbal cues (e.g. facial expressions, body language)
- Identify signs of verbal distress and/or aggression.

Communication skills:

- Communicate effectively with a range of people including technicians, nurses', patients, relatives, doctors, and anaesthetists
- Use appropriate language and respect when working with people from different cultures
- Listen and follow instructions
- Read and understand written information according to the situation
- Write and record comprehensive patient information and documentation
- Understand and respond to verbal and non-verbal communication
- Communicate and work with others as a team
- Use technology to communicate (e.g. computers, emails, electronic documents).

Technical and motor skills:

- Deal with physical demands of manual tasks (e.g. bending, squatting, kneeling, crouching, repetitive movements, carrying, reaching)
- Be on your feet for extended periods of time, both walking and standing
- Grasp, push, turn and manipulate objects
- Use equipment and other technology (e.g. computers, push wheelchairs, manual handling equipment)
- Have sufficient vision to safely perform the required range of skills
- Hear and differentiate sounds that may alert you of a problem (e.g. alarms, calls)
- Deal with body fluids (e.g. urine, faeces, blood).

Cognitive and intellectual skills:

- Gather, understand, organise, recall and communicate information
- Use judgment / basic problem solving skills (e.g. to respond to immediate safety risks)
- Understand other people's perspectives/opinions and respect their choices
- Understand and use maths effectively (e.g. measurements, calculations, 24 hr clock)
- Maintain a sufficient level of concentration to complete an activity/task
- Be attentive in interaction with others (e.g. to identify risks, to identify changes)
- Perform tasks in a safe manner and within reasonable timeframes.

Behavioural and social skills:

- Demonstrate patience and willingness to work with a variety of people
- Able to work under pressure
- Demonstrate professional behaviour (e.g. punctuality, maintaining confidentiality and respect personal boundaries)
- Control your emotions and reactions and withhold personal opinions
- Tolerate close proximity with individuals
- Interact with all genders
- Adapt to change
- Take responsibility for own actions – including responsible use of social media
- Comply with legal requirements of industry (e.g. criminal history check)

Time commitment

Students will be required to attend on-campus Monday to Friday between 8.45am and 3pm. Students will be given a timetable once enrolled.

Students will also be required to complete pre-reading for classes, self-directed learning and assessment completion in their own time.

Stationery requirements

Students are encouraged to bring to class:

- Lined paper / Notebook / Files with paper for note-taking in class
- Diary (Hard copy or digital)
- Pencil case with associated pens, pencils highlighters etc.
- Access to a computer with internet connection, email and printing (students can use TAFE computers if you don't have access at home)
- USB

Textbook/s and Equipment

Title: Tabbner's Nursing Care: Theory and Practice 8 th Edition		
Author: Gabrielle Koutoukidis	Publisher: Elsevier	ISBN: 9780729544191

Title: Essential Clinical Skills Enrolled Nurses 5 th Edition		
Author: Joanne Tollefson	Publisher: Cengage	ISBN: 9780170454087

Title: Herlihy's The Human Body in Health and Illness, ANZ adaption, 1 st Edition		
Author: Ellie Kirov	Publisher: Elsevier	ISBN: 9780729544481

The following equipment is recommended:

- Fob watch
- Optional: Stethoscope (Students will also have access to stethoscopes during classes)

Clinical Placement requirements

Students will also be required to complete a minimum of 400 hours of clinical placement over the 18 month course. This placement will require you to work shift work as rostered by the health care facility. Clinical Placements will arrange placements for students.

Uniform Requirements

The following uniform is required to be worn when the student is on campus and during clinical placements:

- Biz Collection Royal Blue with lime contrast scrub top (Male/Unisex Style code: H10612; Female Style Code: H10722) and royal blue pants (Unisex Style code: H10610).
- Uniforms are available for purchase from:
www.workwearclothingonline.com.au
- Approximate cost is \$50 per set. Students are encouraged to have at least two sets as they will need to wear a clean set of scrubs each due to infection control requirements.

- “Enrolled Nursing Student” to be embroidered on left side of neck line in Green thread below the SRTAFE logo. Cost of embroidery is approximately \$10 per item. The following businesses have the official SRTAFE logo on file:
 - Barefoot Clothing Manufacturers, 123 Lockyer Ave, Albany
 - Just Sew, Corner of York St and Peels Place, Albany



Additional Clinical Placement Requirements

Prior to commencement of clinical placements students will be required to show proof of the following

- NDIS Worker Screening Check – Discounted price when enrolled as a TAFE student
- WA Health Department Criminal Screening Clearance
- Working with children check
- Proof of immunity/vaccinations – Students will need to comply with the requirements of the health care provider regarding proof of vaccinations.
- Please refer to clinical Duty of Care Portfolio for further details