About this course

Work alongside Registered and Enrolled Nurses as an Assistant in Nursing (AIN) after completing this course

The Certificate III in Health Services Assistance (Acute Care) will give you the essential clinical knowledge and skills needed for employment in the health industry. As a graduate you will have the opportunity to work in a variety of public or private health care environments including acute care hospitals, aged care facilities and community settings.

During the course you will be involved in classroom activities and online learning including medical terminology, basic anatomy and physiology, and experience our simulated practice where care is delivered to manikins. You will also be required to undertake 80 hours of clinical work placement. The Department of Health requirements for acute care settings are met with the units covered in this course.

This course is a great first step in a nursing career, with the opportunity to apply for further study in nursing such as our Certificate IV in Preparation for Health and Nursing Studies or Diploma of Nursing courses.

North Metropolitan TAFE also offers a dual qualification in partnership with Hall and Prior Health and Aged Care Group at our Mt Lawley campus, combining this certificate III with CHC33015 AA66 Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing). For more information view our flyer.

If you are currently working in, or have previously worked in the health industry you may be able to gain credit for your experience and/or training through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), talk to us to find out more.

Gain these skills

- Assist the nursing teams with patient care, basic hygiene, feeding, urinalysis, transferring patients, vital signs, manual handling, simple wound care and dressings
- Assist clients with with personal care, communication, mobility and rehabilitation
Implement programs and procedures to maximise client well being
Perform personal care adhering to Infection control and WHS guidelines
Effective communication with patients in team settings
Supporting people with dementia

Is this course right for me?

I have the following attributes:

- Caring, positive attitude and respect for the rights of others
- Able to work as part of a team and follow instructions
- Comfortable working in a physical environment
- Able to manage time and prioritise tasks effectively

Details

During your course of study, NMTAFE may use a variety of learning practices to ensure you get the best outcome for your learning journey.
This may include online learning, face-to-face classroom, laboratory/workshop delivery, work placement or a combination of these, depending on which is most appropriate.

Entrance requirements

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Job opportunities

Hospital Orderly | Wardsperson | Patient Services Assistant

Other job titles may include:

- Assistant in Nursing at Tertiary Hospitals
- Assistant in Nursing at Aged Care Facilities
- Patient Support Assistant
- Ward Clerk | Ward Assistant
- Orderly

Please note this list should be used as a guide only as job titles and qualification requirements may vary between organisations.

Important information

Employment may require you to work shift hours.
Fees and charges

Local full time students

Course fees are made up of two components, tuition fees and resource fees.

**Tuition fees** are determined by multiplying the course fee rate by the nominal hours, which is the number of hours in which an average student could be expected to complete each unit. They are not the hours of training or instruction.

**Resource fees** are charges for material that are essential to a course or unit, and are purchased by NMT to be used by students during the course.

Fees may vary depending on the units you are enrolled in so an approximate amount has been shown. You will be given the exact amount of your fees at enrolment. Part time student fees will vary depending on the number of units you are enrolled in.

Please note, you may also need to buy textbooks or equipment for your course.

International Students

Check [TAFE International WA](https://www.tafeinternational.wa.edu.au) to confirm this course is available to international students. You will pay your tuition fees to TIWA.

**Please note, fees are subject to change.**