About this course

Enrolled Nurses have varied and rewarding career opportunities, making a difference in the lives of the people they care for

North Metropolitan TAFE's Diploma of Nursing will provide you with the skills and knowledge you need to be employed as an Enrolled Nurse; such as human biology, medical terminology, medicines and how to provide care for a range of people from different backgrounds.

With our nursing qualification you'll gain skills that are relevant to current industry trends and practices.

Not only are your employment prospects high in this industry, you'll also gain satisfaction from improving the quality of peoples' lives and possibly even saving lives.

You could gain employment in hospitals, community health services, residential care, private homes (home care), clinics, medical practices and pathology services.

Gain these skills

By the end of the course you will be able to:

- Assist in the provision of preventative, curative and rehabilitative nursing
- Understand anatomy and physiology
- Understand and implement infection control
- Provide nursing care for the client
- Understand legal and ethical parameters
- Promote positive health
- Understand health issues of Indigenous Australians
- Contribute to the nutritional and mental health care of the clients

Is this course right for me?

In order to make an informed choice about the suitability of this course, you must take into account the essential skills
and knowledge in addition to the critical aspects of assessment of this course or qualification. Our flyer will help you decide if Nursing is the right career for you.

**Part-time study option may be available depending on numbers**

See all of the Diploma of Nursing important details and requirements in the drop downs and tabs below.

To apply for the Diploma of Nursing part-time please contact [NMTAFE Nursing](mailto:NMTAFE.Nursing@nmtafe.wa.edu.au) for further instructions.

In some cases there may be alternatives for entry. Please contact us at [enquiry@nmtafe.wa.edu.au](mailto:enquiry@nmtafe.wa.edu.au) with any queries regarding entry requirements.

[Part-time study plan Diploma of Nursing example](#)

**Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) language skills registration standard (2019)**

The NMBA has recently released information regarding a revision to the current English language skills registration standard released in 2015, for nurses seeking registration with the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA) at the conclusion of their Diploma of Nursing studies.

There are three (3) pathways that may be used in the demonstration of English language competence at registration.

- Primary Language Pathway
- English Language Test Pathway, or
- Extended Education Pathway

The existing requirement for registration using the Extended Education Pathway – enrolled nurses, is to have completed at least five (5) years (full-time equivalent) education in English within one of the recognised countries. As of March 2019, evidence of education is required to be continuous education over the five (5) years full-time equivalent period, which must be completed within a 7 year time frame. This allows for part time study to still meet the requirement.

This can include the Board approved qualification of the Diploma of Nursing. If you do not meet the above requirement and decide to proceed to enrol into the Diploma of Nursing qualification, you may be deemed not to meet the new NMBA registration requirements on seeking registration. You may then be required to undertake a recognised English language test, (IELTS, OET, PTE or TOEFL iBT).


### Details

#### Entrance requirements

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**Prerequisites**

Please note that prior to enrolment you will need to undertake a pre entry assessment, to ensure you have an appropriate numeracy and literacy background. Please view the pre-enrolment requirements below.

**Pre-enrolment Requirements**

Entry to the Diploma of Nursing is very competitive. If you are considering a career in (enrolled) nursing and wondering what subjects you should choose at school or what the prerequisites are for getting into a nursing course, see the information below. All applicants are required to sit the Basic Key Skills Builder (BKSB) Literacy & Numeracy assessment and meet the Nursing & Midwifery Board of Australia's English language standards in order to be considered. Students will be notified when they are scheduled to attend with their test time and location.

**School-aged applicants (educated in Australia)**

If you wish to study nursing at TAFE you will need:

- A pass in year 12 English and maths. Though not a prerequisite, a science (e.g. human biology) might also be a good subject to choose.
- Attainment of the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) or equivalent from another Australian State if not from Western Australia.

**Mature-aged applicants (educated in Australia)**

- Completion of five (5) years (full-time equivalent) of secondary, tertiary and/or vocational education (or a combination thereof)

**All other applicants (educated in an English speaking country)**

If you were not educated in Australia, you must provide evidence of:

- Being taught and assessed in English in any of the following recognised countries: Canada; New Zealand; Republic of Ireland; South Africa; United Kingdom; and United States of America.
- Completion of five (5) years (full-time equivalent) of secondary, tertiary and/or vocational education (or a combination thereof) in above recognised country.

**All other applicants (educated in a non-English speaking country)**

If you were educated in a non-English speaking country you will need to sit a board-approved International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test and achieve a minimum score of seven (7) in each of the four components, or Occupational English Test (OET) and achieve a minimum score of ‘B' in each of the four components. You may also use PTE test results of a minimum overall score of 65 in each of the 4 communication skills or TOEFL iBT with a minimum total score of 94 as well as at least 24 for listening, 24 for reading, 27 for writing and 23 for speaking.

More information on acceptable tests is available from www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au

Test results will only be accepted as a course entry prerequisite if they were obtained.
Within two (2) years before the date you lodge your application for registration.

OR

For test results older than two (2) years, you can still apply if you have been continuously enrolled in a board-approved program of study.

In some cases there may be alternatives for entry. Please contact us if you are unsure if you meet the requirements or if you have any questions.

Further study

North Metropolitan TAFE offers you a range of further study opportunities, see below for a list of related courses or you may wish to apply to university to study to become a Registered Nurse.

Job opportunities

Enrolled Nurse | Mothercraft Nurse

Registration is required. Further information on registration is available at www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au

A graduate from a Diploma of Nursing program approved by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) is able to apply for registration with the NMBA as an enrolled nurse.

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

Important information

Please note there are additional costs to pay when enrolling in the Diploma of Nursing:

- you will have text books to purchase and details of these will be provided at orientation.
- you may be required to complete a health check (approx. $200)
- you may require immunisations and/or provide evidence of vaccinations - Hepatitis B, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella and Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP) record of vaccination (cost will vary depending on your doctor and what vaccinations are needed)
- Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) ($37)
- Working With Children Check (WWCC) ($11)
- National Police Clearance - through Australia Post, best to apply for this first ($52)
- WA Health Department Criminal History Record Check ($33, or no cost if applied for post Police Clearance)
- Uniform – Scrub Top and Pants ($70.50 per set) and closed in slip resistant shoes ($79.90). Details of these will be given at orientation.
Fees and charges

View our Indicative Fees list

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 to confirm this course is available to international students. You will pay your tuition fees to TIWA.

Please note, fees are subject to change.