Diploma of Nursing – Enrolment FAQs



1. Which campuses deliver the Diploma of nursing course?

A. Delivery is across all three campuses – Lilydale, Elgar and CAE

2. With the current COVD-19 situation how is this course delivered?

A. In the current situation classes are delivered face to face, however lab sessions will have smaller group sizes coming in for an hour at a time during the 3.5 hours of the session. The rest of the time the session will be self-directed learning

3. Where is the location of these campuses?

A. Lilydale Lakeside campus is located in Jarlo Drive, Lilydale
 Elgar campus is on 465 Elgar Road, Box Hill
 CAE campus is on Degreaves Street, Melbourne (just off Flinders lane)

4. How long will it take to complete the course?

A. It is a 2 year program

5. Is there a part time option?

A. No there is no part time, students are required on campus for 3 days per week for face to face delivery. For blended delivery this is 1.5 days per week with 2.5 days of self-directed learning.

6. Am I required to attend an aged care placement if I have done my Cert III in aged care and currently working in the aged care sector?

A. Yes, as Diploma of Nursing is a different course and requirement of knowledge and skills are different.

7. How many hours of placement is required?

A. Minimum of 400 hours are required. Placement is in two-four week blocks – full time, 40 hours per week and will be either regional or metropolitan.

8. How far away is the rural/regional placement?

A. Placement for rural/regional are a minimum of 2 hour drive outside of metropolitan areas. There is an expectation that students will complete a minimum of 1 (one) regional/rural placement.

9. When do we go into a hospital environment for placement?

A. Hospital placements happen in the Clinical Placement 4 block. This is 4 (four) weeks and can be 2 (two) weeks at one facility and the other 2 (two) at a different facility or 4 (four) weeks at one facility.

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10. Will placements occur during teaching periods?

A. Placements will occur at the end of each semester, after the successful completion of all the units relevant to each semester. However, if there is a backlog students many have to attend during the teaching block.

11. What is the uniform requirement for placement?

A. Box Hill Institute logo grey scrub with grey scrub pants to match and black lace up leather type shoe.

12. What time does a class start and finish?

A. Start time is 8.30 sharp until 12.00pm for the morning session and 1.00pm – 4.30pm for afternoon session. Students are required to attend the full session

13. How to apply for credit transfer?

A. If you have attained competency in the unit/subject and the code/title is identical to the units listed on Box Hill nursing webpage, you can apply for credit transfer. Students with credit transfer are encouraged to attend the sessions for knowledge but are not required to complete assessments

14. Can I apply for RPL because I work in Aged Care?

A. RPL will be conducted by completing the assessments only at this stage. You will require attending labs session for the gap training. RPL assessment may take 3-6 months. The RPL fees is non-refundable and the successful outcome for RPL assessment is not guaranteed.

15. Can the course be completed online?

A. The blended on line delivery of the course is face-to-face and self-directed online content. Nursing is hands on learning and require attendance at relevant campuses

16. Are the teachers registered nurses?

A. All teachers have completed their Bachelor of Nursing or equivalent. The majority have done post-graduate studies and work in the industry clinically

17. Can anyone apply for fellowship opportunities across the different industries?

A. Yes

18. Does completing the Diploma of Nursing give automatic entry into University?

A. Students are required to apply via VTAC for University studies in Bachelor of Nursing. Credits will be granted based on individual university curriculum.

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19. Are the textbooks, equipment and uniform included in the costs?

A. No, these are additional costs outside of the delivery of the course

20. Can I work as a PCA after completing Aged Care placement?

A. Every industry have different requirements for employment as a PCA, hence students are encourage to seek industry clarification. Most will take students but may require specifics in applications

21. If I have a working with children card, do I have to get another one?

A. No, just ensure that the expiry date is outside of the course completion

22. If I have a disclosure on my Police Check, can I still apply?

A. No, the industry will not take students on placement with any disclosure small or big on their Police Check

23. If I do not have enough evidence to meet the English requirements what can I do?

A. Students can complete a variety of English tests at their cost, such as IELTS, PTE, OET, TOEFL, if English is not a primary language

24. If unsuccessful in interview what are my options?

A. Student will be referred to other health course which may build on their knowledge and skills

25. How long will the group interview take?

A. The group interview will take up to an hour to two hours depending on the number of candidates booked in for the interview

26. What do I have to prepare for the group interview?

A. Students are required to present themselves, there is no extra preparation required.

The interview is to get to know if the student is making the right informed decision with their career pathway

27. When will I know if I have been successful?

A. Students will be informed of the outcome on the day of interview