

Nurses and a nursing career

in demand,
travel
opportunities



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Nursing is an exciting and innovative healthcare profession. Becoming a nurse is not only about having a job - it is about having a career that offers a wide range of different roles. Few professions can offer the diversity and excitement of nursing, allowing you to match your career with your lifestyle.

Nurses work with patients or clients in a wide range of health care settings. Nurses perform complex assessments of their clients' physical and psychological needs, and develop and coordinate their care. Nurses work in partnership with an inter-disciplinary team of health care professionals while being responsible and accountable for their own practice.



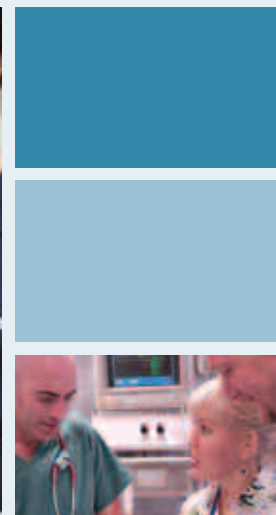
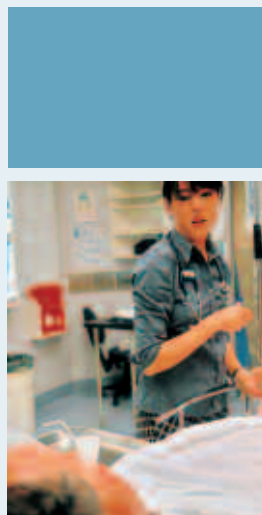
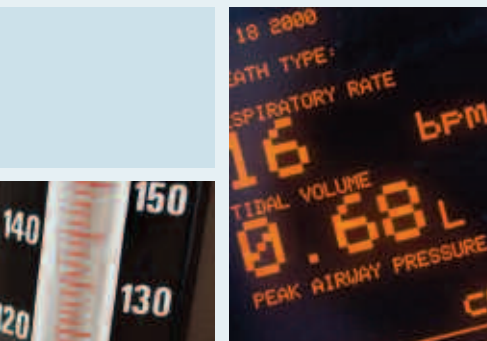
Working opportunities for nurses are diverse. Nurses can work in private or public hospitals, aged care facilities, community settings, schools, prisons, holiday resorts, cruise ships, large organisations, rural and remote areas and aid organisations. Nurses can choose to specialise in a wide variety of clinical areas such as emergency, paediatrics or mental health or to work in a non-clinical area such as education, research, policy development, management, health promotion or marketing. Nurses work with people throughout their lifespan, from newborn babies to the elderly. A nursing career provides opportunities for full-time, part-time and casual employment, enabling nurses to choose when they work to balance their professional career, family needs and social activities.

dynamic,
be challenged



you can
make a
difference





www.nursing.vic.gov.au

There are two types of nurses within the profession in Victoria: registered nurse division 1 and registered nurse division 2 (formerly referred to as an enrolled nurse).

Division 1 registered nurses have obtained a Bachelor of Nursing degree. Study is usually undertaken for three years full time. Once completed graduates are eligible to register as a division 1 nurse with the Nurses Board of Victoria.

The responsibilities of registered nurses vary according to the role but may include direct patient care, coordination of care delivery, health promotion, education and research.

Division 2 registered nurses have completed a Certificate IV at a registered training organisation (TAFE). The full-time program is offered over 12 months and other options, such as a traineeship, are also available. On completion of the course, graduates are eligible to register with the Nurses Board of Victoria as a division 2 nurse.

This registration allows them to practise across a wide variety of clinical settings under the supervision of a division 1 registered nurse.

A registered nurse belongs to a profession that is transportable and in demand.

Once registered in Victoria, nurses are eligible to register in all Australian states and territories, New Zealand as well as many other international destinations. Nursing offers many opportunities for travel, to experience a different healthcare system, to obtain diverse nursing experience, and to care for people in a totally different culture. Being able to work while travelling, whether it be in Victoria, other parts of Australia or overseas, or to live abroad and continue to work in this profession is a benefit that few other professions offer.



‘The difference I can make to each individual’s life is rewarding.’

A nursing career

Nurses work in a range of clinical specialties, including:

- Emergency
- Paediatrics
- Cardiothoracic
- Aged care
- School nursing
- Surgical
- Community health
- Medical
- Critical care
- Midwifery
- Theatre
- Neonatal intensive care
- Palliative care
- Orthopaedics
- Neurosciences
- Renal
- Spinal
- Drug and alcohol
- Peri-operative
- Oncology
- Rehabilitation
- Custodial
- Adolescent health
- Remote area
- Maternal and child health
- Mental health



Many opportunities for postgraduate courses are available to nurses choosing to specialise in both clinical and non-clinical areas.

A comprehensive list of both undergraduate university courses for division 1 nurses and registered training organisations for division 2 nurses are available on the Nurses Board of Victoria website: www.nbv.org.au or alternatively from the respective educational organisation websites listed on the back of this leaflet.

Admissions to most division 1 programs require completion of VCE English, general maths, health sciences and social sciences. Each university may have different requirements and subject prerequisites so please contact VTAC for information on ENTER scores for Bachelor of Nursing programs.

Generally, division 2 students are required to have completed VCE, with passes in VCE English, and have studied general maths to Year 10. Mature aged applicants may have to complete an entrance examination and an interview in order to commence studies in division 2 nursing.

Nursing is a profession that promotes life-long learning in a dynamic and changing healthcare environment.

Nursing offers a real opportunity to make a difference.



‘I can’t imagine myself doing anything else.’

Useful websites:

Nurse Policy Branch: www.nursing.vic.gov.au
Telephone: 9616 7528

Nurses Board of Victoria: www.nbv.org.au
Telephone: 8635 1200

Educational contacts:

TAFE Course Directory: www.tafe.vic.gov.au

Australian Catholic University: www.acu.edu.au

Monash University: www.monash.edu.au

Deakin University: www.deakin.edu.au

La Trobe University: www.latrobe.edu.au

RMIT University: www.rmit.edu.au

University of Ballarat: www.ballarat.edu.au

Victoria University: www.vu.edu.au

University of Melbourne: www.unimelb.edu.au

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