



### Why Study Enrolled Nursing?

Nurses make a real difference to the comfort and care of patients every day. Nursing offers diversity, challenge and opportunities to work in interesting fields such as private or public hospitals, nursing homes, GP clinics, immunisation clinics, schools, cruise ships, prisons, community health clinics.

Nurses enjoy eight weeks holiday (an extra two weeks of paid leave) per year due to their shift work arrangements. Shift work also means generous penalty rates for afternoon, night and weekend duty.

With a recognised shortage of nurses, graduates will never be short of work opportunities. Training is nationally recognised and upon completion of the Diploma of Enrolled Nursing, graduates can apply to ECU to convert to a Registered Nurse qualification.

Whilst Enrolled Nurses work under the supervision of a Registered Nurse, their role is expanding to include new contexts and responsibilities. Enrolled Nurses are accountable for the care they give and duties may include: personal hygiene care for patients, monitoring a patient's vital signs, complex wound dressings, administration of medications, admission and discharge of patients, assisting in theatre, special care and renal units, reporting, documentation and assisting the doctor in medical procedures.

Enrolled Nurses now have the opportunity to continue their studies in areas such as Paediatrics, Acute Care, Theatre, Renal, Mental Health and to gain an Advanced Diploma of Enrolled Nursing.

### Why Study Enrolled Nursing at West Coast TAFE?

- Competitive rates in comparison with studying similar qualification at university
- Fully equipped clinical simulated skills lab
- Solid industry partnerships mean a variety of interesting job placements are offered in major public and private hospitals, aged care facilities, GP clinics, mental health clinics and community health facilities
- Lecturing staff are well qualified and have relevant, current industry experience with the majority employed in industry and with expertise in communication, public health, paediatrics, mental health, diabetes, palliative care, theatre, emergency department
- To ensure students are confident and competent in clinical skills, West Coast TAFE provides pastoral support and extended opening hours of the library and clinical skills lab, staffed by Registered Nurses, for students to receive further tuition.
- About 90% of our graduates are offered graduate programs prior to completion of the course.

Courses	Career Opportunities
Certificate IV Health Science Foundations	This certificate gives a solid introduction to the field and provides graduates with the opportunity to apply for entry into a Diploma of Enrolled Nursing; to qualify for registration as a Division 2 Nurse; or to apply for entry into a Bachelor of Science (Nursing) at university to qualify for registration as a Division 1 Nurse.
Certificate IV in Preparation for Entry into Diploma of Enrolled Nursing	This certificate gives students an introduction to and helps prepare for the Diploma of Enrolled Nursing.
Diploma of Enrolled Nursing	Graduates of this diploma qualify to work as an Enrolled Nurse and can apply for entry into Bachelor of Science (Nursing) at university to qualify for registration as a Registered Nurse.

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