

Application Guidelines

GD-CLNURS Graduate Diploma in Clinical Nursing



Curtin University

High Dependency Nursing

Coronary Care Nursing

Emergency Nursing

Intensive Care Nursing

Neonatal Nursing

Paediatric Intensive Care Nursing

Note: Acute Care Nursing Stream and Perioperative Nursing Stream (not running until 2017)

Requirements for the following streams differ so ensure you meet and complete the requirements outlined in this form for the stream that you are applying for:

Primary Health Care and Community Nursing

Child and Adolescent Health Nursing

Application Guidelines for all streams except Primary Health Care & Community Nursing and Child & Adolescent Health Nursing

Course entry requirements/prerequisites

Applicants must hold an undergraduate nursing degree or graduate certificate in nursing with a Course Weighted Average (CWA) of 70% or equivalent, registration as a comprehensive or general nurse in Division One with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) and have completed a minimum of 12 months specialty experience and be concurrently permanently employed in an approved clinical setting for a minimum of 24 hours per week.

Specific Requirements

It is a condition of enrolment that you have a:

- Letter of Support from your employer
- Support of a nominated Clinical Facilitator i.e a more senior clinical nursing colleague to guide your clinical development.

These forms need to be submitted at the time of application. Please ensure your application is complete (as per the below checklist before submitting).

Application Checklist

Applicants are required to provide as much information as possible relating to their education and professional background to assist in application evaluation. This includes completing all sections of the relevant Application for Admission for domestic and partner-offshore applicants to an Undergraduate or Postgraduate course form and submitting together with the following:

- Testamur of Bachelor's Degree (if not Curtin)
- Final Academic Transcript for units of study undertaken for the Degree (if not Curtin)
- Curriculum Vitae demonstrating at least 12 months' specialty nursing experience
- Letter of support from employer (attached)
- Completed form from nominated Clinical Facilitator (attached)

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It is a prerequisite for enrolment that you return the attached with your supporting documents.

Nurse Director and Nurse Manager (or equivalent) points to consider:

- Applicants level of clinical progression (e.g. Emergency – Triage, Intensive Care – Renal Dialysis)
- Applicants commitment to professional development
- Level of clinical support available in Department/Ward/Unit (e.g. dedicated Staff Development Nurse, Clinical Facilitator) to facilitate applicants professional development
- Rostering to facilitate applicants attendance at University

To ensure that your application is processed in a timely fashion, please complete the details below and return with your course application.

Nursing Director AND Nurse Manager (or equivalent) to complete

Name of Applicant	
Area/Department of employment	
Hours worked per fortnight	
Length of employment in clinical specialty	
Contact details	Name: Phone: Email:

I support the above applicant to undertake studies in the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Nursing program.

Name of Nursing Director: _____

Signature of Nursing Director: _____

Date: _____

Name of Nurse Manager: _____

Signature of Nurse Manager: _____

Date: _____



Supplementary information: Nomination of Clinical Facilitator

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Students please give this document to your nominated Clinical Facilitator to read.

Dear Clinical Facilitator

It is a condition of enrolment that student's applying to undertake the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Nursing program have the support of a senior nursing colleague to guide their clinical practice development. Having read the roles and responsibilities of this position as detailed below, please acknowledge your willingness to fulfil this role by completing the details below.

What is expected of you as a Clinical Facilitator (CF)?

As an expert resource in the clinical setting, it is expected that the CF possess personal attributes comprising specialised knowledge, cognitive skills, technical skills and attitudes that elicit desired behaviour patterns. The range of expected attributes that should be demonstrated by the CF includes;

- Acting as a positive role model for students; modelling advanced (or expert) nursing practice and the desire to refine knowledge by continued learning
- Acting as a transfer agent, helping students to integrate prior learning with present learning of nursing practice
- Promoting confidence, professional responsibility and accountability of performance expectations in the achievers
- Utilising educational strategies which develop student's analysing, synthesising and evaluating skills that are crucial to nursing practice
- Promoting reflective practice and critical thinking
- Observing and reflecting on the care given by the students so as to analyse and interpret the competencies implicit in that care
- Encouraging students active involvement in the evaluative process, thereby assuming more responsibility for their own learning
- Fostering the development of professional identity

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Clinical Facilitator to complete

Name of Clinical Facilitator	
Position of Clinical Facilitator	
Contact details	Name: Phone: Email: Place of employment:
I have read the roles and responsibilities of a Clinical Facilitator and am willing to undertake this role to support the development of _____ (Insert name of applicant) clinical practice.	
Signature and date	

Additional Clinical Facilitator (if required by specialty)

Clinical Facilitator to complete

Name of Clinical Facilitator	
Position of Clinical Facilitator	
Contact details	Name: Phone: Email: Place of employment:
I have read the roles and responsibilities of a Clinical Facilitator and am willing to undertake this role to support the development of _____ (Insert name of applicant) clinical practice.	
Signature and date	

Application Guidelines for the Child and Adolescent Health Nursing and Primary Health Care and Community Nursing streams

Course entry requirements/prerequisites

Applicants must be registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia with a Bachelor degree in Nursing or its equivalent. Alternate mode of entry (non-degree) will be offered to nurses registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia but without an undergraduate degree. Non-degree students must meet the School of Nursing and Midwifery's criteria for alternate mode of entry.

Criteria for entry for the **Child and Adolescent Health Nursing** stream only

From semester 1, 2015, all nurses who do not have a midwifery qualification are required to complete the unit 'Family and Newborn Health' as a pre-requisite (via 'Not For Degree by Extension Studies' Course). Alternatively, the pre-requisite unit 'Family and Newborn Health' can be studied in the same semester that you commence the Child and Adolescent Health Nursing Stream. The unit 'Family and Newborn Health' is available as an Extension unit (within the 'Not For Degree' Course). This means that the unit will not appear within the Child and Adolescent Health Nursing Stream, and fees for the unit will be additional to cost of the Graduate Certificate. 'Family and Newborn Health' is an online unit which does not require clinical practice and is undertaken over one semester. Please review the Curtin Courses Handbook to check when this unit is available. Information can also be obtained by contacting ip.nursing@curtin.edu.au. Registered Midwives who do not hold current registration as a Registered Nurse are not eligible to apply for the Child and Adolescent Health Nursing programs. An application for Admission into the 'Not For Degree' program is available at this weblink: <http://students.curtin.edu.au/administration/documents/NFD.pdf>

Please note: A Course Weighted Average (CWA) of 70 is required to progress into the Master of Science (Clinical).

Criteria for Alternate Mode of Entry for the **Child and Adolescent Health Nursing and Primary Health Care and Community Nursing** streams only

Applicants are required to provide as much information as possible relating to their education and professional background to assist in application evaluation. This includes completing all sections of the relevant Application for Admission to a Postgraduate Coursework Degree form and submitting together with your professional portfolio. An interview may be necessary. If accepted, you will enrol into the Graduate Certificate program for the appropriate stream and require a CWA of 70% to be eligible to progress into the Graduate Diploma.

Specific Health and Criminal Record Screening and Clearance Requirements for Child and Adolescent Health Nursing and Primary Health Care and Community Nursing streams

It is a condition of enrolment that you are screened for, and vaccinated against contracting a number of infectious conditions prior to undertaking clinical practice. Further information on Health Screening for students in the Faculty of Health Sciences can be obtained by visiting the website at

http://healthsciences.curtin.edu.au/current_students/immunisation/

All students must possess a Department of Health Criminal Record Screening and a Working with Children Check before they can go to fieldwork sites. These must be kept up-to-date for the duration of the course.

Pre Clinical Workshop for the Child and Adolescent Health Nursing stream only

Prior to undertaking clinical practice, students must participate in a mandatory five day pre clinical workshop which is held at the Bentley campus of Curtin University. Students are liable for their own travel and accommodation costs. The workshops are conducted during the semester breaks in February and July. Please contact the course coordinator for further information and workshop dates. Please note: for full time students, the workshop will be held prior to the commencement of academic studies.

Application Checklist for Child and Adolescent Health Nursing and Primary Health Care and Community Nursing streams

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Postgraduate Coursework Degree form and submitting together with the following:

Applicants who have completed a bachelor degree qualification

- Proof of current registration as a Registered Nurse (and Registered Midwife if applicable) with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
- Testamur of Bachelor's Degree
- Final Academic Transcript for units of study undertaken
- Curriculum Vitae

Please note that applicants may be required to provide professional references and attend an interview.

Applicants who have not completed a Bachelor degree qualification

- Proof of current registration as a Registered Nurse (and Registered Midwife if applicable) with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
- Curriculum Vitae demonstrating your post registration nursing experience
- Professional Portfolio

Please note that applicants may be required to provide professional references and attend an interview.

Application deadline

Last Friday of November each year for all streams except Child and Adolescent Health Nursing stream and Primary Health Care and Community Nursing stream.