

Major in Emergency Nursing

Background and Introduction

The School of Nursing and Midwifery at Monash University has a long history of involvement in the delivery and development of emergency nurse education, for both metropolitan and rural nurses. At the School of Nursing and Midwifery we strive to develop emergency nurses who embrace evidence based practices throughout their careers.

Emergency nursing involves caring for people with life-threatening illnesses and providing support and guidance for their families during these stressful situations. The emergency nurse requires a diverse knowledge and skill base to appropriately and effectively assess and manage clients in the emergency department. This major focuses on enabling the student to develop proficiency in the assessment and management of clients from all age groups, socio/cultural and economic groups who present to the emergency department experiencing a medical, traumatic, psychiatric or social crisis/event from all nature of causes.

Within the Master of Nursing course, a specialty major in Emergency Nursing will provide students with an introduction to the advanced pathophysiological disorders, advanced clinical assessment skills and an introduction to concepts and management of emergency patients and the advanced technologies utilized in the emergency department environment.

Clinical Requirements

For the duration of the major component in Emergency Nursing you will be required to be engaged in supervised clinical practice within an Emergency Unit at a Hospital affiliated with Monash University School of Nursing and Midwifery, for a minimum of 3 days per week.

Industrial Partner Support

The School of Nursing and Midwifery currently has good relationships with a number of Emergency services that have asked for an ongoing commitment to Emergency education in the postgraduate programs offered at Monash University.

The following clinical partners already support the Monash University Emergency program:

- Bairnsdale Regional Health Service – Bairnsdale
- Casey Hospital, Berwick
- Central Gippsland Health Service – Sale Hospital
- Latrobe Regional Hospital - Traralgon
- Peninsula Health – Frankston Hospital
- Ramsay Health Care – Mildura Base Hospital
- Southern Health – Monash Medical Centre/ Dandenong Hospital
- West Gippsland Healthcare Group - Warragul

Career paths

This specialty is suitable for those nurses wishing to follow a career path within the emergency care environment.

Graduates of the Master of Nursing with a major in Emergency nursing may also pursue career paths in the following areas; Nurse Practitioner, Unit Managers, Associate Unit Managers, Clinical Nurse Specialists and Educators within the emergency department or other nursing environments.

The following indicates the core and elective units that make up the major in Emergency nursing. In order to be eligible to graduate with the major of Emergency nursing, the core units must be undertaken. All students should discuss their course path and career path options with the course leader.

Example of part-time study pathway:

Year 1

Semester 1	NUR4901 Acute cardio respiratory management*	3 credit points
	NUR5703 Advanced pathophysiology and health assessment *	12 credit points
Semester 2	NUR4925 Emergency nursing *	9 credit points

Exit point number 1 Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Emergency Nursing) 24 credit points

Year 2

Semester 1	NUR9214 Advanced therapeutic interaction in nursing °	12 credit points
Semester 2	GHS9841 Research methods and issues °, or other coursework units in consultation with course coordinator	12 credit points

Exit point number 2 Graduate Diploma in Nursing (Emergency Nursing) 48 credit units

Year 3

Semester 1 & 2 Masters coursework units x 2 as approved by the course coordinator OR Research Project
(Students wanting to complete a 36cp research minor thesis, please contact the course coordinator for advice.)

Exit point number 3 Master of Nursing (Emergency Nursing) 72 Credit points

* Core unit ° Suggested Unit

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