Operating Suite

The Perioperative Unit comprises six theatres and two procedure rooms conducting a wide range of surgery including general, gynaecological, obstetrics, ophthalmology, orthopaedics, urology, ENT, plastics, thoracics, vascular and endoscopy. Over 10,000 operative procedures are performed annually.

Perioperative specialities include preoperative, intraoperative, anaesthetics, recovery, CSSD and day procedure unit.

Applications

The course is advertised in the local newspaper and major Melbourne newspapers during September.

Information packages are available from School of Nursing, Deakin University at http://www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs/future-students/postgrad-info-request.php

Applications are made directly to Ballarat Health Services and to Deakin University.

Online application is via the School of Nursing, Deakin University at http://applicantportal.deakin.edu.au/connect/webconnect

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Centre for Nursing & Health Education

in collaboration with

Deakin University

Graduate Certificate/Diploma of Nursing Practice (Perioperative)
Ballarat Health Services

Ballarat Health Services is the largest regional health service in the Grampians region and the principal referral hospital. Ballarat Health Services admits in excess of 33,000 acute inpatients, performs more than 10,000 surgical operations, delivers more than 1,000 babies and treats more than 46,000 patients in the Emergency Department per annum.

The Centre for Nursing & Health Education offers a Post Graduate Diploma in Nursing Practice in conjunction with the University of Melbourne in the streams of, Emergency and Paediatrics. It also offers a Graduate Certificate/Diploma of Nursing Practice in Perioperative and Critical Care, and Post Graduate Certificate of Nursing Practice in Cardiac Care, in conjunction with Deakin University. The Centre for Nursing & Health Education also offers programs in a number of key speciality areas of nursing practice and conducts regular specialised short courses and study days.

Application Prerequisites

- Registered Nurse Division 1 with AHPRA
- Minimum of 12 months recent post-registration acute general nursing experience

Selection Criteria

- Meets Deakin University selection criteria
- Satisfactory Health and Capacity Declaration.
- Satisfactory interview
- Satisfactory clinical references
- Satisfactory Police Record Check

Structure of the Course

Course Aims:

- Prepare nurses for speciality practice within the perioperative environment including pre-operative, intraoperative, anaesthetics & post anaesthetic recovery unit.
- Prepare nurses to obtain theoretical knowledge and understanding in conjunction with perioperative clinical practice.

Course Duration/Employment:

Course is of 12 months duration commencing in February of each year (incorporating rostered annual leave). Participants are employed at 0.84 EFT with a contract for employment for duration of the course.

Theoretical Component:

Deakin University administers the theoretical component of the course fortnightly. Ballarat Health Services provides videoconferencing facilities as an alternative for students who do not wish to travel to Melbourne for lectures.

Clinical Component:

The clinical component of the course is undertaken in the perioperative unit of Ballarat Health Services rotating through all perioperative specialities.

Clinical Supervision

Clinical supervision and assessment is undertaken by the Clinical Nurse Educator – Perioperative who is supernumerary to Operating Suite staff. A Preceptorship program is in place and students are under constant supervision by experienced Operating Suite staff and/or Clinical Nurse Educator.

Clinical Assessments

Summative and formative clinical assessment is undertaken each trimester to assess the clinical progression and competence of the perioperative student in accordance with Deakin University & BHS principles and guidelines.

These assessments contribute 50% to the overall grading of the core units undertaken for the Graduate Certificate / Diploma.