

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.



Application process

Applications must be made directly to Grampians Health Ballarat, and once a position is secured, an application can then be lodged with Deakin University.

The course is advertised on the Grampians Health website via e-recruit during September.

Online application is via Deakin University <https://apply.deakin.edu.au/direct-applications>.

Additional Information

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**Centre for Education
& Training**

in collaboration with

Deakin University

**Graduate Certificate in
Perioperative Nursing**

Grampians Health Ballarat Campus

Grampians Health Ballarat is the largest regional health service in the Grampians region and the principal referral hospital. Grampians Health Ballarat admits in excess of 36,000 acute inpatients, performs more than 7,300 surgical operations, delivers more than 1,500 babies and treats more than 61,000 patients in the Emergency Department per annum.

The Centre for Education and Training offers a Graduate Certificate of Nursing in Perioperative, Emergency, Critical Care and Cardiac Care disciplines, in conjunction with Deakin University. A Graduate Certificate in Clinical Nursing – Oncology is offered in conjunction with the University of Melbourne, and a Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice – Paediatrics is offered in conjunction with the University of Melbourne.

In addition to this, the Centre for Education and Training offers programs in a number of key speciality areas of nursing practice and conducts regular specialised short courses and study days.



- Registered Nurse with current registration with AHPRA
- Minimum of 6-12 months recent post-registration perioperative experience

Selection Criteria

- Meets Deakin University selection criteria
- Meet medical and police check criteria
- Satisfactory interview
- Satisfactory clinical references

Structure of the 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 January of each year (incorporating rostered annual leave). Participants will be employed at 0.84 EFT with a contract for employment for duration of the course.

Theoretical Component:

The Deakin University administers the theoretical component of the course. Grampians Health provides a strong supportive link challenging the student's theoretical knowledge in the clinical setting. The theoretical program is completed in one academic year. This can be undertaken via ZOOM or face to face.

Clinical Component:

The clinical component of the course is undertaken within the Perioperative Unit rotating through all perioperative specialties and aligns with specific objectives and assessments as set by Deakin University.

Clinical Supervision & Assessments

Clinical supervision and assessment are undertaken by the Clinical Nurse Educators and the Clinical Support Nurse who are 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.

Formative and summative clinical assessments are undertaken each trimester to assess the clinical progression and competence of the perioperative student in accordance with Deakin University and Grampians Health principles and guidelines.

Application Prerequisites