

Critical Care Unit

Grampians Health Ballarat Critical Care Unit has 13 beds that manage intensive care, high dependency and coronary care admissions. The unit looks after more than a 1000 patients per year and on a daily basis manages patients with serious or critical illnesses. The Intensive Care Unit provides high acuity Nursing care and life support for critically ill patients. Respiratory, cardiac and kidney failure as well as complex care post-operative management is managed by highly trained staff and state-of-the-art equipment. The Unit also provides and supports a hospital wide nurse liaison and medical emergency team service for hospital in-patients who are experiencing clinical deterioration or medical emergency. A High Dependency Unit is co-located within the Intensive Care and provides care for patients following major surgery or for seriously ill patients requiring intensive monitoring and observation as part of their care.



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 BHS 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 affiliation with

Deakin University

**Graduate Certificate of
Critical Care Nursing H567**

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.



Application Prerequisites

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

Selection Criteria

- Meets Deakin University selection criteria and subsequent acceptance into the 'Graduate Certificate of Critical Care Nursing.
- Meet medical, immunisation, police & working with children criteria
- Satisfactory interview
- Satisfactory clinical references

Structure of the Course

Course Aims:

To enable registered Division 1 nurses to gain a broad knowledge base from which to plan and care for patients who are critically ill.

To provide an academic and clinical environment for the professional growth of registered nurses into specialised critical care nurses.

Course Duration/Employment:

Course is of 12 months duration commencing in February 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:

Deakin University administers the theoretical component of the course. Grampians Health Ballarat provides a strong supportive link challenging the student's theoretical knowledge in the clinical setting. The theoretical program is completed in one academic year.

Clinical Component:

The clinical component of the course is undertaken in the Critical Care Unit of Grampians Health Ballarat with specific objectives and assessments as set by the Deakin University. The Clinical Nurse Educator provides structured clinical tutorials, worksheets, daily bedside clinical teaching and progressive, dynamic assessment methods in order for the student to achieve clinical performance.

Clinical Supervision & Assessments

Clinical supervision, assessment and planning is undertaken by the Clinical Nurse Educator – Critical Care who is supernumerary to critical care staff. The Educator's role is to support, mentor and facilitate the student's clinical program and educational development and is primarily employed to support Post Graduate Students only.

Formal clinical appraisal and assessment of competency skills are undertaken throughout the course in accordance with Deakin University guidelines. Clinical assessments focus on the acquisition, understanding and demonstration of clinical skills in specialised areas of critical care.