

# Master

## Nursing & Midwifery Clinical Nursing

Course Code: 151704

# HEALTH SCIENCES AT CURTIN



The Master of Clinical Nursing is a collaborative program offered by the School of Nursing and Midwifery in conjunction with Royal Perth Hospital (RPH) and Princess Margaret Hospital for Children (PMH). Students are welcome from clinical settings across Australia.

This course with specialist streams in Critical Care Nursing (Intensive Care, Coronary Care, High Dependency, Paediatric Intensive Care) Neonatal Nursing, Emergency Nursing, Acute Care Nursing, Orthopaedic Nursing, Perianaesthesia Nursing and Perioperative Nursing is designed to develop specialist practice with a focus on clinical leadership, promotion and integration of evidence-based nursing. The course emphasis is on developing graduates consistent with the profile of the specialist nurse. Students may exit the program at the certificate, diploma or master level.

The course is a collaborative program delivered in conjunction with clinical partners such as RPH and PMH.

### Course Organisation

This course is offered in a variety of flexible learning modes which include face to face teaching, workshops, seminars, problem based learning, clinical practice, simulation and online learning.

Student learning is assessed from both a theoretical and clinical practice perspective.

Theory proficiency is assessed through problem based learning, exams, essays, case studies, group work and student presentations. Clinical competence is assessed against professional competency standards using a portfolio approach.

### Course Learning Outcomes

Are designed to facilitate students to:

- Apply specialty nursing principles to clinical practice.
- Demonstrate competency at a level in accordance with specialty competency standards
- Use an evidenced based approach to clinical decision making
- Critically think using reflective practice
- Recognise own abilities and level of professional competence
- Locate, extract and interpret relevant evidence and scientific literature
- Evaluate the evidence to inform decision making in specialty practice
- Employ the skills of effective communication to guide and achieve optimal outcomes
- Communicate accurately and effectively with individuals, groups and the healthcare team
- Utilise appropriate methods of communicating information within a legal and ethical framework
- Effectively anticipate, plan for and use technology applications relevant to specialty practice
- Manage resources to optimise delivery of care
- Take responsibility for own learning and professional development in specialty environment
- Act to enhance the professional development of others
- Incorporate relevant international best practice standards/evidence into specialty practice.
- Recognise key issues in international specialty practice
- Demonstrate understanding and respect for individual human rights and cultural diversity
- Work professionally in specialty practice demonstrating leadership and independence as a nurse clinician, and
- Act as a positive role model to peers and other members of the healthcare team.

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### Additional information

- Clinical rotations will be negotiated according to student learning needs
- The student's conditions of employment will remain unchanged
- Study leave may be available at the discretion of the employer
- All students are required to nominate a minimum of one Clinical Facilitator who will contribute to clinical performance development and assessment
- Dedicated postgraduate staff are available at partnership sites
- Lectures are conducted at partnership sites and Curtin's Bentley Campus.

### Duration and Availability

The Master of Clinical Nursing is generally undertaken over three years, equivalent part-time study. Units are offered by internal and online modes with internal availability being subject to sufficient numbers of students being enrolled.

### International Students

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### Entry Requirements

Applicants must fulfil the following requirements:

- Current registration as a nurse in Division 1, or eligible for registration with the Nurses and Midwives Board of Western Australia (NMBWA), with a bachelor degree in nursing or in a related discipline. An alternative mode of entry (non-degree) will be offered to nurses registered in Division 1 with the NMBWA. These applicants must meet specific criteria for alternative mode of entry.
- Completion of a minimum of 12 months specialty experience
- Concurrently employed in an approved clinical setting between 18-24 hours per week. Selection is based on clinical experience professional references, and may include an interview.

### Specific Requirements

- Completed application form
- Certified copy of academic transcript and current nursing registration
- Detailed Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of support from employer
- Nomination of clinical facilitator

### Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Recognition of prior learning and/or exemptions may be granted to students who have successfully completed additional approved studies and/or equivalent clinical related experience. Each application will be considered individually.

### Course Expenses

This is a full fee-paying course. A full list of fees is available upon request or at enrolment. In addition, students may be expected to purchase textbooks and other study materials and have, and maintain reliable Internet access. For a full list of explanation of consumable fees, please refer to Curtin's fees and charges at [fees.curtin.edu.au](http://fees.curtin.edu.au).

A number of (industry) scholarships are available to support students with course fees.



### Sample Course Structure

#### Year 1

310509 Advanced Clinical Practice 531  
311287 Advanced Clinical Nursing Science 531  
310510 Advanced Clinical Practice 532  
311289 Advanced Clinical Nursing Science 532  
*Exit with Graduate Certificate*

#### Year 2

311225 Clinical Leadership 561  
307053 Inquiry into Quality Patient Care 532  
013152 Health Research Methods 681  
OR  
004712 Qualitative Methods in Health Research 582  
308409 Health Project Preparation 591  
*Exit with Postgraduate Diploma*

#### Year 3

310475 Health Project 691  
310476 Health Project 692  
*Exit with Masters Degree*

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