



# NURSING AT SWINBURNE

Rated ★★★★★

Our Bachelor of Nursing was rated 5 stars in every category by *The Good Universities Guide*

## We believe nurses can improve the wellbeing of diverse populations in a variety of health settings.

That's why we offer nursing courses at Swinburne.

Nursing courses are an opportunity to enhance your existing medical knowledge and diversify your skillset as a nurse. No matter which direction you choose, you'll gain the foundational and practical understanding necessary to administer patient care in a range of health settings.

By the time you graduate, you'll have the confidence and skills to apply your knowledge to the workplace.

## Clinical placements

Swinburne's Bachelor of Nursing involves 800 hours of clinical placement and Diploma of Nursing students complete 400 hours of clinical placement. You'll gain clinical experience in a variety of settings such as acute care, emergency medicine, paediatrics, operating theatre, aged care and mental health – to make sure you graduate ready to hit the ground running.

## Brand new facilities

Our new state-of-the-art nursing laboratories have just been completed at our Hawthorn and Wantirna campuses. You'll work with the latest technology and equipment, and develop your practical skills safely using simulation technology.

## Cutting-edge learning

We take a contemporary approach to our nursing courses, with a mix of online and face-to-face lectures and tutorials, clinical lab work, small class sizes and elective project work based on your interests.

## Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science

The Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science brings together academics, clinicians, researchers and students from a variety of disciplines in forensic mental health research and practice.

The aims of the centre are:

- to understand, predict and ultimately reduce offending and violence by people with mental illness or problem behaviours
- to improve the legal system through empirical research and policy analysis
- to create a vibrant culture of learning and research in the forensic mental health and behavioural science sectors.

*The Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science operates under the auspices of Swinburne University of Technology and the Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health (Forensicare).*

# OUR COURSES

## Diploma of Nursing

**Duration** 1.5 years full-time

**Campus** Wantirna

**Intake** March, August

Build the essential skills and knowledge required to work under the supervision of a registered nurse as an enrolled nurse in a variety of healthcare settings. You'll learn how to implement basic nursing care, assess patients' health and analyse health-related information.

The Diploma of Nursing involves 400 hours of supervised clinical placements to provide you with practical skills when you graduate.

Major study areas include nursing communication, legal and ethical parameters, medication delivery, wound management, infection prevention; and mental, acute, chronic and aged care.

## Bachelor of Nursing

**Duration** 3 years full-time

**Campus** Hawthorn and Wantirna

**Intake** Semester 1

We've designed our Bachelor of Nursing to prepare you for the diversity and complexities of 21st century nursing. At Swinburne, you'll benefit from our strengths in technology and innovation. You will develop your practical skills safely using simulation technology and realistic educational models, and reinforce your learning with 800 hours of clinical work experience.

You'll graduate as a registered nurse and be ready to pursue a career in a variety of fields, including in acute, rural, remote and international settings; in emergency medicine, aged care, mental health services, palliative care, rural and Indigenous healthcare, family health, paediatrics and community nursing.

This degree has been accredited by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council and is listed as an approved program of study on the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) website.

## Graduate Diploma of Forensic Mental Health Nursing

**Duration** 2 years part-time

**Campus** Online

**Intake** Semesters 1 and 2

*Incorporating: Graduate Certificate in Forensic Mental Health Nursing*

Acquire in-depth knowledge and skills required to work effectively in forensic mental health nursing. This course offers a comprehensive introduction to the principles and practice of nursing in forensic mental health for general psychiatric nurses.

You'll learn about key legal principles and legislation, and core clinical skills such as violence risk assessment and management. You'll also develop an understanding of legal and correctional systems and learn how to work effectively with challenging patients and behaviours.

By the time you graduate, you'll have the skills to work effectively in forensic contexts or with forensic patients.

This course is offered through the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science at Swinburne in collaboration with the Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health (Forensicare).

[Find out more at swinburne.edu.au/nursing](https://swinburne.edu.au/nursing)



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**I talk with my peers a lot about how well Swinburne has set us up, with units that prepared us to apply for placements and jobs. It's such a competitive field but we were all accepted by our first preference graduate programs, which is pretty amazing.**

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Swinburne Bachelor of Nursing graduate and Emerging Nurse Leader for the Australian College of Nursing