

Diploma of Nursing

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Introduction

FOX Education and Consultancy are a locally owned NT based private Registered Training Organisation (RTO 40674/CRICOS 03920B) who fully understands the service environment and training requirements of health workers and health care providers in regional and remote settings. We are committed to ensuring you achieve a satisfactory completion with us.

Qualification

This qualification reflects the role of an enrolled nurse working under supervision of a registered nurse. This qualification covers the application of skills and knowledge required to provide nursing care for people across the health sector. A lifespan approach should underpin this qualification with relevant competencies that relate to the different stages of life identified within the units.

A graduate from a Diploma of Nursing program approved by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) is able to apply for registration with the NMBA as an enrolled nurse. Further information on registration is available at www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au. This course is an accredited program and has approved provider status with ANMAC.

Career Pathway

This qualification is a professional pathway into Nursing and then further exemplary streams of practise ie. Advanced Diploma and/or Undergraduate Degree.

The target client groups are:

- Existing workers in the care service industry including health workers from fields other than nursing
- School leavers
- Mature aged
- Those with a previous nursing qualification and lapsed registration
- Trainees

Educators and learning support

The course is delivered by local, qualified industry professionals, who understand the context of practice and embrace the principles of cultural safety in their teaching.

Entry Requirements

All applicants are required to provide evidence of having sufficient language, literacy and numeracy skills to successfully undertake the program's academic and workplace experience requirements, prior to commencing the program. Evidence refers to a language, literacy and numeracy test result from an Australian Government approved provider. Fox Education and Consultancy uses Basic Key Skills Builder (BKSBS). Australian students who have successfully completed an Australian Grade 12 certificate with an English subject and students who have undertaken a formal English language skills test within the last 6 months (for example, the International Language Testing System) that meets the program entry criteria described below, need only undertake the numeracy component of the LLN test.

From 1 July 2018 all Diploma of Nursing program applicants that would be required by the NMBA to provide a formal English language skills test when applying for registration, must now provide a formal English language test result demonstrating achievement of the NMBA specified level of English language skills, prior to program entry.

Program applicants are required to demonstrate one of the following:

- Has attended and satisfactorily completed at least six years of primary and secondary education taught and assessed in English in either Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom or United States of America, including at least two years between years 7 and 12.

OR

- At the time of applying for NMBA registration as a program graduate, the applicant will be able to demonstrate having completed 5 years (full time equivalent) of studies taught and assessed in English – that includes a combination of secondary, vocational or tertiary studies (or tertiary education alone) and evidence of a minimum of one year fulltime equivalent pre-registration program of study approved by the recognised nursing and/or



midwifery regulatory body in either Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom or United States of America.

OR

- Has formal English language test score results showing:
 - an IELTS (academic module) with a minimum overall score of 7 and a minimum score of 7 in each of the four components (listening, reading, writing and speaking).
NOTE: Only accepting test results:
 - from one test sitting, or
 - a maximum of two test sittings in a six month period only if:
 - achieved a minimum overall score of 7 in each sitting, and
 - achieved a minimum score of 7 in each component across the two sittings, and
 - no score in any component of the test is below 6.5.

OR

- an OET with a minimum score of B in each of the four components (listening, reading, writing and speaking).
NOTE: Only accepting test results:
 - from one test sitting, or
 - a maximum of two test sittings in a six month period only if:
 - was tested in all four components in each sitting, and
 - achieved a minimum score of B in each component across the two sittings, and
 - no score in any component of the test is below C.

OR

- a PTE Academic with a minimum overall score of 65 and a minimum score of 65 in each of the four communicative skills (listening, reading, writing and speaking).
NOTE: Only accepting test results:
 - from one test sitting, or
 - a maximum of two test sittings in a six month period only if:
 - a minimum overall score of 65 is achieved in each sitting, and
 - you achieve a minimum score of 65 in each of the communicative skills across the two sittings, and
 - no score in any of the communicative skills is below 58

OR

- a TOEFL iBT with a minimum total score of 94 and the following minimum score in each section of the test:
 - 24 for listening,
 - 24 for reading,
 - 27 for writing, and
 - 23 for speaking.
NOTE: Only accepting test results:
 - from one test sitting, or
 - a maximum of two test sittings in a six month period only if:
 - a minimum total score of 94 is achieved in each sitting, and you achieve a minimum score of 24 for listening, 24 for reading, 27 for writing and 23 for speaking across the two sittings, and
 - no score in any of the sections is below:
 - 20 for listening
 - 19 for reading
 - 24 for writing, and
 - 20 for speaking

OR

- other English language test approved by the NMBA as published on the Board's website with the required minimum scores.

For further information, please refer to NMBA English Language skill registration standard at:

<http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards.aspx>

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Industry Placements

This course is industry based training and therefore participants of this course must be willing to complete seventeen (17) weeks full time unpaid placement hours within the industry as part of this course.

- Student registration is required with the NMBA for students who are participating in clinical placement in a health profession for which they do not hold a nursing or midwifery registration. The National Law states that students must be registered in the interests of public safety: <https://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-and-Endorsement/Student-Registration/Fact-sheet-FAQ-student-registration.aspx>
- A current Police Check and Ochre Card are necessary to permit placement and/or on-the-job training and assessment to be conducted. This indicates your suitability to work in this industry. Both the Police Check and Ochre Card **MUST** be issued by SAFE NT: <http://www.pfes.nt.gov.au/Police/Community-safety/SAFE-NT.aspx>
- Up to date vaccinations¹ are required for placement within the NT hospitals and services. The current list of required vaccinations is as follows: Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Chicken Pox, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Pertussis, Tetanus / Diphtheria, Influenza (annually), COVID 19 vaccines or exemption as per the Northern Territory Mandate.
- Travel and accommodation, where required for placement, is at cost to the student.

Please note, any student that is unable to demonstrate the required skills within the allocated timeframe on clinical placement OR is unable to attend clinical placement due to failure to provide a current NT SAFE Police Clearance and/or Ochre Card and/or evidence of vaccinations/serology will be charged a fee of **\$350 per week** to undertake clinical placement at an alternate time.

NB: most units require industry placement to demonstrate safe and competent practise therefore it must be understood this is not a theory based qualification.

Recognition Prior Learning (RPL), Credit Transfer (CT) and National Recognition

Prior to commencing the program any learning achieved through formal education and training (credit transfer) or, any learning achieved outside the formal education and training system (RPL) or, recognition of AQF qualifications and statements of attainment issued by training organisations registered in any Australian jurisdiction will be reviewed and granted as deemed applicable by the course coordinator.

RPL is an assessment process that involves assessment of an individual's relevant prior learning to determine the equivalent competency outcomes.

CT is a process that provides students with agreed and consistent credit outcomes for components of a qualification based on identified equivalence in content and learning outcomes between matched qualifications
Credit will be transferred for prior successful completion of units of competency.

You can apply for RPL or CT by on enrolment. This is best discussed on enrolment with the course co-ordinator so your individual plan of training can be adjusted prior to commencing.

Tuition Fees

The tuition fees for the Diploma of Nursing, delivered over an 18 month period are \$24,740.10. Eligible students may be able to apply for funding assistance via the Federal Government's VET Student Loan scheme - <https://www.education.gov.au/vet-student-loans>.

Please note, course fees may be more than the VET Student Loan Cap. If so, you will need to pay the difference (referred to as a gap) between the course fees and the VET Student Loan Cap. Fox Education and Consultancy offer a payment plan where you can pay the gap amount by weekly/fortnightly instalments.

Please see the [Schedule of VET Tuition Fees](#) on the website for a full breakdown of tuition fees and census dates.

¹ As per recommendation of the Communicable Disease Centre:

<http://digitallibrary.health.nt.gov.au/prodjsui/bitstream/10137/1010/1/Staff%20immunisation%20assessment%2C%20screening%20and%20vaccination%20fo rm.pdf>

Additional costs:

- Closed-in black shoes
- Black business pants
- Fob watch with second hand
- Criminal history check - issued by SAFE NT
- Ochre Card - issued by SAFE NT
- Any additional vaccinations you may require
- Printing/photocopying at 10c per page
- Replacement clinical manual or ID card

Text Books

Students will be required to purchase the following text books which are available for purchase on the first day of class.

Please note prices are subject to change without notice.

Diploma of Nursing – Set Texts and nursing kit	AUTHOR	PRICE
Semester 1 required text and Kit		
Tabbners Nursing Care: Theory and Practice 7E	Koutoukidis, Stainton and Hughson	\$176.95
Foundations of Nursing: Enrolled Division 2 Nurses	Clarke, Gray, White, Duncan and Baumle	\$144.95
Essential Enrolled Nursing Skills for Person-Centred Care	Koutoukidis and Stainton	\$70.00
Human Body in Health and Illness plus Study Guide 5E	Herlihy	\$149.90
Nursing Kit for simulated clinical laboratory practise		\$80.00
Semester 2		
Wound Care Manual, 6E, Silver Chain Foundation	Carville	\$65.00
Semester 3		
Nursing Calculations 9E	Gatford and Phillips	\$36.00
Pharmacology in Nursing 3E	Broyles, Reiss, Evans, McKenzie, Pleunik and Page	\$149.95
Research in Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health: Evidence for Best Practice 6E	Richardson-Tench, Nicholson, Taylor, Kermode and Roberts	\$114.95
The Clinical Placement, An essential guide for nursing students, 4E	Levett-Jones, Reid-Searl, Bourgeois	\$40.00
Clinical Manual – replacement only	Fox Education and Consultancy	\$25.00
Diploma of Nursing – Recommended Text		
Mosby's Medical Nursing and Allied Health Dictionary	Mosby	\$98.95

Training and assessment arrangements

Training and assessments are conducted in English. Applicants must possess functional written and spoken English skills and be successful in the pre-course VETASSESS testing and interview selection process.

Furthermore, AHPRA has produced the Nursing and Midwifery English language skills registration standard for English language requirements prior to registration. To view this requirement visit:

<http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards.aspx>

The program will be delivered face to face for fourteen (14) hours per week over an eighteen month period with seventeen (17) weeks of full time unpaid clinical practicum. The face to face component consists of lectures and clinical skills practice in a simulated environment. Students should allow home study of approximately fourteen (14) hours per week for the course duration.

The supervised clinical practicum will be within the aged care and acute care environs. The negotiated placements will approximately commence after completion of the first four (4) months of theory learning; eight (8) months; eleven (11) months and sixteen (16) months of the training. The face to face component will consist of lectures, assessments and clinical skills practise in a simulated environment. This will ensure students are well prepared and safe to practise their learning.

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The Unit Delivery and Assessment Plan indicating the type and frequency of assessment, elements and performance criteria will be provided at the start of each unit. The completion time for this qualification is: Full time – eighteen (18) months

Uniform

Students will be issued with 2 Uniform Shirts prior to commencement of the first clinical placement. Additionally, students will have a requirement to independently purchase appropriate closed-in black shoes and black pants or skirt for clinical placements. This information will be further discussed on commencement.

Units of Competency

25 competency units are required for award of this qualification, including 20 compulsory units and 5 elective units, which have been chosen through industry consultation.

Program schedule

Unit Commences	Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Concludes
One	CHCPRP003	Reflect on and improve own professional practice	Term 6
	HLTINF001	Comply with infection prevention and control policies and procedures	Term 2
	HLTWHS002	Participate in workplace health and safety	Term 2
	HLTWHS006	Manage personal stressors in the work environment	Term 2
	HLTAID003	Provide first aid	Term 1
	HLTENN004	Implement, monitor and evaluate nursing care plans	Term 4
	HLTAAP002	Confirm physical health status	Term 4
	HLTENN013	Implement and monitor care of the older person	Term 2
	HLTENN008	Apply legal and ethical parameters to nursing practice	Term 2
	HLTENN002	Apply communication skills in nursing practice	Term 2
	CHCDIV001	Work with diverse people	Term 2
Two	CHCDIV002	Promote Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural safety	Term 2
	HLTENN001	Practise nursing within the Australian health care system	Term 3
	HLTENN003	Perform clinical assessment and contribute to planning nursing care	Term 5
	HLTAAP003	Analyse and respond to client health information	Term 5
Three	HLTENN005	Contribute to nursing care of a person with complex needs	Term 5
	HLTENN006	Apply principles of wound management in the clinical environment	Term 6
	HLTENN009	Implement and monitor care for a person with mental health conditions	Term 4
	HLTENN012	Implement and monitor care for a person with chronic health problems	Term 5
Four	HLTENN015	Apply nursing practice in the primary health care setting	Term 5
	HLTENN007	Administer and monitor medicines and intravenous therapy	Term 6
	HLTENN011	Implement and monitor care for a person with acute health problems	Term 6
Five	HLTENN010	Apply a palliative approach in nursing practice	Term 6
	HLTENN025	Implement and monitor care for a person with diabetes	Term 6
	CHCPOL003	Research and apply evidence to practice	Term 6

Term 1 & 2 = semester 1, Term 3 & 4 = semester 2 and Term 5 & 6 = semester 3

VET Student Loans

What is VET Student Loans?

The **VET Student Loans program** is an Australian Government loan program that helps eligible students enrolled in **approved courses** at **approved course providers** pay their **tuition fees**.

If you are an eligible student, the Department of Education and Training (the department) may approve your VET Student Loan for an approved course. VET student loans will not be approved for students who do not meet eligibility requirements. The department will pay your loan directly to your approved course provider. You will be responsible for any gap amount in the tuition fees, which are not covered by the loan. You will owe a debt to the Australian Government for the loan, which will be managed by the Australian Taxation Office (**ATO**).

Am I eligible?

To receive a VET Student Loan, you must:

1. be an eligible student
2. be studying an **approved course**
3. be studying with an **approved course provider**
4. apply to the government using the approved form, and
5. confirm your engagement and progression to continue to access the loan throughout your course.

To be an eligible student, you must meet ALL of the criteria detailed below.

- You are:
 - an Australian citizen, or
 - a qualifying New Zealand citizen², or
 - a permanent humanitarian visa holder, who is usually resident in Australia.
- Your **FEE-HELP balance** (the amount of your FEE-HELP limit you have left) is more than \$0.
- You are enrolled with an **approved course provider** in an **approved course** and have enrolled in accordance with the application requirements.
- You are studying the approved course primarily at a campus in Australia.
- You have been assessed by your **approved course** provider as academically suited to undertake the **approved course** on the basis of either:
 - providing your Australian Year 12 Certificate; OR
 - providing evidence of successful completion of an Australian Qualifications Framework Certificate IV or higher qualification (where the language of instruction is English); OR
 - displaying competence at Exit Level 3 in the Australian Core Skills Framework in both reading and numeracy through an approved Language, Literacy and Numeracy test.

In addition, your **approved course** provider must reasonably believe you show competence in completing the course.
- You meet the Tax File Number (**TFN**) requirements.
- You have a **Unique Student Identifier** (USI) or are otherwise exempt.
- If you are under 18 when requesting a VET Students Loan
 - Your parent or guardian must sign the VET Student Loan Parent Consent form, or
 - You have received Youth Allowance on the basis that you are independent, you may be required to provide evidence of this.

² A qualifying New Zealand citizen is a New Zealand citizen who meets all of the following:

- holds a special visa category, such as the New Zealand Special Category Visa (SCV);
- has been usually resident in Australia for at least 10 years;
- was a dependent child when he or she was first usually resident in Australia;
- has been in Australia for periods totalling 8 years during the previous 10 years; and
- has been in Australia for periods totalling 18 months during the previous 2 years.

- You have given the required documents to your **approved course** provider and submitted the loan application form by the first **census day** no less than two business days after enrolling.

To be an **approved course** your course must be:

- specified on the *VET Student Loans (Courses and Loan Caps) Determination 2016* (the **courses and loan caps determination**): and
- lead to a qualification of diploma, advanced diploma, graduate certificate or graduate diploma in the Australian Qualifications Framework; and
- be provided by an **approved course** provider; and
- be delivered by an **approved course** provider or an entity registered with TEQSA or approved by the Department to deliver the course.

When do I start paying back my loan?

Your **VET Student Loans** debt forms part of your **accumulated HELP debt**. You must start repaying your HELP debt through the tax system once your income is above the compulsory repayment threshold, even if you are still studying. The threshold is adjusted each year. As of January 2022, this threshold is \$47,014. Repayments made through the Australian taxation system are called 'compulsory repayments' and continue until you have repaid your whole debt.

How much you must pay back is calculated from the amounts given on your income tax return for:

- your taxable income,
- reportable fringe benefits (reported on your payment summary),
- total net investment loss (including net rental loss),
- reportable super contributions, and
- exempt foreign employment income amounts.

From 1 July 2017, anyone who has a HELP debt, and earns above the minimum repayment threshold, will be required to repay their debt regardless of where they live, whether in Australia or overseas. Visit www.studyassist.gov.au for more information.

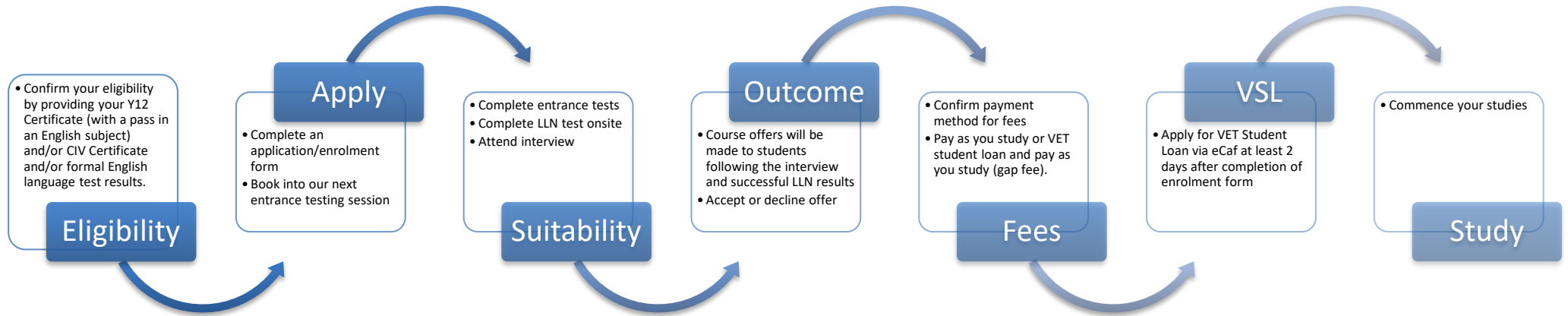
If you move overseas and have a HELP debt you have the same repayment obligations as those living in Australia. This applies if you already live or intend to move overseas for a total of 183 days or more in any 12 month period. You will be required to notify the ATO by updating your contact details through ATO online services within seven days of leaving Australia. Visit www.ato.gov.au/overseasobligations or www.studyassist.gov.au for more information.

More information about **HELP** debt repayments, including how the **ATO** calculates your compulsory repayment, is available at www.studyassist.gov.au.

Further information

To assist you in making an informed decision on your course, you will find additional information in the FOX Education and Consultancy Student Handbook, on our website at www.fox.edu.au, by contacting our office in Darwin or, browsing www.training.gov.au

What's next?



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