Emergency Department

The Emergency Department at Grampians Health Ballarat has a catchment area covering some 48,000 square kilometres, is home to nearly 250,000 people. Approximately two thirds of patients live in Ballarat, with the remaining patients living in the Grampians region. A small number of patients are treated from outside this region, for various reasons.

The Emergency Department sees more than 61,000 patients per year, 30 per cent of these patients are paediatric.

Application Process

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

The course is advertised on E recruit at https://bhs.mercury.com.au/ during September and commences the following year.

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

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H566 Graduate Certificate of Emergency 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.

Application Prerequisites

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

Selection Criteria

- Meets Deakin University selection criteria.
- Meet medical, police and working with children criteria.
- Satisfactory interview.
- Satisfactory clinical references.

Structure of the Course

Course Aims:

- To enable the registered nurse to gain a broad knowledge base from which to plan and care for patients in the Emergency Department.

- To develop clinical skills to become competent emergency nurses.

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

Course Duration/Employment:

12 months duration and contracts commence in January with the academic year commencing early February of each year (incorporating rostered annual leave). Participants will be employed at 0.84 EFT with a contract of employment for duration of the course.

Theoretical Component:

Deakin University administers the theoretical component of the course. The theoretical program is usually completed in one academic year.

Clinical Component:

The clinical component of the course is undertaken in the Ballarat Emergency Department of Grampians Health.

Clinical Supervision & Assessments

The Clinical Nurse Educator – Emergency, undertakes clinical appraisals and assessment. Emergency staff and/or the Clinical Nurse Educator provide clinical supervision & support for students.

Formal clinical appraisal and assessment of competency skills are undertaken throughout the course in accordance with Deakin University Guidelines.