

Grampians Health Oncology Services

Specialist ambulatory oncology services are located at the Ballarat, Stawell and Horsham campuses. Each unit provides anti-cancer and supportive therapy to those affected by cancer, with Horsham and Stawell also administering infusions required for chronic disease management. Radiation therapy services are also located at Grampians Health Ballarat and Grampians Health Stawell.

Grampians Health Ballarat and Horsham operate Monday to Friday with Stawell operating from Tuesday to Thursday, all within business hours.

Grampians Region of Victoria



Applications

To be eligible for this course, you must be nominated by your health service to support you to undertake the clinical practice component of the course. Speak with your Education Manager or Clinical Nurse Educator in Oncology, to confirm that your hospital is willing to support your clinical supervision.

Following this, prospective students can then submit their application to the University of Melbourne to undertake the program.

Additional Information

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Centre for Education & Training

In collaboration with

The University of
Melbourne

Graduate Certificate in Cancer Nursing

Grampians Health

Grampians Health was established in November 2021, bringing together the health services of Edenhope, Stawell, Horsham, Dimboola and Ballarat. Grampians Health exists to serve our communities across the Grampians region, providing complete care as close as possible to people's homes. Our goal is to provide an integrated model of care that always puts people first, ensuring that they are receiving personalised, compassionate care.

The Centre for Education and Training, based at our Ballarat campus, 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.



Entry Requirements

In order to be considered for entry, applicants must have:

- Completed a Bachelor of Nursing degree or higher-level degree (i.e. Master of Nursing Science – entry-to-practice);
- Have current and unrestricted registration as a Registered Nurse with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency;
- Documented evidence of a minimum of one-year post-registration clinical experience;
- Clinical support from a partnering health service and be employed a minimum of three (3) days or 24 hours per week in a speciality area of cancer care for the duration of the course.

Selection Criteria

Meets University of Melbourne selection criteria.

Structure of the Course

Aim:

The Graduate Certificate in Cancer Nursing will develop your capacity to work effectively within a multidisciplinary team and provide the highest level of cancer care.

Course Duration:

The program is designed to be undertaken part-time over 12 to 18 months (depending on whether you apply in the summer (January) or winter (June) intake.

Theoretical Component

The University of Melbourne administers the theoretical component of the course. Grampians Health Ballarat provides a supportive link challenging the student's theoretical knowledge in the clinical setting.

Clinical Component

The clinical component of the course is undertaken at your employing hospital or health care service, providing a convenient and supportive environment to allow you to develop and apply essential knowledge and skills in caring for people affected by cancer as an 'Advanced beginner' specialist cancer nurse.

Clinical Support & Assessments

The role of the CNE in Oncology is to support, mentor and facilitate the student's clinical program and educational development.

Formal clinical appraisal and assessment of competency skills are undertaken throughout the course in accordance with University of Melbourne guidelines. The focus is on the acquisition, understanding and demonstration of clinical skills in specialised areas of cancer.

Clinical assessment is supported by approved assessors in speciality practice.