

Paediatric & Adolescent Unit

Comprising 19 beds, the Paediatric and Adolescent unit accepts children aged 28 days to 18 years of age. The Unit admits up to 250 children per month from a variety of sources, emergency, consultant rooms, inter-hospital transfers, and outpatients. The Unit provides a comprehensive range of acute care and outpatient services including 15 acute care beds, day stay surgical and medical services, Paediatric treatment/assessment clinics and Paediatric MRI services.



Applications

Applications must be made directly to Grampians Health, Ballarat Campus, Centre for Education & Training. University of Melbourne is then notified of successful applicants and the enrolment process is commenced.

The course is advertised on the BHS website via E-Recruit during September.

Additional Information

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**Centre for Education
& Training**

In collaboration with

The University of Melbourne

**Graduate Certificate in
Nursing Practice
(Paediatrics)**

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

Selection Criteria

- Meets University of Melbourne selection criteria
- Meet medical and police check criteria
- Satisfactory interview
- Satisfactory clinical references

Structure of the Course

Aims:

To enable registered nurses to gain a broad paediatric knowledge base enabling them to effectively plan and care for children and their families.

To provide an academic and clinical environment which supports the professional development of registered nurses toward specialised paediatric nursing practice.

Course Duration/Employment:

Course is of 12 months duration commencing in January of each year (incorporating rostered annual leave). Participants will be employed at 0.84 EFT with a contract for employment for duration of the course.

Theoretical Component:

The University of Melbourne administers the theoretical component of the course. GH provides a strong supportive link challenging the student's theoretical knowledge in the clinical setting. The theoretical program is completed in one academic year.

Clinical Component:

The clinical component of the course is undertaken within the Paediatric unit of GH's Ballarat Campus with specific objectives and assessments as set by the University of Melbourne. The Clinical Nurse Educator provides structured clinical tutorials, worksheets, bedside clinical teaching and progressive, dynamic assessment methods in order for the student to achieve clinical performance.

Clinical Supervision & Assessments

Clinical supervision, assessment and planning is undertaken by the Clinical Nurse Educator – Paediatrics who is supernumerary to paediatric staff. The Educator's role 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. Clinical assessments focus on the acquisition, understanding and demonstration of clinical skills in specialised areas of paediatrics.