



Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic Nursing

Be inspired and inspire others with the skills and confidence this online course provides. ACN's graduate certificate is your opportunity to further build and consolidate your knowledge of orthopaedic nursing care.

This program has a focus on orthopaedic trauma and disease process and is comprised of three core units and one elective unit, each offered online. The course may be completed over a 12 month period.

The core units are:

- Principles of orthopaedic nursing
- Clinical practice in orthopaedic nursing
- Professional issues in orthopaedic nursing

The elective units are:

- Assessing and managing adult pain
- Assessment of the older person
- Communication: Applied strategies for health care professionals

- Nursing assessment and management of patients with inflammatory joint disease
- Paediatric pain: assessment and management
- Principles of paediatric nursing
- Stress response and health breakdown
- Wound management

These units are also available as individual postgraduate units of study.

One intake per year – July

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Course overview

The Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic Nursing is designed for Registered Nurses working in a variety of orthopaedic environments.

This course aims to cultivate excellence in the delivery of orthopaedic nursing care through the exploration and integration of theoretical knowledge, evidence based practice and clinical nursing.

Content includes examination of the impact of acute and chronic illness, differentiation of the range of musculoskeletal dysfunction associated with trauma and emphasises assessment and management strategies within both the adult and paediatric setting. Participants have the opportunity to expand their professional development and research skills. This online course uses a variety of learning modes including case studies, multi-media and discussion forums in a virtual classroom.

Graduates of this course will be better prepared to implement evidenced based practice and contemporary research to improve patient outcomes.

Learning outcomes

- Apply specialist knowledge of physiology, pathophysiology of diseases and trauma to the nursing assessment and management of orthopaedic patients
- Explore the legal, ethical and cultural issues in relation to the nursing care of orthopaedic patients
- Demonstrate specialist knowledge, comprehensive assessment skills and evidence based practice to improve orthopaedic nursing care
- Evaluate complex clinical problems demonstrating a specialist approach to practice across the lifespan
- Critically reflect on current practice and learning experiences to promote leadership, knowledge sharing and development of a philosophy of lifelong learning
- Develop advanced communication skills in order to establish therapeutic relationships with stakeholders, families and the multidisciplinary team for a holistic approach to nursing care

General eligibility criteria

All applicants seeking admission to online Graduate Certificate courses or individual postgraduate units of study are required to:

- hold a Bachelor of Nursing or registered nurse equivalent qualification
- be currently registered with Australian Practitioner Regulation Agency AHPRA
- have a minimum of one year postgraduate experience
- be currently employed in an appropriate clinical setting.

Obtain a nationally and internationally recognised postgraduate qualification.

A Graduate Certificate is the first step towards a Master's Degree, so visit our website at www.acn.edu.au and see what the Australian College of Nursing can do for you.