Nursing at Swinburne

Nurses play an important role in supporting the wellbeing of communities everywhere, and have opportunities to work in a variety of healthcare settings.

Our nursing courses give you the latest medical knowledge and the skills to work across a diverse industry.

You'll learn to administer a high standard of patient care in a range of workplaces. You'll graduate with the confidence and skills to transition directly into a job and pursue a meaningful career.

Rated ★★★★★

Our Bachelor of Nursing is rated 5 stars in every category by *The Good Universities Guide*

Guaranteed real industry experience

Real industry experience is guaranteed in all Swinburne bachelor degrees that commence in 2021 and beyond. With our Work Integrated Learning program, learning is just reading, it's doing. Start building your résumé with placements, internships and industry-linked projects while you study.

Visit **swinburne.edu.au/workintegratedlearning**

State-of-the-art facilities

Our Hawthorn and Wantirna campuses are equipped with state-of-the-art nursing laboratories. You'll work with advanced technology and equipment, and develop your practical skills safely using simulation technology.

Vocational education

Diplomas and certificates are vocational qualifications that provide practical teaching and skills for work. A vocational qualification could prepare you for your first job, help you excel in your current job, or take the first step in a career change.

Successful completion of a vocational qualification may also allow you to progress to another qualification with advanced standing.
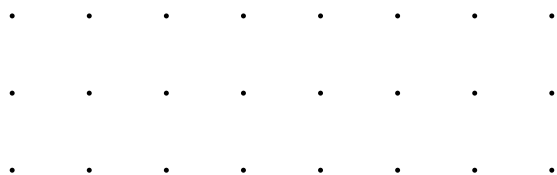
Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science

Swinburne is home to the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science, which brings together academics, clinicians, researchers and students from a variety of disciplines in forensic mental health research and practice.

The aims of the centre are:

· to understand, predict and ultimately reduce offending and violence by people with mental illness or problem behaviours
· to improve the legal system through empirical research and policy analysis
· to create a vibrant culture of learning and research in the forensic mental health and behavioural science sectors.

The Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science operates under the auspices of Swinburne University of Technology and the Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health (Forensicare).

Our courses

Diploma of Nursing (HLT54121)

Duration 1.5 years full-time

Campus Wantirna

Intake February, July

Build the essential skills and knowledge required to work under the supervision of a registered nurse as an enrolled nurse in a variety of healthcare settings. In this nationally accredited course you'll learn how to implement basic nursing care, assess patients' health and analyse health-related information.

The Diploma of Nursing involves 400 hours of supervised clinical placements in four key areas – aged care, mental health, sub-acute and acute care – to provide you with practical skills when you graduate.

On campus, learning takes place in a purpose-built labs, utilising state-of-the-art equipment that allows you to learn in a safe, simulated environment.

Major study areas include nursing communication, legal and ethical parameters, medication delivery, wound management, infection prevention; and mental, acute, chronic and aged care.

Bachelor of Nursing

Duration 3 years full-time

Campus Hawthorn and Wantirna

Intake Semester 1

Our Bachelor of Nursing to prepares you for the diversity and complexities of 21st century nursing. You'll benefit from our strengths in technology and innovation. You will develop your practical skills safely using simulation technology and realistic educational models, and reinforce your learning with 800 hours of clinical work experience.

You'll graduate as a registered nurse and be ready to pursue a career in a variety of fields, including in acute, rural, remote and international settings; in emergency medicine, aged care, mental health services, palliative care, rural and Indigenous healthcare, family health, paediatrics and community nursing.

This degree has been accredited by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council and is listed as an approved program of study on the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) website.

Graduate Diploma of Forensic Mental Health Nursing

Duration 2 years part-time

Campus Online

Intake Semesters 1 and 2

Incorporating: Graduate Certificate in Forensic Mental Health Nursing

Acquire knowledge and skills to work in forensic mental health nursing. This course offers a comprehensive introduction to the principles and practice of nursing in forensic mental health for general psychiatric nurses.

You'll learn about key legal principles and legislation, and core clinical skills such as violence risk assessment and management. You'll also develop an understanding of legal and correctional systems and learn how to work effectively with challenging patients and behaviours.

By the time you graduate, you'll have the skills to work effectively in forensic contexts or with forensic patients.

This course is offered through the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science at Swinburne in collaboration with the Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health (Forensicare).

Find out more at swinburne.edu.au/nursing

"I chose Swinburne because they were so supportive of where I'd come from, and because I loved the idea of the smaller class sizes in the bachelor."

Amy

Bachelor of Nursing graduate and Emerging Nurse Leader for the Australian College of Nursing