

# GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ACUTE AND CRITICAL CARE NURSING (4749)

**Approved Abbreviation:** GCACritCareNurs  
**Western Sydney University Program Code:** 4749  
**AQF Level:** 8

This program applies to students who commenced in 2017 or later.

The aim of the program is to provide Registered Nurses with the theoretical knowledge and skills to engage in safe and autonomous practice in the delivery of quality patient care in a range of acute clinical settings. Graduates will be able to further develop clinical judgment skills in order to synthesise and apply advanced nursing concepts into their clinical practice. They also will be equipped to lead nursing in a range of clinical settings.

## Study Mode

Six months full-time or one year part-time.

## Program Advice

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Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (<https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/>) | Local Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/>) | International Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/>) |

## Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Hawkesbury Campus	Full Time	Internal	Cannas Kwok ( <a href="https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/12049/">https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/12049/</a> )
Hawkesbury Campus	Part Time	Internal	Cannas Kwok ( <a href="https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/12049/">https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/12049/</a> )
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Full Time	Internal	Cannas Kwok ( <a href="https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/12049/">https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/12049/</a> )
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Part Time	Internal	Cannas Kwok ( <a href="https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/12049/">https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/12049/</a> )

## Admission

All applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for entry.

Registered Nurse (currently registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency - Nursing and Midwifery), or eligibility for same,  
 And

One year full-time equivalent work experience as a registered nurse within the last five years or current and continuing employment as a registered nurse in an acute or critical care clinical setting.

Applicants seeking admission on the basis of work experience must support their application with a Statement of Service for all work experience listed on the application.

Statement of Service form ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/content/dam/digital/pdf/Statement\\_of\\_Service.PDF](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/content/dam/digital/pdf/Statement_of_Service.PDF))

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas must be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC). Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local and International applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>

<https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/>

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

## Special Requirements Prerequisites

Access to a Clinical Simulation Laboratory, laptop with camera functionality and internet access if residing outside Greater Western Sydney and unable to travel to attend scheduled workshops conducted as part of the subject NURS 7003 Applied Clinical Practice using Simulation.

## Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 40 credit points including the subjects listed below.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
NURS 7003	Applied Clinical Practice using Simulation	10
PUBH 7018	Leadership for Quality and Safety in Health Care	10
NURS 7028	Leadership in Clinical Practice	10
Select one elective		10
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>

## Optional Elective

Subject	Title	Credit Points
NURS 7020	Essentials in Vascular Access	10