Graduate Certificate in Clinical Nursing Qualification
Upgrade to Graduate Diploma of Nursing

FAQ

1. I have completed my Graduate Certificate in Clinical Nursing with Notre Dame, so is there a pathway to upgrade my qualification?

Yes, you can enrol for a Graduate Diploma of Nursing (Course4086) where study units have been specifically selected for those who have successfully completed a Graduate Certificate.

2. How is this going to help my career?

You already have a postgraduate qualification and this is the first step in positioning yourself for future career opportunities. Prospective employers look favourably on candidates who have postgraduate qualifications so you already have an edge. As well as extending your professional knowledge and ability, upgrading your qualification to a Graduate Diploma or Masters will provide even greater advantage when competing for promotion in your future career pathway.

3. Will my Graduate Certificate in Clinical Nursing count towards the Graduate Diploma?

Yes, you can apply for RPL for the full amount of credit points.

4. What additional units will I need to study?

ET502 Ethics for professional life
NUR522 Role development in professional practice
NMH502 Evidence based practice

5. How long will this take me?

The course involves just two semesters of part-time study.

6. How much time would I have to spend at uni?

ET502 is available either as a Winter Term intensive (25th – 29th June, 2012), or it can be studied in second semester – 3 hrs per week.
NUR522 is available as an online unit and needs to be studied over two semesters – approx 2hrs per week independent study.
NMH502 is available on campus and can be studied in first or second semester depending on the number of student enrolments – 2 hours per week.
7. Can I upgrade the Diploma to a Masters?

Yes, you can either upgrade your Diploma to a Masters degree, or alternatively bypass the Diploma and sign up for a coursework Masters instead. The Masters will include the same 3 units listed above plus a major project, which you will complete over a further 2 semesters. In other words the Diploma will take you 1 year of part-time study to complete and the Masters will take 2 years part-time study. You should discuss both options with the postgraduate coordinator.

8. How much will this cost me?


These are tax deductible and you can apply for Commonwealth fee-help to spread the cost over time [http://www.goingtouni.gov.au/Main/FeesLoansAndScholarships/Undergraduate/FullFeesAndFEE-HELP/FullFeesAndFeeHELP.htm](http://www.goingtouni.gov.au/Main/FeesLoansAndScholarships/Undergraduate/FullFeesAndFEE-HELP/FullFeesAndFeeHELP.htm).

9. Are there scholarships available?


10. I am interested, what should I do next?

In the first instance contact our Prospective Students Office E: future@nd.edu.au or P: 9433 0533 or 9433 0535 and ask them for a postgraduate application package for Course 4086 Graduate Diploma of Nursing.