NURTRE DAME BROOME CAMPUS

Notre Dame is a unique place to study and learn. The small and friendly campus means students benefit from personal attention, a caring learning environment and dedicated staff. Admission to Notre Dame is a comprehensive process that takes into account all the characteristics, experience, knowledge and skills of a prospective student.

The township of Broome is well-known for its ideal climate, breathtaking natural beauty, historic sights and plenty of outdoor adventure. Experiencing university life in Broome is an ideal chance to study in an environment that tourists from around Australia and all over the world spend thousands of dollars to enjoy.

A key objective of the Broome Campus is to provide strong support for the process of reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians. The Campus provides a supportive environment and offers an opportunity for non-Aboriginal and Aboriginal people to live together and to learn about Aboriginal health, history and culture.

NURSING AT NOTRE DAME BROOME

The 18 month Diploma program offers a formal curriculum, which has been developed in close consultation with industry and other educational providers. This course provides the education and training necessary to achieve competency in the wide range of skills required for the role of an Enrolled Nurse.

Graduates of this course will be capable of providing high quality care in a compassionate, respectful and just manner. In particular, the School of Nursing, Broome campus seeks to ensure all graduates are able to work culturally appropriately, effectively and ethically with Aboriginal people.

WHY STUDY NURSING AT NOTRE DAME?

Notre Dame accepts a limited number of students into the Nursing course each year, which enables all students to be placed in a hospital or health care setting for the practicum experiences.

It also enables students to receive individual support from teaching staff, which aids their academic and personal development.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of this program will be eligible to register as an Enrolled Nurse with the Nurses and Midwives Board of Western Australia. An Enrolled Nurse, who is an associate of the Registered Nurse, works under the direction of a Registered Nurse in assisting in the provision of preventative, curative and rehabilitative nursing care in hospitals, aged-care facilities, the community and other health care settings. Enrolled Nurses are a skilled and integral part of the nursing team.

Diploma graduates could be awarded advanced standing in the Bachelor of Nursing course at The University of Notre Dame Australia, Broome Campus.

COURSE OVERVIEW

The Diploma program is usually delivered over 18 months and consists of various units of theory and 15 weeks of clinical practice. Clinical placements will be varied with opportunity for practise in hospital and health care settings including: medical/surgical wards, community health, mental health and aged care. Students will attend various clinical placement blocks during the 18 months.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applications are encouraged from students of all ages. The comprehensive entry requirements consider past academic performance as well as personal accomplishments and suitability for the course. Prospective students must be able to demonstrate good verbal and written skills. Examples of minimum entry requirements are:

- TER score of 60 or more, or
- A WA Certificate of Education demonstrating primarily “A” and /or “B” grade averages or,
- Mature age STAT score over 135, or
- Tertiary Enabling Program, credit average grades
- Certificate IV, or
- Certificate III, health industry experience and evidence of successful further studies in literacy, numeracy and study skills.
**COURSE STRUCTURE**

The Diploma of Nursing (Enrolled/Division 2 Nursing) is an 18 month full time (1320 hours in total) program which prepares students to seek registration with the Nurses and Midwives Board of Western Australia. The course incorporates 3 semesters of study and is presented in a blended delivery format. This involves some block components of study on the campus as well on line learning opportunities.

The units of competency in the qualification have been organised into an off- the- job training program with on-the-job components. The program is organised so that students are provided with

- Theory based learning
- Simulated practical sessions
- Practical placements in a hospital or health care organisation/service

Some of the areas covered in the course include client assessment, communication, nursing care, wound management, medications and medication administration, working effectively with culturally diverse clients and co-workers, the Australian health care system and legal and ethical parameters for Enrolled Nurses.

**SKILLS RECOGNITION**

Under the Australian Quality Training Framework, competencies may be attained in a variety of ways. Recognition of prior learning (RPL) is the acknowledgement of skills and knowledge obtained through learning outside the formal education and training system.

In order to grant RPL, mapping is carried out by an assessor using the relevant requirements for the Unit of Competency and evidence gathered and provided by an applicant.

Evidence provided by an applicant may include job descriptions, volunteer/community work, field trips, projects, certification, testimonials, challenge tests, employer references, letters and work samples, which show and/or support skill level.

If you are interested in applying for Skills Recognition for one or more Units of Competency within the Diploma of Nursing please advise staff upon application or interview.

**FEES**

All students are required to pay fees for tuition. Concession rates and payment plans are available to eligible students. Course fees are payable each semester and rates are available on application.

Students also need to pay for uniforms, learning resources and text books as well as medical charges associated with required vaccinations and Federal Police and Criminal Record Screening.

**ACCOMMODATION**

The Broome Campus offers quality on-site accommodation in the Student Village. The Village is made up of the Student Hostel which provides short-term accommodation for students who attend ‘block study’ programs and the Student Housing which is made up of nine separate houses for students studying fulltime for at least one semester.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

The information contained in this publication is designed as a basic course description. If you would like further information regarding the course, or information about admissions, fees or the University itself please contact the VET administration officer telephone: (08) 9192 0639 or nursing administration on telephone: (08) 91920630 or via email at broome@nd.edu.au

Visitors to the University are welcome at any time. If you would like to look around the University and the facilities please contact the Broome Campus at the email address above or visit our web site www.broome.nd.edu.au