

Intensive Care Unit:

The Intensive Care Unit currently comprises 6 cardiac and intensive care beds with the facility to ventilate three patients. In the new facility ICU will expand to a 10 bed unit with state of the art facilities. The majority of admissions come under coronary care and high risk surgical, with a small number of paediatric and obstetric admissions.

Elective admissions include Cardioversions and Tilt Table tests.

There are 8 telemetry beds that are monitored through a central console in ICU.

The unit is lead by a Medical Director and has 6 other Physicians providing 24 hour roster coverage, with combined expertise in Respiratory Medicine, Cardiology, Endocrinology, Haematology, Oncology, and Gastroenterology.

Emergency Department:

The Emergency Department provides a vibrant and challenging environment with a throughput of 25,000 patients annually and an extensive array of presentations including trauma, cardiac, paediatric, obstetric, ophthalmologic, orthopaedic, surgical and psychiatric. A third of patient presentations are paediatric, with 25% of presentations admitted as inpatients. The department is lead by a full time Emergency Physician and is affiliated with the Centre for Rural Emergency Medicine.

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NURSING EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



GRADUATE CERTIFICATE / DIPLOMA OF NURSING PRACTICE

- **Emergency Care**
- **Critical Care**

**In affiliation with Deakin
University**

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE / DIPLOMA IN CRITICAL CARE NURSING 1&2

**In affiliation with Flinders
University.**



POST GRADUATE EMERGENCY / CRITICAL CARE PROGRAM

SOUTH WEST HEALTHCARE

South West Healthcare (SWH) is a leader in providing innovative and quality health services to the vibrant region of South West Victoria. Through the values of Caring, Respect, Equity and Excellence, SWH is a regional referral centre providing a comprehensive range of health care services to enhance the quality of life for the people of South West Victoria.

Our community:

102,386 people reside in South West Victoria, and Warrnambool is among the top five fastest growing regional areas in Victoria. Major primary industries include health education, retail, tourism, dairy, food production, manufacturing, meat processing, professional services, new age energy, timber, aluminium and mineral sands.

Our services:

SWH provide 122 medical, nursing, psychiatric, allied health and community health services and demonstrates a commitment to continuous quality improvement and providing best practice.

CLINICAL STREAMS:

South West Healthcare is affiliated with both Deakin University, Burwood and Flinders University, S.A. and therefore offers a choice of two Post Graduate Courses. The Deakin University course offers clinical streams in Emergency Nursing and Critical Care Nursing. The Flinders University offers a Critical Care Nursing Course. Critical Care Nursing students rotate between the Emergency Department & Intensive Care Unit throughout the year, while Emergency stream students have an initial 6 week rotation through ICU, with the remainder of the clinical component performed in the Emergency Department.

CLINICAL SUPERVISION & SUPPORT:

Clinical supervision and support is provided by a dedicated Clinical Facilitator, in conjunction with senior nursing staff.

CLINICAL ASSESSMENT:

Clinical assessment is undertaken by a dedicated Clinical Facilitator, and in accordance with Clinical Performance Appraisal requirements as per the University course specific guidelines.

APPLICATION PREREQUISITES:

- Registered Nurse Division 1 with current National Nurses Board Registration.
- Minimum of 12 months recent post-registration acute clinical nursing experience.
- Evidence of a commitment to professional development highly desirable.

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

A Course Information Session is held at South West Healthcare in August.

Course positions are advertised both internally and externally during September. Mid year intakes are considered.

Applications must be made to both South West Healthcare and the University. Enrolment is performed online and instructions can be found at www.deakin.edu.au or www.flinders.edu.au.

COURSE STRUCTURE:

The theoretical component of the course is delivered by the University.

Complementary clinical tutorials and support is provided by South West Healthcare.

The clinical component of the course commences in February for a twelve month period.

The clinical component also incorporates 4 weeks of paid supernumerary clinical experience in a metropolitan setting.

CONTRACTS:

A twelve month contract for employment is offered (minimum 0.8 EFT) to complete the clinical requirements of the course.