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## Certificate III in Aged Care Work + Diploma in Enrolled Nursing

Students have three study options if they are seeking a career in Nursing:

1. Enrol directly in a 3 year Bachelor Degree in Nursing
2. Enrol in the Diploma in Enrolled Nursing and then articulate with credit to a university degree
3. Enrol in Certificate 3 in Aged Care Work [OPTIONAL] + Diploma in Enrolled Nursing and then articulate with credit to a university degree

Remember: if students enrol directly into an undergraduate degree they will have to wait until they complete their studies before they hold a recognised industry qualification to work in Australia

If they enrol in a TAFE course[s] first they can obtain a recognised, entry level industry qualification in one semester



### **ENROL IN CERTIFICATE 3 IN AGED CARE WORK [optional]**

#### **ADVANTAGES:**

- Gain an aged care industry recognised qualification within 6 months [one semester of study]
- Commence TAFE NSW studies with a lower IELTS than that required for a Bachelor in Nursing - IELTS 7 in most universities.  
*Please note: IELTS 6.5 in all bands is required for students packaging Aged Care Work with Enrolled Nursing. No direct articulation into the Diploma in Nursing is possible for students who enter Aged Care Work with IELTS 5.5 - new IELTS test result will be required for these students to confirm that they have reached the required English proficiency level.*
- Certificate 3 in Aged Care Work is the minimum industry qualification required to work as a carer in an Aged Care facility. Aged Care Work graduates have potential to earn much better money in the Aged Care industry than they would in a coffee shop / hotel / farm. They are also commencing their careers at an entry level in the Health industry, specialising in care of the aged



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- Graduates can begin to accrue valuable related, paid work experience after one semester of study – they will be working with enrolled and registered nurses in aged care facilities which is a valuable networking opportunity
- Graduates will see improvement in their language proficiency in an aged care facility. Their ability to communicate will be greatly improved by ongoing exposure to Australian aged persons and their carers



### **ENROL IN THE DIPLOMA IN ENROLLED NURSING**

#### **ADVANTAGES:**

- Successful completion of the Diploma in Nursing after 18 months of study, combined with an IELTS score of 7, provides eligibility to apply for the status of Enrolled Nurse in NSW
- Graduates of Certificate 3 in Aged Care Work continue to accrue relevant paid work experience while they complete their Diploma studies
- The Diploma in Nursing + professional registration will allow graduates to work as enrolled nurses or aged care workers throughout their Bachelor in Nursing studies
- Continuous improvement in English proficiency with opportunities to develop a strong, specialised vocabulary for the health industry



### **ENROL IN THE BACHELOR IN NURSING**

#### **ADVANTAGES:**

- Diploma graduates will commence university studies with better language proficiency, making the transition from small classroom settings to the university lecture hall much easier
- Extended work experience in the aged care and nursing sectors during their TAFE NSW studies will give undergraduate students more confidence during university clinical placements
- Ongoing paid work experience in a relevant workplace may assist Bachelor Degree graduates if they wish to apply for a work visa on completion of their studies



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- Diploma graduates are qualified to work in the nursing sector throughout their undergraduate studies, enhancing their earning capacity beyond the typical hospitality/taxi driving jobs frequently undertaken by students
- Diploma graduates have potential to earn at a good rate of pay because they are qualified workers in the health industry



## ENTER THE HEALTH INDUSTRY WITH CAREER OPTIONS AT A NUMBER OF LEVELS DEPENDING ON EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS:

- 👉 Aged Care Worker – entry level worker
- 👉 Aged Care Facility Director – opportunities exist for Registered Nurses with a specialist area of study in aged care throughout their education
- 👉 Enrolled Nurse
- 👉 Registered Nurse
- 👉 Further studies at a higher level eg: specialised Post graduate studies or at Masters level when they accrue appropriate work experience
- 👉 Think outside the square – nurses work at luxury holiday resorts around the world, sail the seas on the hundreds of cruise ships that visit some of the top tourist destinations in the world each year and even work on film sets on location

Australian nurses are highly regarded around the world and this study package will provide international students with the opportunity to travel and work

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