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# Critical Care Skills Program

For Registered Nurses and Midwives

Frequently Asked Questions



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## About

The Critical Care Skills Program will enable Registered Nurses and Midwives to gain accelerated knowledge of clinical skills relevant for safe delivery of care in intensive care and high dependency.

### Who can apply?

Registered Nurses and Midwives employed by SA Health within metropolitan, regional, and rural South Australia can apply for the ICU and HDU Upskilling Program.

Registered Nurses and Midwives who are not employed by SA Health are ineligible for this program.

### Who is delivering the Critical Care Skills Program?

The Critical Care Skills Program is run by the University of Melbourne, in partnership with SA Health.

### How much does it cost?

Successful applicants will receive a scholarship from SA Health to cover the cost of program delivery.

### Do I need to currently be working in or have experience in ICU/HDU to apply?

No, you do not need to be working in or have experience working in ICU/HDU to apply.

### Do I need to work full time to apply?

No, you do not need to be working full time to apply for the Critical Care Skills Program.

### How do I apply for the Critical Care Skills Program?

Submit your application form via the [University of Melbourne](#)

### What happens after I have submitted my application?

The University of Melbourne will facilitate your enrolment into the program, and you will be able to begin your studies.

### Can I defer this course?

The program is delivered online and is self-paced learning, deferrals are not required.

### How is the program delivered and how long will it take?

The program is delivered online and is self-paced learning. It consists of 12 units of study and includes case studies and assessments. It will take you approximately 20 hours to complete.

## How long do I have to complete the program?

The program is designed to be completed within 6 weeks of enrolment, however if you require more time to complete, access to the course via the University of Melbourne Portal will remain open.

## Where can this study lead to?

The Critical Care Skills Program will provide foundational knowledge to support nurses and midwives to safely assess, plan and provide supportive care to patients with acute respiratory failure.

However, the completion of this program does not guarantee employment in an ICU or HDU setting or provide entry into further study with the University of Melbourne.

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## For more information

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