

Postgraduate Critical Care Course

Sir Charles Gairdner Osborne Park Health Care Group (SCGOPHCG) has a philosophy of empowerment through education and offers nurses supported pathways into formal Postgraduate (PG) qualifications. The Critical Care Course has evolved to provide industry with a nursing workforce that can provide the complex nursing management and critical thinking required for nurses delivering care to consumers within the Intensive Care setting.

Overview

- The SCGOPHCG PG Critical Care Course is co-badged with Edith Cowan University (ECU); participants can exit with a
 Graduate Certificate in Critical Care Nursing or continue their enrolment with ECU to complete a Diploma or Masters in Nursing
- The program runs over 46 weeks, February December, and is split into two semesters
- Participants are required to work a minimum of 64 hours per fortnight throughout the program
- Three units of learning are required to complete the program; Advanced Nursing Science 1, Advanced Science 2, and Advanced Nursing Practice

Who can apply?

To be eligible to undertake this program participants must meet the following criteria;

- ✓ be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- √ have a minimum of 24 months post-registration experience
- √ have a minimum of 12 months recent experience in critical care, including competency in invasive positive pressure ventilation and continuous renal replacement therapy (CRRT)

What does the program offer?

- Dedicated PG Program Coordinator support for all aspects of PG education
- Dedicated PG Nurses as subject matter experts to facilitate learning in the clinical setting
- Clinical exposure promoting advanced critical thinking, and development of a diverse and transferable skill set
- Peer support, clinical and professional development and continuous performance monitoring and management
- Opportunities for accelerated pathways in formal PG qualifications
- An opportunity to develop towards functioning proficiently and professionally in a specialist role, empowering critical thinking, application to clinical practice, establishing leaders for the organisation who have a passion for continuous education

Fees

The fees listed below are the 2021 rates; fees are subject to change and will be confirmed by ECU prior to commencement.

- Advanced Nursing Science 1 (ANS 1) approx. \$500
- Advanced Nursing Practice 1 (NSP5302) approx. \$1400
- Advanced Nursing Science 2 (NNS5202) approx. \$1400

Participants may also be eligible to apply for a scholarship through the Chief Nursing and Midwifery Office to support their study costs.

Applications

The program is advertised via the JobsWA website approximately September each year.

Program applicants must submit <u>all</u> the following documents:

- Cover letter
- Curriculum Vitae with two professional referees
- Statement addressing the selection criteria (as per the jobs.wa.gov.au advertisement)

Following the initial shortlisting process, panel interviews will occur for program positions.

Enquiries

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