

Career Advisors Everything I Need To Know

Enrolled Nurses

An enrolled nurse works under the supervision of a registered nurse to provide care for patients in hospitals, nursing homes and a variety of other health care organisations. They provide patient care across health, behavioural and general nursing sciences.

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WHAT DOES AN ENROLLED NURSE EARN?

In Queensland public sector, the base annual salary rate for an enrolled nurse over 21 years, before shift loadings, is \$29,964. Full-time shift work can increase this annual salary to over \$35,000.

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EDUCATIONAL PREREQUISITES

Entry to enrolled nursing courses usually requires completion of Year 12 with passes in English and at least one science. As subjects can vary between TAFE institutions, students should contact their chosen institution for full details.

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COURSE ENTRY AND WHERE TO STUDY

To become an enrolled nurse you must complete a Diploma of Nursing Care (Pre-Enrolment).

Externally study through distance education is available at selected Queensland TAFEs (Please contact your preferred TAFE for further information on distance education opportunities).

The following Queensland TAFEs offer Diploma of Nursing Care (Pre Enrolment):

Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE (Townsville):

Diploma of Nursing Care (Pre-Enrolment), 2 years full time or part-time equivalent
OP/selection rank for 2001 entry - 15/67

Central Queensland Institute of TAFE (Rockhampton):

Diploma of Nursing Care (Pre-Enrolment), 2 years full time or part-time equivalent
OP/selection rank for 2001 entry - 15/67

Moreton Institute of TAFE (Mt Gravatt, Brisbane):

Diploma of Nursing Care (Pre-Enrolment), 2 years full time or part-time equivalent
OP/selection rank for 2001 entry - 11/80

Gold Coast Institute of TAFE:

Diploma of Nursing Care (Pre-Enrolment), 2 years full time or part-time equivalent
OP/selection rank for 2001 entry - 13/72

Southbank Institute of TAFE (Brisbane):

Diploma of Nursing Care (Pre-Enrolment), 2 years full time or part-time equivalent
OP/selection rank for 2001 entry - 9/84

Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE (Toowoomba):

Diploma of Nursing Care (Pre-Enrolment), 2 years full time or part-time equivalent
OP/selection rank for 2001 entry -13/74

Tropical North Institute of TAFE (Cairns):

Diploma of Nursing Care (Pre-Enrolment), 2 years full time or part-time equivalent
All applicants who satisfied the prerequisites were offered places in this course in 2001

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WHAT DO YOU STUDY?

Studying to become an enrolled nurse involves a mix of theoretical and vocational education. The student will cover areas such as community health, nursing the child and nursing the aged. They may study subjects that cover occupational health and safety policy, performing fundamental nursing procedures safely and within guidelines, gathering and using client-based observation and information, administering and monitoring medications.

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CAREER AND INFORMATION DAYS

There are a number of ways students can find out more about enrolled nursing, including attending one of the careers days held by the TAFEs each year.

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QUEENSLAND TERTIARY ADMISSION CENTRE (QTAC)

To apply for entry to TAFE, or to find out any other details regarding course entry, students need to contact the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC). For information on how to apply for entry go to <http://www.qtac.edu.au>

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TAFE LINKS

The following link will take you directly to the TAFE Queensland courses page
<http://www.tafe.qld.gov.au/courses/index.html>

The following link will take you to Queensland's TAFE institutes
http://www.tafe.qld.gov.au/about_us/institutes/index.html