

# Becoming an Enrolled Nurse

Working as part of a team of skilled professionals, **enrolled nurses** provide clinical care and emotional support for patients. As an enrolled nurse you will have a rewarding career and have opportunities for ongoing education, fulfilling work and the chance to work across a range of clinical and community environments.

## What does an enrolled nurse do?

As an Enrolled Nurse, your duties will range from providing physical and emotional care, to more complex duties such as giving medications. You will also have the opportunity to work in a range of different clinical specialities including medical, surgical, mental health, paediatrics, orthopaedics, rehabilitation, oncology, operating theatres, rural and remote, emergency and in community health care settings.

## How to become an enrolled nurse?

### Qualification

Diploma of Nursing (Enrolled Nurse).

### Admission

The Diploma of Nursing HLT54115 (Enrolled Nurse) program is not based on the Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) but admission requirements are set by the individual course providers.

### Length

The Diploma of Nursing (Enrolled Nurse) program takes 18-24 months to complete. There may be the option to study either full time or part-time depending on where you enrol.

### Finding a Provider

The Diploma of Nursing (Enrolled Nurse) program is offered at a number of Registered Training Organisations (RTO's), such as TAFE, NSW Health RTO and private training organisations. These courses can be studied at a variety of locations across NSW.

To ensure the program you are interested in studying is approved by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA), it is recommended that you check the list of Board-approved programs on the NMBA website. [nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Accreditation/Approved-programs-of-study.aspx](http://nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Accreditation/Approved-programs-of-study.aspx)

### Registration requirements

To register as an enrolled nurse with NMBA each applicant must meet the standards for registration as set out by the NMBA. These standards are available on the NMBA website. [nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards.aspx](http://nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards.aspx)

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## What do I need to know?

### Cost

Government supported places now known as 'smart and skilled' costs: There are full fee paying places and government supported places, available. To find out more about the government supported places that are available throughout NSW check the 'Smart and Skilled' website. [smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au](http://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au)

NSW Health offer scholarship positions each year to study to be an enrolled nurse. Details can be found on the Nursing & Midwifery Office, NSW Health website. [health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/scholarship/Pages/enrolled-nurse-scholarships.aspx](http://health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/scholarship/Pages/enrolled-nurse-scholarships.aspx)

### Mode

The course is offered in a variety of modes including face to face classroom and distance learning. This will vary depending on where you choose to study.

### Clinical Placement

The course requires a minimum of 400 clinical placement hours for clinical skills acquisition and registration. The RTO will place you at a facility to support this learning. To find out more about when and where you would complete clinical placement you would need to contact the RTO.

## What happens when you finish the course?

When you have completed all the required components of the course, you can apply to the NMBA for registration to practice as an enrolled nurse. The application process can be found on the NMBA website. [nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au](http://nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au)

## Where can I work?

Enrolled nurses work in a wide range of clinical specialties and environments. Enrolled nurses are employed in a variety of healthcare settings including hospitals, aged care services, General Practitioner (medical) clinics and in the private health sector.

Please remember that prior to enrolling into a course it is highly recommended that you visit the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) website and check the list of Board-approved programs.



## Further Information

**Nursing & Midwifery Office, NSW Health**  
[health.nsw.gov.au/nursing](http://health.nsw.gov.au/nursing)

**Nursing Midwifery Board Australia (NMBA)**  
[nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au](http://nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au)

**Smart and Skilled**  
[smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au](http://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au)

**NSW Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Strategy**  
Email: [MOH-AboriginalNursing@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:MOH-AboriginalNursing@health.nsw.gov.au)

**TAFE NSW**  
[www.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.tafensw.edu.au)

**NSW Health RTO – Liverpool**  
[swslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/cewd](http://swslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/cewd)

**NSW Health RTO – Rozelle**  
[slhd.nsw.gov.au/cewd](http://slhd.nsw.gov.au/cewd)

**myfuture**  
[myfuture.edu.au](http://myfuture.edu.au)

For more information on the types of employment opportunities available for Enrolled Nurses in the NSW public health system, you can go to the employment section of the NSW Health website at: [health.nsw.gov.au/jobs](http://health.nsw.gov.au/jobs)

**Become an enrolled nurse and see the difference you make, everyday.**