Critical Care Essentials for Nurses

Frequently asked questions

Who developed this course?

The course has been sponsored by Safer Care Victoria and developed by the University of Melbourne Department of Nursing, the Melbourne Medical School Mobile Learning Unit and the Centre for Integrated Critical Care.

What is the purpose of this course?

This online short course has been specifically designed as a rapid upskill program to support registered nurses (RNs) caring for critically ill patients during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Who is this course suitable for?

Registered nurses working in the acute care setting who need to develop foundational knowledge required to safely assess, plan and provide supportive care to patients with acute respiratory failure as a result of COVID-19 infection.

How is the course content delivered?

Through

- flexible, self-paced online program

- 10 interactive modules of approximately 1-2 hours active learning per module

- learning activities, case studies and filmed simulations to demonstrate key techniques and skills

- mobile enabled digital learning environment that facilitates streamlined delivery

- quizzes to apply your knowledge during and at the end of each module

- application of current evidence-informed guidelines relevant to the clinical management of patients with COVID-19.

Do I need a laptop or desk top computer to undertake this course?

No, the course is optimised for mobile devices (iOS and android) as well as for PCs

What are the intended outcomes of this course?

- Apply evidence to the nursing assessment and management of patients with acute respiratory failure and a systemic inflammatory response as a result of COVID-19 infection.

- Identify core risks and control measures implemented to safely care for critically ill patients.

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Do I need to pay for this course?

All Victorian registered nurses can complete this course free of charge

Is this course considered Continuing Professional Development (CPD) hours?

Yes, you will receive a certificate once you have completed the 10 modules and responded to the knowledge check assessments.

How do I submit an expression of interest in this course?

Complete and submit the expression of interest form located here.

How do I enrol in this course?

By registering for Critical Care Essentials for Nurses course via the link. You will then receive an email from the University of Melbourne Mobile Learning Unit with details of your enrolment.

I am an Agency nurse, am I eligible?

Yes, if you are likely to care for patients in Critical Care areas then you are eligible

I work in a private hospital as a Registered Nurse, am I eligible?

Yes, if you are likely to care for patients in Critical Care areas then you are eligible

I work in Mental Health, am I eligible?

This course has been designed for nurses who are likely to work in Critical Care areas such as Intensive Care or Emergency Departments and is not suitable for nurses working solely in Mental Health care settings.

What about ENs, grad RNs and student nurses?

The course is designed to support nurses who will be caring for critically ill patients with respiratory failure due to COVID-19 in Critical Care areas in the acute hospital setting.