Training in Women's Health Screening

Department of General Practice

About the program
Successful completion of this subject will provide registered nurses with the knowledge and clinical skills to perform cervical screening tests. Nurse cervical screeners can also facilitate the uptake of other evidence-based health screening tests working as part of a multidisciplinary team. Employment opportunities exist in general practice, community health services and in some hospital clinics.

Outcomes
Nurses working in Victoria are eligible to be certified as Nurse Cervical Screening Providers. Interstate students are advised to check the regulation of nurse cervical screeners with their local state Department of Health.

Program structure
- Offered as a single subject (Community Access Program) or as part of the Diploma/Certificate in Primary Care Nursing. Program runs during Semester 1.
- This subject is taught online and includes a compulsory one day workshop in Melbourne.
- The workshop develops nurses’ consulting and clinical skills through the simulated patient’s program.
- Clinical placement – to be arranged by the student. A list of placement providers is given to students at the workshop.

Credit points
This program is equivalent to a 12.5 credit point subject (170 hour workload) at the graduate diploma/certificate level. Successful completion of the subject provides pathways to further study at the University of Melbourne. The subject can be credited to a Graduate Certificate or Diploma in Primary Care Nursing.

For content information search for subject GENP90008 at the University Handbook: https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au

How to apply - Single Subject Community Access Program (CAP)
Apply directly to the University at: https://study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/single-subject-study
- Select NA-CAPPG for the Study Package Code option.
- Enter GENP90008 Women’s Health Screening under the Subject Code field.
- Select Assessed Mode for the Mode of Study.
- This is an online course. For administration purposes only please select ‘On Campus’ as the access/attendance mode.

Selection Criteria
Applicants must have:
- completed a 3 year degree in nursing (or approved equivalent)
- minimum of 1 year in clinical practice
- National Registration as a Division 1 Nurse

Enrolment Requirements
The following documents must be provided prior to the subject census date:
- National Police Check
- Immunisation and blood borne virus declaration.

Please see the Clinical Placements website for further detail: https://mdhs.unimelb.edu.au/study/current-students/placements

Scholarships
For information on external Australian Government Scholarships please see:

The Health Workforce Scholarship Program

Cancer Council Victoria
Please check the website for current scholarship opportunities.

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