



# Neonatal Nursing

The Neonatal Unit (NNU) is an 18 bed Level 5 High Dependency Unit that cares for a wide range of neonates from 31 weeks gestation to approximately a month of age. We endeavour to provide evidence-based, quality, family centred care to neonates and their families/carers.

The multidisciplinary team consists of registered nurses, registered midwives, nurse unit manager, neonatal nurse practitioner, medical team, physiotherapists, speech therapists, social workers, occupational therapists and neonatal education team.

The Neonatal Code Team comprises of nursing and medical staff from NNU. They respond to all neonatal codes across the hospital including theatre, ED and Birth Suite. The team assess, treat and stabilise the patient. If intensive care is required the patient is prepared for the PIPER (Paediatric Infant and Perinatal Infant Retrieval) team who will transport the baby to a tertiary centre (level 6).

The Graduate Certificate in Neonatal Care runs in partnership with Latrobe University

## Program Overview

12 month contract at 0.6 EFT

4 units via Latrobe University

Theoretical & clinical assessments

Support provided by experienced Clinical Nurse Educator & Clinical Support Nurse

At completion of the program, students will be able to care for the Level 5 neonatal patient and assist with retrieval of the sick neonate

## Clinical experiences

- low flow oxygen therapy
- seizure observation & management
- intravenous therapy & antibiotics
- hypoglycaemia management
- phototherapy for jaundice
- thermoregulation management
- feeding assessment management & support
- observation & management of neonates of chemically dependent women
- resuscitation & stabilisation of newborns and neonates
- non-invasive respiratory support such as CPAP or High Flow Nasal Prong
- ongoing management & care of infants following transfer from Level 6 tertiary Neonatal Units (approximately 25% of admissions)
- minimally invasive surfactant therapy (MIST)
- investigation, diagnosis & counselling for genetic conditions

## Further Information

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University Component

<https://www.latrobe.edu.au/courses/master-of-nursing>

**Applications  
Open**

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10<sup>th</sup> August 2020

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