



# Orthopaedic Nursing

Orthopaedic nurses are specialised nurses who work closely with patients and their families, providing complex clinical and holistic care, from pre-operative to post-operative management, to preparing patients and their families for discharge and beyond. Working within a wider multi-disciplinary team, it is important that Orthopaedic nurses have the knowledge and confidence to interact in a collaborative and professional manner in order to care and advocate for healthcare consumers. Whether caring for elective or trauma orthopaedic patients, it is important for orthopaedic nurses to develop specialist nursing knowledge and advance their clinical skills if they are to deliver the best, evidence-based and person-centred care.

Working in a fast paced, ever changing environment, Orthopaedic nursing is a very exciting and rewarding career choice, with many opportunities for career advancement, from Clinical Nurse Specialist to Nurse Practitioner.

**The Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic Nursing will run in partnership with Australian College of Nursing in 2021**

## Program Overview

Fully online program comprising 4 units

Students will continue working within their surgical specialty unit of employment at Northern Health

Must be available to work day, evening & weekend shifts

Subjects:

- Principles of Orthopaedic Nursing
- Leadership & Professional Practice
- Clinical Practice in Orthopaedic Nursing
- Choice of 1 elective; adult pain, assessment of older patient, therapeutic communication & others

## Support

- Support provided by a team of experienced Clinical Nurse Educators & Clinical Support Nurses
- All students are eligible for postgraduate study on application

## Further Information

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University Component  
<https://www.acn.edu.au/education/postgraduate-course/orthopaedic-nursing#overview>

**Applications open:**  
Week of October 26<sup>th</sup> 2020

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