



UPSKILLING FOR REGISTERED NURSES IN CRITICAL CARE

Due to the expected surge in demand resulting from COVID-19, the Australian Government have sponsored Medcast and Critical Care Education Services to provide access to SURGE – Critical Care courses. These courses will enable registered nurses already working in acute care areas to quickly and efficiently upskill to work in critical care areas.

These online education courses address the minimum knowledge and skills registered nurses require to work in high dependency (HDU) or critical care settings, such as intensive care units (ICU's).

To be eligible for a funded course participants must:

- Be a registered nurse with current NMBA registration;
- Require upskilling to work in a HDU, ICU, Emergency or Coronary Care/Cardiology Unit, Interventional Radiology Unit or Peri-Anaesthesia Unit;
- Be working in, or about to commence work in, an Australian public or private hospital that has been contracted by a state or territory, or the Australian Government to provide COVID-19 related healthcare services;
- Have, or plan to seek, permission from their manager/employer to undertake the training; and
- Commence and complete the training within 28 days of enrolment, or by 4 May if enrolled prior to 9 April 2020.

There are three courses available for those deemed eligible:

- High Dependency Nursing (12.5 hours);
- Critical Care Nursing (20 hours); and
- Both High Dependency and Critical Care Nursing (32.5 hours).

Registered nurses who don't meet the criteria for government funding for these courses can still register for the 10 week online or 4 day intensive critical care nursing courses. For further information go to:

<https://medcast.com.au/critical-care>