

Intensive Care Unit



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- General Medical/Surgical Adult ICU
- Funded for 10 ICU equivalents, 14 bed bays
- Combined ICU/HDU
- >900 critically ill patients per year
- 3 EDs, 3 Operating Suites, Cath Lab, 600 acute ward beds – 1 ICU in the West

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- 8 and/or 12 hour shifts
- Roster patterns to suit lifestyle – family, sporting and social commitments
- Friendly, supportive team
- Programs to support all of our nurses
- Collaborative multidisciplinary team



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ICU Discovery Program

January - July or July - January

- Introductory program for Div 1 RNs wishing to enter this exciting specialty area
- Combines clinical exposure with theoretical learning
- 6 months
- 2 weeks supernumerary, 4 study days
- 12.5 credit towards Post Graduate Diploma of Critical Care at Melbourne University



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Patient assessment

Arterial and Central lines

Arterial Blood Gas interpretation

ECG analysis

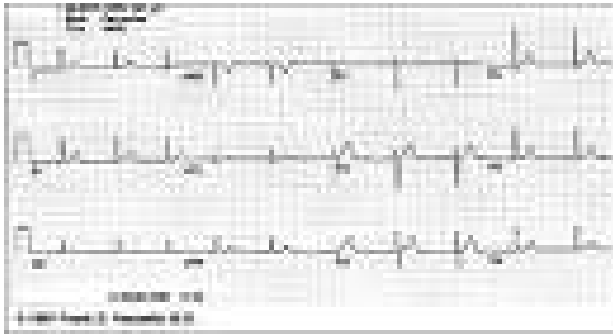
Vasopressors and inotropes

Fluid and electrolytes

Tracheostomy management

Non invasive ventilation

Introduction to ventilation



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ICU Bridging Program

Second Semester each year

- For Div 1 RNs who have completed Discovery or have some ICU experience
- More advanced concepts and assists in preparing for the rigours of post graduate study
- 6 months
- 3 study days



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Post Graduate Diploma in Critical Care

Commences February each year



- Run in conjunction with Melbourne University
- The course can be taken over 12 or 18 months.
- Financial support provided by Western Health to students, linked to work contracts post course completion.

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ICU Refresher Program

Piloted in October 2008

- Program supports qualified ICU nurses returning to this area
- Offered as full time or part time
- 6 study days and a practical/competency day, worksheets and practical hurdles and supervised clinical practice
- Participants must be registered with the NBV and have worked as a nurse in the past 5 years





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Supporting our valued Senior Staff:

- ☺ Flexible roster patterns
- ☺ Senior Staff Seminar Days
- ☺ In-service Program
- ☺ Rotating ANUM and ICU Liaison Nurse Positions
- ☺ Involvement in ICU groups & projects
- ☺ Financial support for conference and course attendance

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For information regarding any of our programs, or current opportunities for experienced, qualified critical care nurses to join our team, please contact:

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