

ICU
Intensive
Care Unit

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Education & Learning



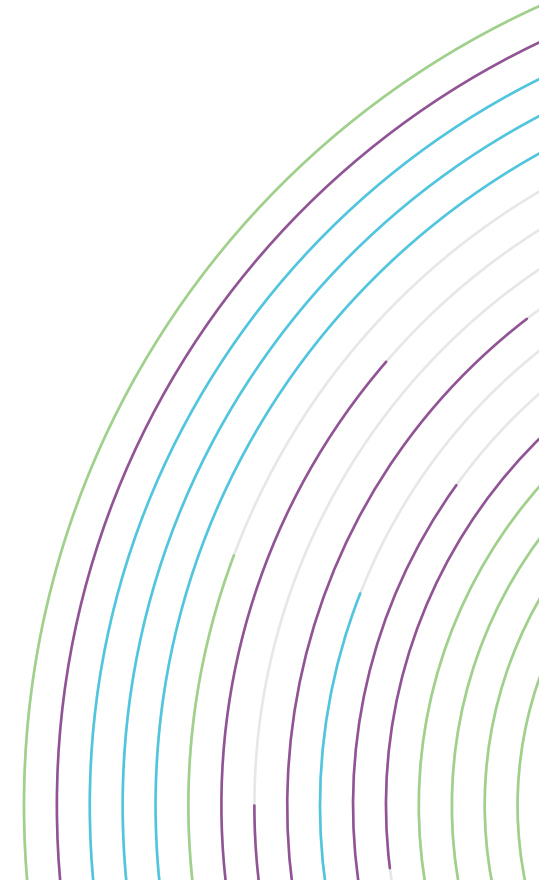
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Considering a career in Critical Care Nursing?

ICU Discovery Program
Introductory 12 month program to ICU

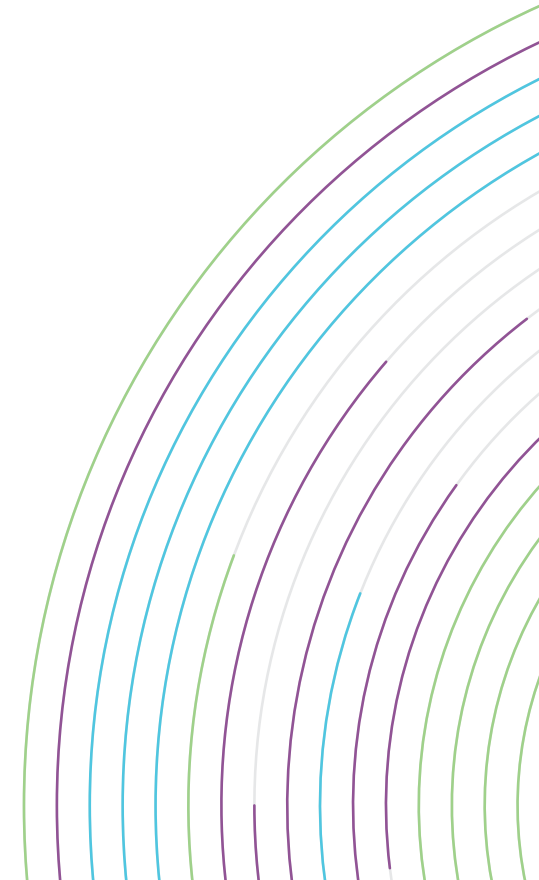


Western Health Intensive Care Service



What can the ICU Discovery Program offer you?

- Critical thinking & clinical reasoning skills
- Clinically complex patients
- Working with new technology, patients, families
- Develop interdisciplinary working relationships
- Be involved in the management of acute emergent situations
- Active participation in patient management & planning



What will you see and do?

- Assist with procedures
- Intubation and extubation
- Non-Invasive and Basic Mechanical Ventilation
- Intercostal Catheters
- Tracheostomies
- Advanced patient assessment
- Central Lines, Arterial Lines, and invasive monitoring



What is the ICU Discovery Program?

The ICU Discovery Program is an opportunity to explore **Intensive Care Nursing** within a supported environment

Developing **clinical skills** and **theoretical knowledge** as you go

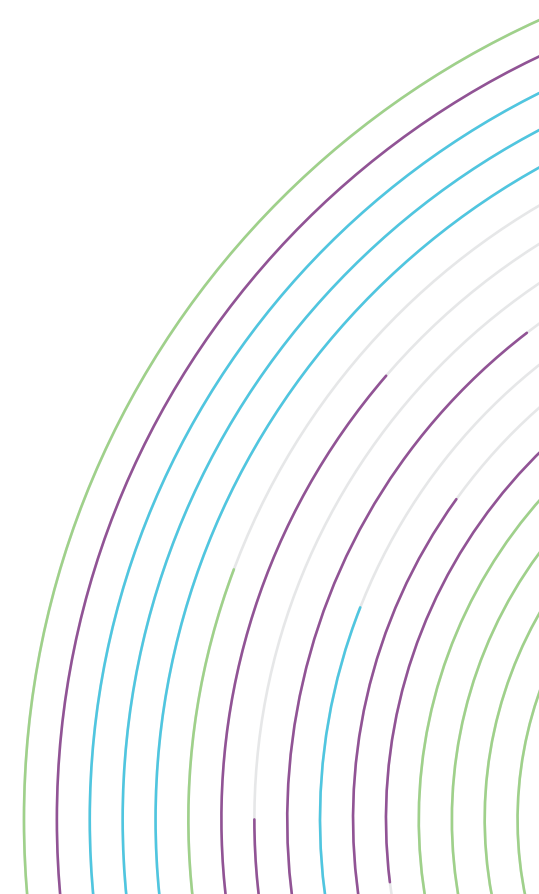
It is a **12 month program** with placements at Footscray & Sunshine Hospitals



Discovery Program Outline

- 12 month supported learning program
- 2 supernumerary weeks & unit orientation
- 6 paid study days during program

- WeLearn courses
- Clinical activities & clinical competencies
- After completion of the ICU Discovery Program eligible to apply for **Graduate Certificate in Critical Care Nursing** with Western Health ICU Education Partner

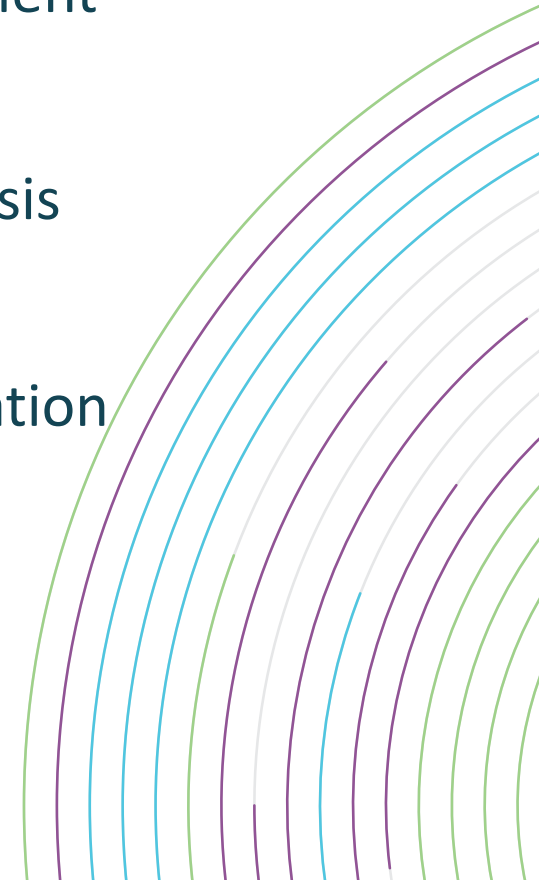


Theory worksheets:

- Arterial Lines and ABG Interpretation
- Central Venous Lines
- Pharmacology
- Basic Cardiac Rhythms and ECG Interpretation
- Tracheostomies
- Fluids & Electrolytes
- Non Invasive Ventilation
- Haemodynamics

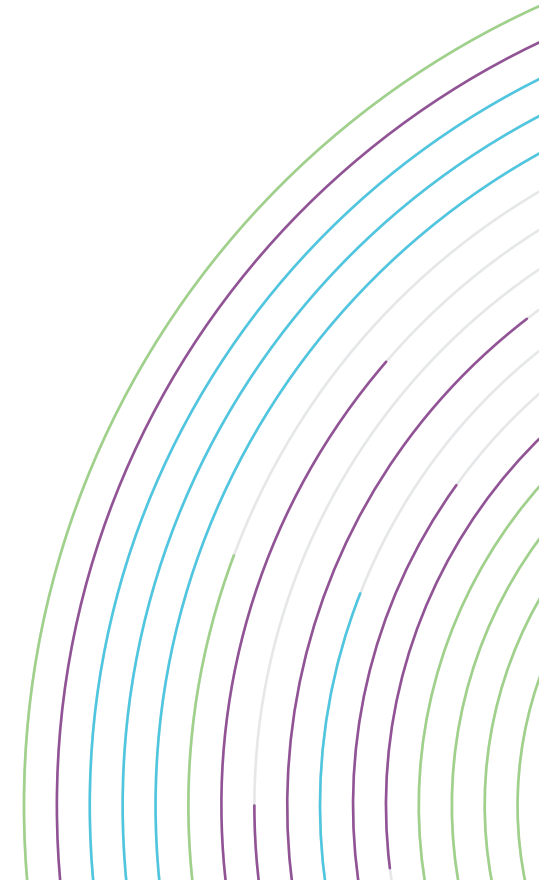
Clinical Assessments:

- Basic Life Support
- Nursing Care of the ICU Patient
- Patient Assessment
- Cardiac Rhythm Strip Analysis
- Non Invasive Ventilation
- Invasive Mechanical Ventilation
- Introductory ECG Analysis
- Clinical case presentation



Who is there to support you?

- ICU Clinical Nurse Educators 5 days/week
- NUM, ANUMs and Clinical Nurse Specialists
- Critical Care Nurses working in the ICU have Post Graduate qualifications in Critical Care
- ICU Equipment nurses
- ICU Research Coordinators
- ICU Allied Health
- ICU Pharmacists
- ICU Medical Staff – Consultants, Registrars and Residents



Need more information?

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Applications for the ICU Discovery Program are made electronically at

<https://westernhealth.mercury.com.au/>

The program is advertised in September/October each year.