



## Professional Certificate in Allergy Nursing

This course aims to provide registered nurses with the knowledge, skills and experience to work competently in the field of allergy nursing.

Location: City East campus

Course Length: 16 weeks

Online delivery

### Course overview

This course is offered collaboratively with the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy Incorporated (ASCI). The course provides an understanding of the role of the allergy nurse, the allergic process and allergic disease and the varying manifestations in both children and adults. Emphasis is on providing opportunities for nurses to become effective and critical consumers of research information available in the field of allergy. Students who successfully complete the course will be awarded a Certificate and may be eligible for credit in other tertiary programs. A supervised clinical practice component enables students to integrate theory and practice.

### Course weighting

Equivalent to 9.0 units

### Course duration

Completed over one study period (i.e.: 16 weeks of study)

### Course delivery mode

Online study materials

### Outcomes

On completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Describe the role of the allergy nurse and how it is situated within the field of immunology.
- Explain the immune system and how allergic diseases manifest and progress.
- Educate patients and their families about prevention, early intervention, treatment and management strategies.
- Describe the testing for allergic disease and the role of the nurse in the process.
- Debate issues pertaining to allergy nursing and support arguments with evidence.
- Demonstrate appropriate assessment, decision making and nursing interventions in the management of patients experiencing allergic conditions.
- Practice as a safe competent allergy nurse in a variety of settings.

### Course content

The course comprises 13 topics as follows:

- Introduction to allergy nursing
- Allergy and the allergic response
- Allergy testing
- Myths and misconceptions
- Law & ethics
- Allergy versus intolerance
- Eczema
- Allergic Rhinitis
- Asthma
- Drug allergies
- Immunotherapy
- Anaphylaxis
- Prevention and early intervention

### Course delivery

The course is offered in the first half of the year (subject to sufficient student enrolments) from February to July.

It runs for a period of 16 weeks and equates to approximately 315 hours of work over this period. The number of hours required depends on the level of knowledge and skills students have when they begin the course.

The course comprises of a theory component and a clinical competency assessment component. There is no face-to-face contact as the course is only available online and it is expected that students would have basic computing skills to engage in online learning.

### Entry requirements

- Evidence of current registration with relevant Nurses Registration Authority in own county or place of residence.
- Police Check Requirement

### How to apply

Applications should be sent to:

*Program Administrative Officer - Professional Development Courses*  
School of Nursing and Midwifery  
University of South Australia  
GPO Box 2471  
Adelaide SA 5000  
Telephone: +61 8 8302 1113  
Facsimile: +61 8 8302 2168

### *Application Closing Date*

Applications for admissions close on 31 January.

### *Withdrawal Policy*

Students must agree to the conditions of the Withdrawal Policy (available from the Program Administrative Officer).

### Fees

Domestic students:  
AUD \$1,854.00

International students:  
AUD \$1,854.00

### Further information

School of Nursing and Midwifery

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Email: [nursing.enquiries@unisa.edu.au](mailto:nursing.enquiries@unisa.edu.au)

Web: [www.unisa.edu.au/nur](http://www.unisa.edu.au/nur)

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