

# Griffith Graduate *Infection Control Program*

**CTA-approved tertiary infection prevention and control program**

The Griffith Graduate Infection Control Program is the longest running and most successful tertiary infection prevention and control program in Australia. This specialist program prepares graduates for advanced practice in this field by addressing local, national, and international trends in infectious diseases and their control and prevention.

The program focuses on the development of theoretical and clinical skills required to meet the training and professional development of registered nurses and other health care professionals practicing in the expanding advanced scope of infection prevention and control.

## Career outcomes

Upon graduation, students are equipped with the knowledge and skills to work within and/or establish an effective infection control and prevention program within a variety of health care settings.

The program accommodates the needs of a variety of professional disciplines, including:

- medicine,
- nursing,
- public health and
- the allied health sciences.

Graduates are work-ready for the infection prevention and control specialist area within:

- hospitals,
- extended care settings,
- community health,
- public health,
- government departments,
- private consultancies and industry.

## Professional recognition

Griffith University has worked closely with professional associations and key industry partners to ensure the program meets the needs of the profession and industry.

Accordingly, the Griffith Graduate Infection Control Program is a key component in the professional development pathway for infection prevention practitioners across Australasia.

## Hear from one of our New Zealand graduates

### Ruth Barratt, Clinical Nurse Specialist in Infection Prevention & Control

Professional development is important to me, and as a clinical nurse specialist in infection prevention and control for many years, I was looking for a postgraduate course that would further my knowledge in the area.

Griffith University's Graduate Infection Control Program offered me the opportunities I was looking for and met my expectations.

The program covers the important aspects of infection prevention and control. It's also available for online study which appealed to me, since I live in New Zealand.

Despite my physical distance from the University, I always felt well supported by tutors and staff.

I completed the Master of Advanced Practice with First Class Honours by undertaking a research project in New Zealand.

This part of the course was the hardest but the most fulfilling, as I researched a topic close to my heart – that of the experiences of patients in Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) isolation.

Now I apply my new knowledge and research in my day-to-day practice at an acute care referral hospital in Christchurch, New Zealand.



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### Program structure

The program consists of 3 articulated awards:

- Graduate Certificate in Infection Prevention and Control
- Master of Advanced Practice (Infection Prevention and Control)
- Master of Advanced Practice (Infection Prevention and Control) – Honours

All students enter the program at the Masters level and, after consultation with the program convenor, undertake a tailored program of study.

Students may graduate with a Graduate Certificate upon successful completion of the four core courses, or complete an additional four courses and achieve the Masters.

Entry to the Honours program requires completion of the Masters with a GPA of 5.0 or higher.

### Fees and Funding:

- The Griffith Graduate Infection Control Program is approved for Clinical Training Agency (CTA) Funding for Postgraduate Nursing Education.
- Students in New Zealand are ordinarily eligible for Commonwealth-Support Student Places provided they hold Australia or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency.

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### Apply now

The program commences in Semester 1 each year.

Applicants must hold a bachelors degree (or equivalent from a recognised higher education institution) with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5, or demonstrate an equivalent entry standard via the *School of Nursing and Midwifery Recognition of Professional Experience (RPE)* policy for registered nurses who do not have an undergraduate qualification.

### Further information

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### Infection Prevention and Control strand course list

Year	Sem	Course code	Course title	CP
<i>Specialty strand courses (40CP):</i>				
1	I	8845NRS	Sciences of Infection and Disease	10
1	I	8846NRS	Clinical Infectious Diseases	10
1	II	8847NRS	Contemporary Infection Prevention Practice	10
1	II	8853NRS	Infection Control for Community and Public Health	10
<b>Exit point (for full-time students):</b> Graduate Certificate in Infection Prevention and Control				
<i>Research and Elective courses (40CP):</i>				
1	I		Research course	10
1	I		Listed elective course	10
1	II		Research course ( <i>Honours students</i> )	10
	II		Listed elective course ( <i>Masters students</i> )	10
1	II		Free choice elective course	10
<i>Dissertation courses (40CP) - for Honours students only:</i>				
2	I	7999NRS_P1	Dissertation 1	10
2	I	7999NRS_P2	Dissertation 2	10
2	I	7999NRS_P3	Dissertation 3	10
2	I	7999NRS_P4	Dissertation 4	10