

Graduate Certificate of Health – Acute Care Nursing

Employer Letter of Support

[Date] _____

[Employee's name and position] _____

Re: Letter of Support

On behalf of _____ [name of the Hospital offering support], please accept this letter of support for _____ [name of employee], in their application for the Graduate Certificate in Health (Acute care Nursing).

I confirm that _____ [name of employee], is a Registered Nurse working a minimum of 0.6 EFT in current and ongoing employment in an appropriate acute clinical setting. The area of employment that the employee will be practicing in for the duration of their Graduate Certificate in Acute Care is _____.

This student intends to complete the speciality unit of (please tick):

- ☐ HEAAN 6604: Emergency Nursing
- ☐ HEAAN 6605: Medical Surgical Nursing
- ☐ HEAAN 6606: Critical Care Nursing
- ☐ HEAAN 6607: Speciality Perioperative Nursing Practice
- ☐ HEAAN 6608: Specialty Paediatric Nursing Practice

I _____ [name of NUM/Educator], confirm that support of the student to complete the Graduate Certificate has been discussed with the relevant clinical education manager/clinical educator and the following clinical skills could be performed and assessed as part of the degree requirements upon enrolment into the Federation University Graduate Certificate of Health (Acute Care Nursing):

Core clinical skills (all speciality units)

- Assessment & management of an acute care patient with either:
- Single or dual system organ dysfunction
- Respiratory insufficiency, artificial airway and/or ventilatory support
- Low level of haemodynamic instability and/or monitoring
- Basic Life Support
- Recognition & response to clinical deterioration

Specialist clinical skills:

Emergency stream

- Advanced Life Support
- Clinical Performance Appraisal tool adapted from the Practice Standards for the Specialist Emergency Nurse, (College of Emergency Nursing Australasia, 2020)

Critical care stream

- Advanced Life Support
- Ventilatory Support
- Renal Replacement therapy
- Clinical Performance Appraisal tool adapted from the Practice Standards for the Specialist Critical Care Nurse (Australian College for Critical Care Nurses, 2015)

Medical/Surgical stream

- Clinical Performance Appraisal tool adapted from the Registered Nurse Standards of Practice (2016)

Sincerely

[Name of employer] _____

[Position or title within the hospital] _____

[Name of Hospital] _____