

## Position Description

### Lecturer, Nursing (Teaching Focussed)

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<b>Position No:</b>	NEW
<b>Business Unit:</b>	Provost
<b>Division:</b>	School of Nursing and Midwifery
<b>Department:</b>	Nursing and Midwifery
<b>Classification Level:</b>	Level B Lecturer (Teaching Focussed)
<b>Employment Type:</b>	Fixed Term/Part Time
<b>Campus Location:</b>	Melbourne (Bundoora)
<b>Other Benefits:</b>	<a href="http://www.latrobe.edu.au/jobs/working/benefits">http://www.latrobe.edu.au/jobs/working/benefits</a>

Further information about:

La Trobe University - <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/about>

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## **Position Context/Purpose**

A Level B academic with a teaching focussed appointment will work without the need for close supervision and is expected to develop curriculum, coordinate subjects, teach and support students as they learn. In addition, a teaching focussed academic will support the administrative functions of the discipline as well as undertake scholarly work relevant to the development of learning and teaching in their discipline or professional field.

A teaching focussed academic is expected to demonstrate teaching excellence in keeping with the La Trobe Teaching Excellence Principles and maintain a track record of excellence as evidenced by Student Feedback on Teaching (SFT) surveys, peer-feedback on teaching and through other evidence-based measures. Further, a level B teaching focussed academic will co-ordinate and/or lead the activities of other staff, as appropriate to learning and teaching in the discipline.

A teaching focussed academic is expected to participate regularly in gathering and monitoring of student feedback through Student Feedback on Teaching surveys and will normally receive high teaching results relative to their peers. At least once a year they will also undertake to have their teaching peer reviewed as part of a commitment to scholarly teaching practice.

The School of Nursing and Midwifery has immersed the curricula and research within a range of clinical contexts. The School offers undergraduate, postgraduate and higher degree research programs. An essential element is the establishment of Clinical Schools based at Alfred Health, Austin Health, Northern Health and Melbourne Health networks. The Clinical Schools enable students' direct access to expert clinicians and clinical services and provide a rich environment for clinically relevant research and practice change and facilitate opportunities for staff to undertake clinical practice. The Bachelor of Nursing students are based at a clinical school for the third year of the program, with all relevant third year theory and clinical practicums provided within the clinical school networks. Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery students are also placed at the Women's and Mercy Hospitals. The School has a long established national and international reputation in nursing and midwifery research and education and the Clinical Schools provide opportunities for educational innovations, including simulation and clinician facilitated student supervision.

The incumbent could work across all sites associated with the Melbourne (Bundoora) campus but will have a primary location at the Austin Health/La Trobe Clinical School on the Austin Hospital site.

### **Duties at this level will include:**

- Demonstrate effectiveness by taking an evidence-based approach to evaluate learning and teaching initiatives.
- Demonstrate a scholarly approach to learning and teaching by contributing to La Trobe's SOLT including sharing of good practice.
- Coordinate and teach subjects providing a high-quality learning experience that engages students through the conduct of lectures, tutorials, practical classes, demonstrations, workshops, student field excursions, clinical sessions and/or other sessions in online, blended or face-to-face modes.
- Provide constructive, fair and timely feedback on learning to students.
- Initiate and participate in innovative subject and course level curriculum design (including the embedding of employability capabilities), development and review in areas such as, but not restricted to, online and blended delivery, taking an evidence-based approach to evaluate how these initiatives improve the student experience.
- Contribute to building relationships at local and national level.
- Attend to effective and efficient performance of allocated leadership and administrative functions connected with the position.

- Serve on committees at the school or course level and contribute to committees at the School or University level as required.
- Continue to develop professional practice skills, knowledge, and expertise.
- Undertake other duties and administrative functions commensurate with the classification and scope of the position as required by the Associate Dean (Academic) or Dean of School.

## **Essential Criteria**

### **Skills and knowledge required for the position**

- Registered or eligible to register as a Registered Nurse with the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA).
- A Masters or equivalent accreditation and standing recognised by the University/profession as appropriate for the Nursing/Midwifery disciplines.
- Demonstrated effectiveness in teaching, curriculum development and subject coordination in face-to-face, blended and/or online modes, as evidenced by sustained high results on student feedback on teaching surveys, teaching excellence awards or through other forms of evidence.
- Clinical Currency in professional nursing.
- Ability to encourage intellectual development, discipline development and career aspirations of students.
- Sound analytical skills with an ability to communicate complex information clearly both verbally and in writing.
- High level organisational skills with the ability to set priorities, meet deadlines, initiate and follow-up actions, all with minimal or no supervision.
- High level verbal and written communication skills, including the ability to interact effectively with people from a diverse range of backgrounds.
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively and productively with staff and students from a diverse range of backgrounds.

### **Capabilities required to be successful in the position**

- Ability to work collaboratively, recognise the value of diversity and model accountability, connectedness, innovation and care.
- Ability to demonstrate self-awareness, see things from another person's perspective and actively seek out and act on feedback to improve knowledge, skills and behaviour.
- Ability to think creatively, explore new ideas and respectfully challenge existing practices in order to improve current ways of working.
- Ability to build a culture of continuous improvement, implementing ideas generated by team members.

## **Essential Compliance Requirements**

To hold this La Trobe University position the occupant must:

- hold, or be willing to undertake and pass, a Victorian Working With Children Check; AND
- take personal accountability to comply with all University policies, procedures and legislative or regulatory obligations; including but not limited to TEQSA and the Higher Education Threshold Standards.

## **Other Information**

The position description is indicative of the initial expectation of the role and subject to changes to University goals and priorities, activities or focus of the job.

## Position Flexibility

We offer flexible work arrangements that can assist you in balancing your work and other responsibilities.

## Why La Trobe:

- Develop your career at an innovative, global university where you'll collaborate with community and industry to create impact.
- Enjoy working on our inspiring and stunning campuses – the perfect hub for industry, students and academics
- Help transform the lives of students, partners and communities now and in the future

This is more than just a job. Working at La Trobe offers opportunities to demonstrate excellence and transform lives.

Here, you'll join exceptional people, partners and communities, who power our operations with ambition and purpose.

Our success can be attributed to its strong sense of community. We have a long-standing commitment to diversity, inclusion and social justice; we are committed to providing a workplace where all staff feel valued, respected and supported to achieve their full potential. We strive to build a workplace where all employees of diverse backgrounds, abilities, experiences, sexuality, gender, religion and age are welcome, valued, respected and one that is representative of our community. We demonstrate our cultural qualities by holding ourselves accountable and creating a culture of trust and innovation while genuinely caring for one another.

## La Trobe's Cultural Qualities:

### WE ARE CONNECTED



We are **connected** to each other and the communities around us. We engage with those communities to learn from our past, inform our present and impact our future.

### WE ARE INNOVATIVE



We are **innovative** in tackling the most important issues of our time. We are inquisitive and seek to develop new ideas that positively impact the way we work and the world around us.

### WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE



We are **accountable** for what we do and share a commitment to excellence. We are courageous and respectful in the way we hold ourselves and each other to account.

### WE CARE



We **care** about what we do and value the power of education and research. We care about each other and strive to create a safe and inclusive community.

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