

# POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN NURSING (INTENSIVE CARE NURSING)

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## Programme Learning Outcomes

Programme Learning Outcomes for Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing (Intensive Care Nursing) (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Enhance intensive care nursing practice through the application of theoretical, practical and policy knowledge and clinical skills;
- Exercise accountability within the clinical, ethical and professional boundaries of the role of intensive care nursing;
- Critically appraise, evaluate and integrate current research evidence and reflection for intensive care nursing and its implications for practice;
- Interpret and critically examine assessment results and data using supportive research to determine normal values and underlying pathophysiology for critically ill patients.
- Critically appraise the role of the Critical Care Nurse in the delivery of quality healthcare for individuals and families within the context of cardiac intensive care nursing;
- Conduct a comprehensive health needs assessment of the critically ill patient
- Utilise advanced knowledge and critical thinking skills to directly and indirectly provide optimum nursing care in the critical care environment.