Enrolled nursing
Enrolled nurses assist in the provision of nursing care under the supervision of a ward coordinator. They may work in one of the State’s many hospitals, aged-care facilities or other health-care settings. They assist with health assessments, administer medications and attend to patient care. Enrolled nurses may also assist in emergency situations, rehabilitation and may provide patients with health education.

For a range of information on nursing career opportunities visit the Department of Health’s nursing and midwifery website at nursing.health.wa.gov.au

Registering as an Enrolled Nurse
To work as an Enrolled Nurse (EN) you must be registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. Registration allows ENs to practice across a wide range of clinical and community settings.
To be registered you must complete the Diploma of Enrolled Nursing. The diploma can be completed within 12 to 18 months with a State Training Provider or university.

Specific pre-requisites including communication, mathematics and selection criteria may be required for enrolment in the Diploma. You will also be required to sit an admissions test. You may also need to undertake one of the following:
- STAT test (three components) for mature age applicants through Tertiary Institution Service Centre (TISC), 08 9318 8000 or tisc.edu.au;
- ATAR subjects at secondary school;
- Certificate IV Health Science Foundation;
- Certificate IV Preparation for entry into Enrolled Nursing; or
- Certificate II or III of General Education for Adults (CGEA).

The Diploma of Enrolled Nursing (12 month program) is also an option offered by the Challenger Institute of Technology. Full time training with delivery conducted at St John of God Hospital Murdoch. For further information contact the client contact centre at Challenger Institute of Technology.

Course providers
For further information go to the Career Centre website or contact the State Training Provider, college or university you wish to study at.

Enrolled to Registered Nursing
Once you are qualified as an enrolled nurse it is possible with further studies to “upgrade” your qualification to become a registered nurse. The following universities offer this qualification:
- Curtin University – Bachelor Health Science.
- Edith Cowan University - Bachelor of Nursing.
- Murdoch University - Bachelor of Nursing.
- Notre Dame University - Bachelor of Nursing.

Enrolled nursing refresher
Refresher programs have been designed for nurses who have been out of the clinical setting for up to five years. You must have current registration with the Nurses and Midwifery Board of Australia to work as an EN. Visit nursing.health.wa.gov.au for more information.
Bridging course
If you have not worked for more than five years and less than 10 years, you are required to do a bridging course. The course includes four weeks of theory and six weeks of practice. This course is held at Hollywood Private Hospital, visit hollywood.ramsayhealth.com.au for more information.

You will be required to complete the Diploma of Enrolled Nursing to gain registration if you have not worked for more than 10 years and are no longer registered with the Nursing Board.

Health Science Foundation - Certificate IV
The Certificate IV in Health Science Foundations provides the academic knowledge for entry into the Diploma of Enrolled Nursing at a State Training Provider. You will also be required to sit an admissions test before enrolment into the Diploma. The Certificate IV may also provide preparation for entry into Nursing at university. For mature age applicants who do not meet the necessary educational requirements, a STAT test is available through Tertiary Institution Services Centre visit tisc.edu.au.

To make your application more competitive make sure you enter details of all course based work experience, paid and unpaid employment, and qualifications that you have completed. Go to the Career Centre – Education and Training page to do a quick course search and find out more about entrance requirements.

Employment opportunities
Nurses and other health care industry workers may work in public and private hospitals, community and home-based services including doctors’ surgeries, community health centres and development programs, youth and women’s shelters, school and university health clinics and in remote and rural areas. They are also employed by the defence forces, health and community departments, recruitment agencies and international aid agencies.

Useful websites
- nursing.health.wa.gov.au - Nursing and Midwifery in Western Australia
- nurseinfo.com.au - Nurse Info
- chnwa.org.au - Community Health Nurses Western Australia
- midwives.org.au - Australian College of Midwives

Find out more:
T: 13 23 98
T: 08 9225 7831 (hearing impaired only)
W: dtwd.wa.gov.au/careercentre
E: careercentre.dtwd.wa.gov.au

Web Chat: Chat Online

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