BOX HILL INSTITUTE DIPLOMA OF NURSING

Box Hill Institute Group's Diploma of Nursing works closely with industry to ensure students gain relevant, real-world skills and experience giving them a competitive edge in the growing health sector.

Nursing Course Coordinator Giselle Mitchell said the course combines theoretical with practical experience, including state-of-the-art simulation labs.

"Hands-on training prepares students for what can and does happen in the health care setting, so they know exactly what to do in the workplace," Giselle said.

"Our industry partners also use simulation labs to retrain their existing staff, so we know our students are well-prepared and our course is highly-regarded."

With health sector growth a Government priority, dedicated training to meet the industry's needs is a must.
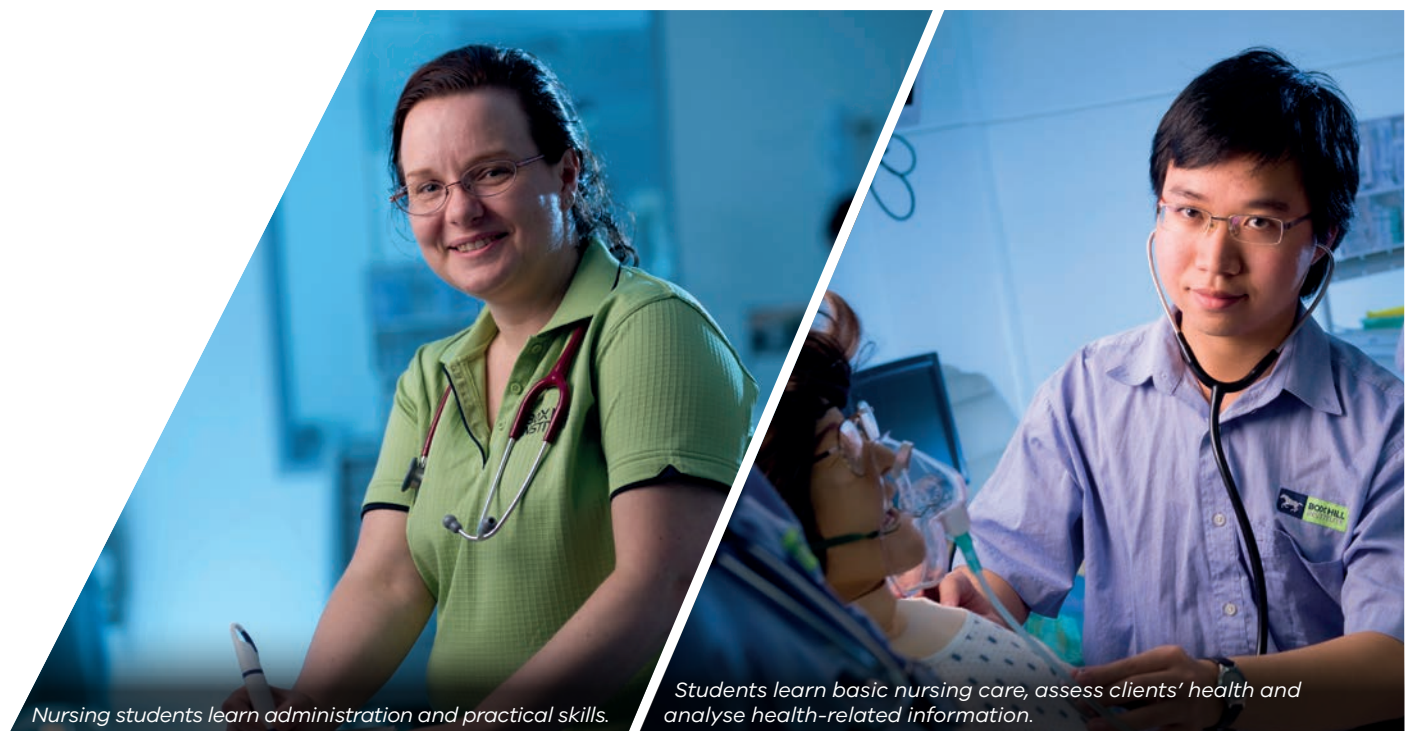
Giselle said the industry is seeing a push for staff with enrolled endorsed nurse (EEN) qualifications, which is exactly what Box Hill Institute's diploma course delivers.

"This is a marked difference to the qualifications and skill sets of students training with our competitors, which makes graduates of our course attractive to prospective employers," she said.

The 18-month course - delivered at the institute's Box Hill, Lilydale and city campuses – has some 400 students enrolled this year, with each required to do 400 hours of mandatory clinical placement through agreements with hospitals, medical clinics and aged care facilities.

Giselle said 70 per cent of graduates go on to further study, having earned six to 18 months of transferrable credits towards a Bachelor of Nursing degree. The remaining graduates go straight into the workforce.

"Of those seeking a job, most of our students will be offered a position at their first interview, which is a great testament to the quality of our course," Giselle said.

Nursing students learn administration and practical skills.

Students learn basic nursing care, assess clients' health and analyse health-related information.

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