

UVM Exchange Program with Edith Cowan University, Perth, Australia FACT SHEET

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAM

- ❖ *Study nursing in a beautiful city on the Western coast of Australia!*
- ❖ *Fulfill UVM curricular requirements for nursing while abroad!*
- ❖ *Live and study with students from all over the world!*
- ❖ *Use your financial aid and pay UVM exchange tuition while abroad!*

Develop cross-cultural competency, broaden your professional horizons, and gain a new understanding of nursing in an international context. International experience and global competency are emerging as important factors in health care. This exchange program provides an opportunity for UVM nursing students to incorporate a semester or year abroad in their studies at UVM. Students from the University of Vermont are able to complete important course work in nursing at Edith Cowan University (ECU) in Perth, Australia. Participants may choose from courses that are relevant to UVM nursing students such as pediatric nursing, ethical issues, women's health, addiction studies, and more. Students may study for the Spring semester only.

Edith Cowan University enrolls over 23,000 students and is a market leader in education for the service professions. The School of Nursing, Midwifery and Postgraduate Medicine offers a range of courses at undergraduate and postgraduate level that are designed to enable students to achieve a range of professional goals and aspirations. The School's undergraduate courses are designed to prepare quality graduates to practice as critical thinkers and problem solvers.

Perth is a vibrant, sophisticated city on the Western coast of Australia. A place of energy and affluence, the standard of living in this beautiful city on the Indian Ocean is amongst the highest in Australia. The city boasts hundreds of restaurants and cafes, cinemas, nightclubs, and music venues. The warm sunny climate is also perfect for sporting and leisure activities - everything from tennis and golf to whale watching and sailing.

For more information, use the appropriate UVM campus contacts listed on the back and visit the Edith Cowen University website at: www.ecu.edu.au/

For more information on study abroad, see the OIE website at: www.uvm.edu/oie/

Each UVM student that participates on this exchange program opens a spot for an international student to study at UVM! ***Go abroad and help bring the world to UVM!***

Turn over for administrative details!

CAMPUS CONTACTS:

- Rycki Maltby, School of Nursing, 226 Rowell Building, (802) 656-3259, Email: Hendrika.Maltby@uvm.edu
- Drew Forlano, Exchange Program Advisor. Office of International Education, Living/Learning Center, B-161, (802) 656-4296, fax: (802) 656-8553, Email: aforlano@uvm.edu

ELIGIBILITY:

- Students must have completed at least one year of full-time study in a UVM degree program and must remain registered in that degree program during the period of study in Perth.
- Students need to be in good academic standing at UVM and have a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Students must have the approval of the School of Nursing.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND DATES OF THE EXCHANGE:

- Students may study for the Spring semester only. (*Note: Due to the calendar difference between the Northern and Southern Hemispheres, this is often known as the “Semester One” in Australia)
- Students are required to attend ECU’s orientation which begins in early February. The Spring semester begins late February and lasts 15 weeks. Nursing students must complete the practicum exam at Edith Cowen and extended dates may apply.
- Students must complete a UVM Exchange Application and an Edith Cowen University application. Ask for an application from OIE or the campus contact at UVM in the Department of Nursing. Applications should be submitted to the Office of International Education by October 1st for Spring semester placement.
- Upon acceptance, students will complete a Study Abroad Approval Form (SAAF) with the Office of International Education (OIE).
- Students need a visa to study in Australia. Students can apply for the visa on-line at <http://www.immi.gov.au/index.htm> Follow the procedures for applying for a student visa. The correct subclass is 575 – Non-award Foundation Studies/Other.

FINANCES: (*All costs will change to reflect UVM 2005-2006 academic year)

- This exchange program qualifies for the transfer of State, Federal and UVM financial aid. Tuition remission benefits also apply. Aid packages may be reassessed according to the specific program costs. Consult a financial aid officer for the full details of your aid package.
- Participants remain registered full-time at UVM, and for the 2004-05 academic year pay the UVM exchange tuition rate and comprehensive fees. **2004-05 costs per semester for all UVM students: \$4,544 tuition, \$557 fees.**
- Students pay room and board costs directly to Edith Cowan University. See the Edith Cowan website for current rates.
- All participants are required to pay a UVM study abroad fee of \$400 for a semester or year and \$200 for summer abroad.
- Students may need to purchase additional health insurance.
- Students need to obtain a student visa. The visa fee is approximately \$307.
- Students are responsible for travel, books, passport fees, and other personal expenses.