

Note from the Australia and New Zealand

Role of Nurses and Nurse Training

The scopes of nursing practice in Australia and New Zealand include registered nurses, enrolled nurses and nurse practitioners. Enrolled nurses practice under the direction and delegation of a registered nurse or nurse practitioner to deliver nursing care and health education across the life span to health consumers in community, residential or hospital settings. They assist health consumers with the activities of daily living, observe changes in health consumers' conditions and report these to the registered nurse, administer medicines and undertake other nursing care responsibilities appropriate to their assessed competence. Enrolled nurses contribute to nursing assessments, care planning, and implementation and evaluation of care. The registered nurse maintains overall responsibility for the plan of care. Registered nurses in both countries must obtain a Bachelor of Nursing degree prior to registration.

Currently there are no masters level genetics nursing programs. However, two universities offer a Master of Genetic Counselling degree that is available to nurses.

University of Sydney <http://sydney.edu.au/courses/Master-of-Genetic-Counselling>

University of Melbourne
http://medicine.unimelb.edu.au/study-here/postgraduate_coursework_programs/master_of_genetic_counselling