Working as part of a team of skilled professionals, Enrolled Nurses help care for and support patients when they are most in need. Enrolled nursing is a career that provides ongoing education, rewarding working relationships and the opportunity to work in a range of environments with good financial reward.

What does an Enrolled Nurse do?
As an Enrolled Nurse, your duties will range from providing physical and emotional support, to more complex care including the administration of medications. Every day brings new challenges and rewards. You will also have the opportunity to perform these duties in a range of different settings. This could include working in acute hospital wards, in aged care facilities, operating theatres or in community settings.

As an Enrolled Nurse you will work as part of a team with other skilled healthcare professionals, such as registered nurses, specialist nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, doctors, social workers and pharmacists.

How to become an Enrolled Nurse?
Most Enrolled Nurse training courses take between 12 – 24 months to complete.
There are currently 3 course options to become an Enrolled Nurse:
• Diploma of Nursing
• Advanced Diploma in Nursing (University of New England)
• Certificate IV in Nursing (to be phased out from July 2014)
These courses can be studied at a variety of locations in NSW.
Admission to the Enrolled Nurse course is not based on the Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) but is set by the individual course providers.

Where can you study?
Current Course providers in NSW include: NSW Health, Registered Training Organisation (RTO), TAFE NSW, University of New England and Careers Australia.
Enrolled Nursing studies provide a mix of theory and clinical experience. During your course you will study a wide range of nursing subjects and learn how nurses care for people across their lifespan.

What happens when you finish the course?
Once you graduate, an application is made to the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) to practise as an Enrolled Nurse. Nurses must renew their registration annually with the NMBA in order to practise in Australia.
Enrolled Nurses who have been working in an area or specialty of nursing for a period of time become competent in that area and are able to perform extended roles. Enrolled Nurses who would like to consolidate their skills and knowledge in a specialty can undertake an Advanced Diploma in Nursing.
Enrolled Nursing might just be the first step in your career. Registered Nursing or Midwifery is a common progression for Enrolled Nurses who would like to advance their career. Registered Nurse and Midwifery education is conducted at university. You will need to approach your university of choice to discuss the advanced standing you will be given for the particular Enrolled Nurse qualification you hold.
There are opportunities to further a career as an Enrolled Nurse in a wide range of clinical specialities such as:

- Aged Care
- Medical Nursing
- Mental Health
- Community Health
- Oncology
- Operating Theatres
- Surgical Nursing
- Dialysis
- Rural & Remote Nursing
- Rehabilitation
- Emergency

If you want to discover the types of jobs currently available for Enrolled Nurses, have a look at the employment section of the NSW Health website at: www.health.nsw.gov.au/jobs

If you’re interested in an exciting and dynamic career in nursing or simply want more information, you may find the following contacts helpful:

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