



UNIVERSITY of
TASMANIA

**College of Health
& Medicine**

Hazardous Materials Task Handling (Manual Handling) Basic Life Support (BLS) Mandatory Requirements

The University of Tasmania is required to comply with all relevant Commonwealth and State legislation and regulations to ensure the safety of students and healthcare consumers. In line with healthcare industry requirements, all Bachelor of Nursing students must be deemed competent in Hazardous Materials Task Handling (Manual Handling) and Basic Life Support (BLS) prior to undertaking Professional Experience Placement (PEP).

As per healthcare industry policy, these competencies must be updated annually. Students may obtain competency via two options.

On campus training:

Intellilearn delivers a combined on-campus Manual Handling/BLS course each year- this training is scheduled to be run in July each year.

Students who complete their Manual Handling and BLS training through Intellilearn will have their InPlace profile updated automatically within a week of course completion.

Off campus training:

Students who opt to complete Manual Handling and/or BLS training through either their workplace, or at a provider of their own choosing will need to ensure there is a practical assessment component for each requirement.

The following will need to be uploaded into InPlace:

- **BLS Competency Certificate** which includes the code HLTAID002 or
- **BLS Workplace Certification** including course content and/or assessment criteria for practical component of the course
- **Manual Handling Training Certification** including course content and assessment criteria for practical component of the course (course content needs to include use of slide sheets, hoists and safe transfer of patients)

These documents will need to be uploaded into InPlace against the respective compliance item for verification by the PEP Team. The School of Nursing makes the final decision on whether off-campus obtained certifications meet the required industry/university/regulation standards as per the above.'

Note:

- The NSW Health 'Hazardous Manual Tasks' delivered online through My Health Learning does not include a practical component and therefore cannot be accepted
- While providers may issue a certificate with a long term expiry date, this is not in line with health industry practice, and therefore University of Tasmania requirements. Students will still be required to update their competency every 12 months.