



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), Basic Life Support (BLS) and later in 2021 Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) 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 at UTAS:

[Intellilearn](#) delivers a combined on-campus practical Manual Handling/BLS courses each year in conjunction with online learning modules and is the 'Preferred Provider' for UTAS Bachelor of Nursing students. -On-campus practical training, delivered by experienced registered nurses, is scheduled to occur in May and Aug/Sept 2021.

Please note: Practical sessions have been created for specific cohorts/campuses depending on if you are a *commencing student* or a *continuing student*. As a general rule:

Commencing students (May sessions)

Commencing students are Bachelor of Nursing students who have commenced their degree in 2021. Enrolling in the May sessions ensures you will meet compliance timelines prior to your Nursing Practice 1 PEP if you are due to undertake this unit in Nursing Study Period 2, 2021.

Continuing students (August sessions)

Continuing students are Bachelor of Nursing students who commenced their degrees prior to 2021 and completed Intellilearn training (or similar) previously in 2020. Enrolling in the August sessions ensures you will meet your compliance timelines prior to your subsequent PEP's in Nursing study period 3 in 2021 (where applicable). If for whatever reason your certificates are due to expire between the May and August sessions, you will need to consider enrolling in the May sessions that are available.

Bookings are available now for the Hobart, Sydney and Launceston campuses. For students on the cradle coast, further details will be announced shortly. **To book your session, go to the *IntelliLearn Student+Safe online booking website* via:- <https://www.studentsafe.com.au/> -> and select, '**Book your training here**' and then '**UTAS**'- (*select your campus*) **Launceston Campus / Hobart campus/ Cradle Coast Campus/ Rozelle Campus**' this will direct you to the screen where you may select the session you wish to attend.**

Once you have made your booking, you will receive your login details to the online theoretical components of the courses which you are required to complete prior to your booked practical session. You are required to bring your certificates of the online theory with you to the practical so that they may be signed and dated on successful completion of the practical assessment. The combined course is endorsed by the Australian College of Nursing for a combined total of 6CPD.

Students who complete their Manual Handling and BLS training through Intellilearn will have their InPlace profile updated accordingly after completion of their training.

IntelliLearn contact details:- office@intellilearn.com Tel:- 08 82315212

Mental Health First Aid:

During 2021, as part of the implementation of the new Bachelor of Nursing at UTAS the additional compliance requirement of Mental Health First Aid training will be introduced during 2021 to the suite of training provided by Intellilearn. This is currently in development and further information will be released as it becomes available.

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 HLTAID010
- 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.

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