



# Course in Wound Closure and Suturing

Code 10384NAT



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On behalf of The Benchmark Group, I am delighted to introduce you to our Course in Wound Closure and Suturing.

As a method for closing cutaneous wounds, the technique of suturing is thousands of years old. Although suture materials and aspects of the technique have changed, the goals remain the same:

- Supporting and strengthening wounds until healing increases their tensile strength
- Closing dead space
- Approximating skin edges for an aesthetically pleasing and functional result
- Minimising the risks of bleeding and infection

Suturing is an essential psychomotor skill in the everyday practice of medicine. Although suturing technique is important, the clinician must also have a thorough understanding of wound management in general to effectively care for a patient with a laceration.

Nurses and physicians encounter many types of wounds requiring closure in a primary health or emergency environment. The decision to close a wound and the technique used are influenced by many factors, including location, depth and contamination of wound, age of patient and resources or time available.

The Course in Wound Closure and Suturing is designed to develop the knowledge and skills required for Nurses, General Practitioners and relevant allied healthcare workers to safely assess the need for and perform wound closure in a variety of settings.

As part of this course, you will have the opportunity to explore a range of methods and learn the unique benefits and limitations of each technique that must be considered in each individual case. At the completion of the program, you will have the skills and knowledge to determine the best wound closure technique for a wound to achieve durability, simplicity, excellent cosmetic outcome, and overall patient satisfaction.

If you have any further questions about our Course in Wound Closure and Suturing please do not hesitate to contact us on 1300 855 568.

Kind regards,  
The Benchmark Group Pty Limited

Bruce Greaves  
General Manager



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### **Course Outline**

The Course in Wound Closure and Suturing is a short course designed to develop the knowledge and skills required for Nurses and relevant allied healthcare workers to safely assess the need for and perform this procedure in a variety of settings.

It is particularly relevant to:

- Emergency Nurses
- Practice and Primary Healthcare Nurses
- Regional, Rural and Remote Nurses
- Nurses working in an occupation health environment

### **Rationale**

To provide evidence based guidelines for individuals performing this procedure that will promote and support best clinical practice.

To promote standardised patient care.

Pre-Requisites

The course is available to:

- General Practitioners
- Registered Nurses and Enrolled Nurses
- ATSI Health Practitioners
- Other health professionals may apply with appropriate vocational context

### **Aims**

At the successful completion of this course students should have the skills and knowledge to assess and close wounds using a variety of methods.

Students will learn to:

- Close wounds using a variety of methods and materials including sutures, skin staples, tissue adhesive and adhesive strips.

Types of suturing will include:

- Single interrupted, vertical mattress, skin flap closure, subcuticular deep and superficial closure including closing biopsy and excision sites.



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### **Course Structure**

Students will be required to complete professional reading to ensure a level of base knowledge and understanding.

During the two day workshop topics and activities will include:

- Wound assessment
- Identifying and managing different types of wounds
- Using local anesthetic
- Closure methods and selection of appropriate materials
- Demonstrations
- Simulated wound closure
- Practical Techniques and simulated assessment tasks
- Documentation and follow up and referral

Students will be required to attend a two (2) day lecture and workshop.

### **Assessment**

Competency will be assessed on:

- Competent completion of the Wound Closure and Suturing Course Assessment Portfolio
- Practical skills demonstrated during the course sessions
- Completion of Classroom Assessment activities

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<b>Course Code</b>	<i>10384NAT</i>
<b>Course Cost</b>	<b>\$1245 per Student</b>
<b>Minimum Onsite</b>	<i>8 Students (Maximum 12 Students)</i>
<b>Course Duration</b>	<i>2 Days</i>
<b>Assessment</b>	<i>Assessment Portfolio + Classroom Observation</i>
<b>CPD Hours</b>	<i>20 Hours</i>
<b>Pre Requisites</b>	<i>Registered or Enrolled Nurses, General Practitioners, Paramedics and ATSI Health Practitioners</i>



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## ***Frequently Asked Questions***

### ***What will I practice with?***

During the first day of your workshop, you will be using specialist suture boards. During the second day you will be provided with animal products (including pig and chicken) that mimic human anatomical structure. If for some reason you do not wish to use animal products, alternative materials can be provided. Please contact us prior to your course to discuss these options.

### ***Will I need to do a test?***

Yes. As a Nationally Accredited Course, we are required to gain evidence of your competency. During your workshop you will be provided with a printed copy of a theory assessment containing 92 questions.

### ***How do you gain evidence of competency?***

We assess competency in 2 ways.

1. During the two days of face to face study, you will be required to complete a number of practical skills demonstrations. These will be assessed during the workshop by the endorsed facilitator.
2. You are required to complete the assessment workbook containing 92 Questions.

### ***What happens if I fail?***

If you do not achieve a mark of 90% or above, we will contact you directly and you have the opportunity to submit additional evidence.

### ***How long does the assessment take?***

If you commence your assessment immediately after reading the materials or having just completed your face to face workshop, it should not take you more than 2 hours to complete it.

### ***How long do I have to complete the Assessment?***

We encourage you to complete your assessment within 12 weeks of completing your two day workshop, however, you have up to 12 months to submit it. During this time, we will send you some friendly reminders.

### ***What if I cannot complete the Assessment?***

If you are unable to complete your assessment you can contact us and we may be able to assist you.

### ***Am I required to provide feedback?***

YES. At the start and finish of your workshop, you will be asked to provide feedback. It is VERY important that you assist us by completing these feedback sheets to enable us to improve our courses and future delivery of programs with your organisation.



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### **The Fine Print...**

The Benchmark Group Pty Limited delivers a range of nationally accredited courses and unit of competency programs. These are collectively referred to as our "courses".

**Course Confirmation** - Along with this application, you may have received a tax invoice for your course. The tax invoice acts as a confirmation of the receipt of your registration. This invoice will indicate the total cost required for participation, full payment of the tax invoice is required to guarantee your participation in the course.

**Cancellation, Refund and Transfer** - If a student cancels their registration; they will need to provide notice in writing prior to the commencement of the course. Should notification be received 14 days or more prior to the course commencing, The Benchmark Group Pty Limited will refund 90% of your course fee. Should notification be received less than 14 days prior to the course commencing, no refund will be provided.

If a student is unable to attend a course a substitute student may take their place at no additional cost. Enrolled students who fail to attend without notification will not be entitled to a refund. Transfers to other course can be organised. Please provide notice in writing at least 14 days prior to the commencement of the course to allow time for transfer. A \$10.00 course transfer fee may be incurred.

The Benchmark Group Pty Limited will make appropriate financial arrangements to guarantee the refund of course fees when:

- The course is cancelled or discontinued; or
- The customer has a acceptable reason for discontinuing the course (e.g. medical).

Alternatively, a substitute course or date may be offered and mutually agreed on.

**Record Keeping and Access to Records** - The Benchmark Group Pty Limited will keep a record of your participation in secure, confidential storage, including copies of any relevant qualification, statement of attainment or certificate of Attendance you have obtained.

As the student you are able to access this information at any time on request. When you contact The Benchmark Group Pty Limited, you will be required to establish your identity by answering some questions regarding your original registration. Please allow up to five (5) working days for The Benchmark Group Pty Limited to retrieve your documents from our archive system.

**Certificates** - On the successful completion of your course, The Benchmark Group Pty Limited will issue you with a qualification, statement of attainment, or certificate of attendance depending on the course you have completed. This will include your name, completion date, and the name of the qualification, unit of competency/s or course achieved.

Should you fail to meet the minimum requirements of a course, you will be provided with two (2) additional opportunities to re-submit course/program work, submit additional evidence, or demonstrate competence as part of your course/program fee. Additional opportunities remain at the discretion of the individual facilitator.

Nationally recognised qualifications are issued when you are assessed as competent in a nationally recognised qualification. Nationally recognised statements of attainment are issued when you are competent in units of competency, but less than the amount for a full qualification. Certificates of attendance are issued for industry training that is useful for your employment, but not part of the nationally recognised training system. Qualifications and statements of attainment issued by The Benchmark Group Pty Limited are recognised throughout Australia by other Registered Training Organisations, so, if you choose to undertake further course, your training with us may give you recognised prior learning into other course.

**Revocation of a Qualification or Statement of Attainment** - The Benchmark Group Pty Limited may revoke a qualification or statement of attainment should it be deemed that it was obtained as a result of misleading or deceptive conduct, issued in error by The Benchmark Group Pty Limited, or as directed by ASQA. Qualifications or statements of attainment may also be revoked if the participant is unable to provide full payment for the completed course, on the basis that all reasonable efforts have been made to receipt payment. A final notice of revocation will be issued, providing a period of fourteen (14) days to remit payment for the full amount.

**Complaints and Assessment Appeals** - Students who undertake courses offered by The Benchmark Group Pty Limited retain the right to lodge complaints about the service received and to lodge appeals against decisions made regarding competency. The Benchmark Group Pty Limited will respond personally to any written complaint made by a customer within five (5) working days of receipt. The complaint will then be investigated and resolved in a timely manner and the outcome will be advised appropriately. A full copy of our Complaints and Assessment Appeals Policy is available on request.

**Access and Equity** - The Benchmark Group Pty Limited will ensure every attempt is made to allow access to our courses for every individual regardless of disability and in accordance with equal opportunity legislation. The Benchmark Group Pty Limited also ensures that at all times customers are treated in an ethical and responsible manner that is consistent with the principles of social justice. If you have any concerns or particular requirements, for example assistance with disability, numeracy, or literacy, please contact The Benchmark Group Pty Limited directly.

**Feedback** - As part of our continuous improvement program, we are constantly seeking ways to gain feedback about the courses, training and services we provide. Evaluation Forms will be provided for you to complete at the conclusion of your course. In addition, you may be randomly requested to provide feedback at any stage during or after your participation. The aim of these evaluations is to allow you, the student to have an input into the workings of The Benchmark Group Pty Limited and to help us achieve a better and more efficient service.

**Acceptance** - By submitting this form and/or commencing your study with The Benchmark Group Pty Limited, you are accepting the terms and conditions as detailed above. Should you have any questions or queries related to these terms and conditions, please contact us on Ph: 1300 855 568.



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