



# Course in Wound Closure

## 10762NAT



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# COURSE SNAPSHOT

<b>Course Title</b>	Course in Wound Closure (10762NAT)
<b>Course Summary</b>	The Course in Wound Closure develops the knowledge and skills required for Nurses, GPs and relevant Allied Healthcare Workers to safely assess the need for, and perform, wound closure in a variety of settings.
<b>Units of Competency</b>	Incorporating Accredited Units of Competency CWCAFC001 Assess wound for closure, CWCPWC002 Perform wound closure and CWCPCC003 Provide post wound closure care.
<b>Cost</b>	<b>Special 2019 price - \$995 (inc GST)</b> if registered and paid before 30 June 2019 (normally \$1245.00).
<b>Student Numbers</b>	Groups are capped at 12 students to promote an optimal learning environment.
<b>Delivery &amp; Assessment</b>	Two-day face-to-face workshop, in-class activities assessed by facilitator, a mandatory observed workplace activity, and online assessment completed via BenchmarkIQ.
<b>Estimated Hours of Study</b>	50 hours of active learning.
<b>CPD Hours</b>	As a general guide, one hour of active learning equates to one hour of CPD. It is the responsibility of the individual student to calculate how many hours of active learning have been completed. The hours of active learning estimated above should act as a guide to CPD hours.
<b>Pre-requisites</b>	The course is available to Registered Nurses, Enrolled Nurses, General Practitioners, General Practice Registrars, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Worker (Cert IV (Practice)) or Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner or other relevant Allied Healthcare Workers on application.
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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.

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.

# COURSE INFORMATION

## COURSE OUTLINE:

As part of this two-day course, you will have the opportunity to explore a range of methods and learn the unique benefits and limitations of each wound closure and suturing technique that must be considered in each individual case.

Students are equipped with a *Limbs and Things Suture Tutor Plus Hands-on Kit* at each face-to-face workshop. The kit contains skin pads, knot tying kit, and a range of equipment used to explore different wound closure techniques. This kit is for students to take home to help reinforce knowledge and support transition into practice.

## COURSE OUTCOME:

At the successful completion of the Course in Wound Closure, students will have the knowledge and skills to determine the best wound closure technique to achieve durability and simplicity.

Students will learn the ability to close wounds using a variety of methods and materials including sutures, skin staples, tissue adhesive and adhesive strips.

## COURSE CONTENT:

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
- Simulated wound closure
- Simulated assessment tasks
- Documentation and follow up and referral.

Types of suturing will include: single interrupted, vertical mattress, skin flap closure, subcuticular deep, and superficial closure including closing biopsy and excision sites.

## COURSE STRUCTURE:

Course delivery and assessment for the Course in Wound Closure includes a two-day face-to-face workshop, in-class activities assessed by facilitator, and an online assessment completed via BenchmarkIQ.

To achieve competency in this course, students must demonstrate competency through realistic skills simulations and competently complete a theory assessment covering essential knowledge and skills.

There is no pre-reading and all course materials are supplied. The online assessment activities are not started until after attendance at the two-day workshop.



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*As an RTO working in the health sector, our focus is on the delivery of courses and programs designed to provide healthcare professionals with the opportunity to expand their skills and careers. We concentrate on skills and knowledge that can be immediately implemented in a vocational context.*

*Skills learnt today can be used tomorrow.*