



WISE

(Workforce Innovation for Strong Eyes)

CAREERS. CULTURE. COMMUNITY.
VISION FOR OUR FUTURE.

OPHTHALMIC NURSES

Eye Health Workforce Pathways

Ophthalmic nurses provide specialised care before, during and after eye surgery and treatment, supporting good eye health for all communities.



FIRST NATIONS
EYE HEALTH ALLIANCE

YOUR PATHWAY

1



YEAR 12

Complete Year 12 (or equivalent).
Strong subjects: Biology,
Health, Science.

2



DIPLOMA OF NURSING (ENROLLED NURSE)

2–2.5 years full-time study
at TAFE or University.

3



REGISTRATION

Register as an Enrolled Nurse
with AHPRA.
Start your nursing career.

4



SPECIALISE IN OPHTHALMIC NURSING

Gain experience in eye care
settings (hospitals, clinics,
day surgery, community).
Undertake ophthalmic nursing
courses and training.

5



REGISTER AS AN OPHTHALMIC NURSE

Complete requirements for
ophthalmic nursing registration
with AHPRA.

6



ADVANCED PRACTICE & LEADERSHIP

Pursue ongoing professional
development, advanced skills,
leadership and specialist roles.
Make a lasting impact in eye health.



WHAT DO OPHTHALMIC NURSES DO?

- Prepare patients for eye surgery and procedures
- Assist ophthalmologists during surgery
- Provide post-operative care and patient education
- Monitor patient recovery and manage complications
- Work in clinics, theatres, wards and community settings
- Support patients of all ages with compassion and expertise



SKILLS & QUALITIES

- Compassionate, caring and patient-focused
- Strong communication and teamwork
- Attention to detail and clinical confidence
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment
- Respect for culture and community
- Commitment to lifelong learning



WHERE CAN OPHTHALMIC NURSES WORK?

- Public & private hospitals
- Day surgery centres
- Eye clinics & specialist practices
- Community & outreach programs
- Remote & regional services



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Ophthalmic nurses play a vital role in restoring sight,
improving quality of life and supporting strong,
healthy communities.

Your care. Their vision. Our future.



We walk together in respect and recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples,
the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters where we live and work.



CAREERS
Build your future



CULTURE
Respect & connect



COMMUNITY
Stronger together



VISION
For our future

STRONG EYES. STRONG COMMUNITY. BRIGHT FUTURES.

