Additional information for Non-Graduate Applicants

We seek to select candidates who, as well as being highly qualified, are also highly suitable in terms of both their experience, skills and understandings and the likelihood that they will persevere with and succeed in a relatively demanding academic program.

It is important for us to have evidence of academic ability or if you have had no or only limited opportunities to acquire formal qualifications.

Relevant Experience

It is important for us to know about the length, type and quality of your professional experience. Whatever you include, it is critical that you describe your experience in ways that demonstrate relevance.

Entry Requirements for Non-Graduate Applicants

Applicants normally must hold an approved degree or equivalent qualification and have their candidature approved. However, under certain circumstances and subject to specific conditions, others may be admitted who can show evidence of fitness for candidature.

- All non graduate applicants must have and demonstrate 5 years (fte) of relevant professional experience.
- Applicants who do not hold a relevant degree must be able to demonstrate their ability to study at postgraduate level:

1. Applicants will be asked to submit a short paper (1,000 words) answering EITHER of the following questions:

Palliative Care Applicants

A) How well known is the concept of Palliative Care in the Australian Community? (If you live in another country, examine this question from your local community)

OR

B) Many people believe palliative care equates only with terminal care – Discuss.

For either question explore palliative care in its broad social context, drawing from relevant literature to support your argument/discussion.
**Applied Gerontology Applicants**

A) How well known is the concept of ageing well in the Australian Community? (If you live in another country, examine this question from your local community)

OR

B) Many people believe growing older equates only with losses and negative changes – Discuss.

For either question explore ageing in its broad social context, drawing from relevant literature to support your argument/discussion.

Relevant literature may include fiction and non-fiction literature, novels, newspapers, peer review journals, literature from government or community organisations. You will be assessed on your ability to write, reference appropriately and think critically.

2. **Applicants will be asked to participate in an interview with an academic to discuss their study plans.**

3. **Applicants will be asked to enrol in one topic (until 18 units have been successfully achieved) to establish their ability at studying at postgraduate level.**

4. **Applicants will be asked to supply the names of two referees.**