



PHYSIOTHERAPY CARDIORESPIRATORY ACUTE SKILLS IN HOSPITALS

Do you want to build knowledge and confidence in the following areas?

- Compare and contrast the pathways and trajectories of cardiorespiratory patients during acute hospital ward-based admissions.
- Develop the clinical reasoning and skills to assess and manage various ward-based cardiorespiratory populations.
- Discuss the identification, assessment and escalation of high risk or deteriorating cardiorespiratory patients

The **CRASH** Course is designed for early career physiotherapists and physiotherapy students working in the acute hospital setting. It is not an ICU course. The course includes a comprehensive 10-hour eLearning package and a full day face to face course comprised of simulations with professional simulated patients, clinical reasoning and skills workshops. The course is facilitated by cardiorespiratory and clinician education experts.

Who should attend?

New graduate physiotherapists or physiotherapists new to the cardiorespiratory field. This course is also now open to final year physiotherapy students.

When and Where?

Tuesday 24th November 8:00am-4:30pm at Swinburne University of Technology, Hawthorn Campus

EARLY BIRD PRICING: Student \$500; Non-Student \$650

Early bird registration closes 6th October 2026

Full student registration \$550, Full registration \$750

Registration includes access to e-learning package, face-to-face programme and catering for morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and a barista-made coffee/hot drink of your choice.

Limited places (maximum 24) available.

Registrations Open: Wednesday 16th September via TryBooking link below

Registrations Close: Friday 30th October or earlier if course is full

Enquires & Registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/DPYAN>

Any questions please email physiotherapy@austin.org.au or phone (03) 9496 3987

Programme Details:

Theoretical component – This comprehensive **self-directed learning package** was created by professional learning designers and is delivered via an interactive eLearning format. The content is essential preparation for the practical component. Participants should allow approximately **10 hours** to complete the eLearning package.

8 modules detailing the assessment and management of ward-based patient populations and summarising current literature in these groups. Content includes:

- Analgesia
- Oxygen Therapy
- Chest X-ray Interpretation
- Assessment of Cough
- Acute Exacerbation of COPD
- Blunt Chest Trauma
- The Surgical Patient (thoracic, cardiac and abdominal surgery populations)
- Ward-based Tracheostomy Management

Practical component – face-to-face attendance at a **full day program** with expert facilitators including:

Case-based clinical reasoning workshops, simulation with professional simulated patients and practical skill development sessions

- Management of Acute Exacerbation of COPD patients and airway clearance in this population (including simulation scenarios)
- Management of the postoperative thoracic, cardiac and abdominal surgical patients (including simulation scenarios)
- Management of blunt chest trauma patients
- Physiotherapy management of the tracheostomised ward patient
- Recognition and escalation of deterioration in the above patient populations