

# Bachelor of Nursing Science (Graduate Entry)



LOCATION	START
Sunshine Coast	Semester 2
Caboolture	Semester 2
Moreton Bay	Semester 2

Switch to a rewarding career in nursing. Use credit from another undergraduate degree you've completed to make the career change. Learn about anatomy and physiology, drug therapy, comprehensive health assessment and care of people. Learn via placements in hospitals, aged-care facilities, health agencies and community settings. When you graduate from this program, apply for registration as a nurse with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

In this program you will:

- Complete 800 hours of work placements in clinical settings
- Learn about anatomy and physiology, comprehensive health assessment, and drug therapy
- Assess and care for patients
- Continue learning through an honours or Master's program to specialise in nursing

## Career opportunities

- Nurse in acute care
- Community
- Regional and remote
- Mental health
- Indigenous health
- Aged care
- Industry

## Accreditation

Graduates are eligible to apply for registration as nurses in Australia with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, which is a Board of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has a number of registration standards that graduates must demonstrate in order to be eligible for registration. For example, graduates must demonstrate English language skills at IELTS level 7, with 7 in all subtests, or equivalent before being considered for professional registration. For full details of the AHPRA Registration Standards, visit the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia website.

## Post admission requirements

Before undertaking a clinical placement, students must comply with the Pre-Clinical Mandatory Checks including:

- Hold a valid Blue Card (Working with Children Check) from QLD Government Blue Card Services throughout the duration of your program. You should allow 12 weeks for Blue Card Services to issue the card.
- Obtain a National Criminal History check through the Australian Federal Police

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CRICOS Code  
072637M

Duration  
2.3 years

Only a full-time option is available to international students on a Student visa. Online programs are not available to Student visa holders.

Indicative 2025 fees  
A\$31,030  
Annual fee

Tuition fees are reviewed each calendar year. The fee you must pay for a given teaching period is that which has been approved by UniSC for the calendar year in which the teaching period commences

Delivery mode  
Blended Learning

Total courses  
18

Total units  
198

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- Comply with QLD Health vaccination requirements
- A current First Aid and CPR certificate is required from an organisation recognised by the Australian Resuscitation Council, and a Mental Health First Aid online learning certificate, before commencing clinical practice
- Complete the QLD Health student orientation requirements

Refer to the Pre-Clinical Mandatory Checks for further information. In addition, students are required to complete individual health service requirements as directed by the placement provider.

Students in the program will be registered as students with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA).

#### Program special requirements

Students who meet the following criteria are required to take the Clinical Connections module before they can enrol in a clinical placement course in any given year of study:

- Those who have passed a preparation for practice course but subsequently failed the clinical placement course.
- Those who have transferred from another university with credit for a preparation for practice course but not the clinical placement course.
- Those who have taken a break from their study for two or more consecutive semesters (including students transferring from another university with credit).

Completion of the Clinical Connections module formalises reintroduction to theory and supported practice, and ensures that students can proceed to clinical placement and meet NMBA professional standards relevant to practice at their level of study.

## Program structure

Courses in this program structure will be offered progressively from 2022, and are accredited by the Australian Nursing & Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC).

#### Introductory courses (3) 36 units

HLT100 Anatomy and Physiology  
 HLT101 Health and Wellness across the Lifespan  
 NUR141 Introduction to Nursing Practice

#### Developing courses (8) 78 units

NUR222 Health, Law and Ethics  
 NUR226 Preparation for Practice 2  
 NUR227 Nursing Practice 2(6 units)  
 NUR231 Drug Therapy  
 NUR241 Contexts of Practice: Health Alteration  
 NUR272 End of Life Care  
 NUR286 Preparation for Practice 3(6 units)  
 NUR287 Nursing Practice 3(6 units)

#### Graduate courses (7) 84 units

HLT301 Contexts of Practice: Mental Health Care  
 NUR300 Nursing Internship 4(24 units)  
 NUR302 Leadership in Clinical Practice  
 NUR303 Preparation for Practice 4(6 units)  
 NUR304 Nursing Practice 4(6 units)  
 NUR331 Contexts of Practice: Complex Care  
 NUR332 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Cultural Safety

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Note: Program structures are subject to change. Not all UniSC courses are available on every UniSC campus.

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