



Care for **people** – become a nurse

Bachelor of Nursing Science

Pursue your passion for health care and helping people through nursing while developing your scientific knowledge of anatomy and physiology, drug therapy, comprehensive health assessment and evidence-based practice.

You'll receive plenty of hands-on experience, preparing you for work in the healthcare industry when you graduate.

After completing our program, you may apply for registration as a nurse with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

On completion of your nursing program you will be required to meet the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) registration standards including English Language Skills and Criminal History. Please review these standards on the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia website: NMBA registration standards.

In this program you will:

- Gain practical skills through 800 hours of nursing placement experience in clinical settings
- Learn about anatomy and physiology
- Understand the different health requirements for people of all ages and backgrounds
- Appreciate cultural differences in delivering health care
- Work with registered nurses, who will teach you latest techniques for health care

USC will pass on your details directly to the Nursing and Midwifery Board National Board for Student Registration. The National Board will register you for the duration of your program of study or clinical training in nursing or midwifery, or until you are no longer enrolled in your approved program of study or clinical training program.

For further information about your student registration with the National Board please visit their website.

Students who wish to apply for credit from a Diploma of Nursing must have completed the qualification through a Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) approved education provider, and students hold current Enrolled Nurse registration with AHPRA.

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
- Comply with QLD Health vaccination requirements
- A current First Aid and CPR certificate is required from an organisation recognised

MORE INFORMATION

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Note: Study options and semester of offer can vary depending on the study location. For full details, visit usc.edu.au.



Rise, and shine.

- 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.

Career opportunities

Nurse in acute care, community, regional and remote, mental health, Indigenous health or aged care.

Graduates are eligible to become members of:

- Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA)
- Australian College of Nursing

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

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

Introductory courses (10) 114 units

HLT100 Anatomy and Physiology
HLT103 Professional Health Communication
LFS103 Introductory Bioscience
NUR100 Contexts of practice: child, youth and family
NUR104 Contexts of Practice: The Older Person and Family
NUR111 Practice Foundations
NUR116 Preparation for Practice 1
NUR117 Nursing Practice 1(6 units)
NUR121 Health Care and the Professions
NUR131 Research Foundations for Health 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 Palliative, Rehabilitation and Continuing 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(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

Elective course (1) 12 units

Select 1 course (12 units) from:

HLT206 Neonatal and Infant Health*
HLT303 Perinatal and Infant Mental Health?
NUR312 Life Crisis

OR another course with the approval of the Program Leader.

Δ refer to Program notes

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