

Master of Health (MHEA) - MHIth

CRICOS code (International applicants): 030314M

	On-campus
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (March) Semester 2 (July)
Campus:	Toowoomba
Fees:	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place Research training scheme (RTS)
Standard duration:	1 year full-time or 2 years part-time maximum

Notes:

Faculty scholarships may be available to assist full-fee students.

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Program focus

The program provides registered nurses, medical practitioners and allied health workers who wish to embark on a research-based or academic career with an opportunity to do so. Students will, with supervision and approval, select a research topic and prepare a dissertation on that topic.

Program aims

The aims of the Master of Health are to:

- promote the advancement of knowledge relating to professional practice in the areas of nursing, medicine and allied health
- enable competent, committed health professionals to pursue personal goals of research and advanced scholarship in relation to their areas of specialisation
- enable graduates to demonstrate advanced understanding of ethical principles relating to research
- enable graduates to conceptualise and undertake individual and collaborative research.

Program objectives

On completion of the dissertation for the Master of Health, candidates will be able to:

- show depth of knowledge of the research topic and the discipline(s) it embraces
- demonstrate capacity for clear, methodological thinking
- practice ethical principles relating to research
- demonstrate mastery of analytical techniques appropriate for the research
- present the results of their research in a succinct and cogent form, with suitable illustration
- contribute to knowledge in the area of their research topic.

Admission requirements

For normal entry into the Master of Health, candidates must have successfully completed at least four years of academic study at either the undergraduate or postgraduate level leading to an award at the Bachelor level or equivalent. All candidates must have successfully completed the course [HSC8050 Research Methodology for the Human Sciences](#) or its equivalent before entry to the program. Assessment of equivalence will be based upon other academic study and outstanding professional performance as determined by the Department of Nursing and Midwifery Research and Higher Degree Committee.

How to apply

International students

This program is offered to international students. An international student is a person who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen and not an Australian permanent resident. Please refer to [USQ International](#) for information about entry requirements, visa arrangements and how to apply.

Domestic students

[Application for postgraduate programs](#) may be made directly to USQ. You should ensure you submit your application by the [closing dates](#).

Program fees

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. [Full fees](#) vary depending on the courses that are taken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#).

International full fee paying place

International students pay [full fees](#). Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Research training scheme (RTS)

The Research Training Scheme (RTS) provides Commonwealth-funded higher degree by research (HDR) students with an 'entitlement' to an exemption from course fees for the equivalent of four years full-time study in an accredited HDR program. If a student's RTS entitlement expires before they have completed their program they will be required to pay full tuition fees. As there may be limited RTS places available, some students may be required to pay fees for all or part of their program. The USQ [Office of Research and Higher Degrees](#) will advise students of their eligibility for an RTS place.

Program structure

The program contains eight units comprised of four two-unit courses.

The emphasis of the Master of Health is on the development of a dissertation based on a research project in the area of health. The project will be selected by the candidate and will require approval by the Master of Health Program Coordinator.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 2 years to complete this program.

Residential schools

Students are required to attend one four day [residential school](#) in Semester 1 of **each** year of enrolment. This is to present their work at a Departmental Seminar and meet with other students and supervisors.

Recommended enrolment pattern for Full Time Students

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Residential school (compulsory /optional)	Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
NUR9021 Master of Health Dissertation A*	1	1					C	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in Program: MHEA
NUR9022 Master of Health Dissertation B*	1	1					C	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in Program: MHEA
NUR9023 *	1	2						
NUR9024 Master of Health Dissertation D*	1	2						Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in Program: MHEA

Footnotes

* Two-unit course.

Recommended enrolment pattern for Part Time Students

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Residential school (compulsory /optional)	Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
NUR9021 Master of Health Dissertation A*	1	1					C	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in Program: MHEA
NUR9022 Master of Health Dissertation B*	2	1					C	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in Program: MHEA
NUR9023 *	1	2						
NUR9024 Master of Health Dissertation D*	2	2						Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in Program: MHEA

Footnotes

* Two-unit course.