

Master of Nursing (Honours) (MNRH) - MN(Hons)

This program is offered only to continuing students. No new admissions will be accepted. Students who are interested in this study area should [contact us](#).

	Distance education
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	1.5 years full-time, 5 years part-time maximum
Program articulation:	From: Master of Nursing

Contact us

Current students

Contact the Administration Officer (Student Support), telephone +61 7 4631 2384, email sciences.enrolment@usq.edu.au or submit a question via [USQAssist](#).

Program focus

The Master of Nursing (Honours) program is designed for graduates of the Master of Nursing program who wish to extend their postgraduate skills to include the capacity to conduct an independent nursing research project. The Master of Nursing (Honours) program will provide a pathway to PhD studies, which will be of particular interest to nurses seeking an academic career or a research appointment with relevant research or health agencies.

Professional accreditation

Completion of this program does not lead to professional accreditation.

Program aims

The program aims to enhance the practice of experienced nurses in the areas of clinical practice, management or education and research.

Program objectives

On completion of the program graduates will be able to:

- function in leadership roles in their chosen area of nursing or health care
- lead scholarly enquiry into, and be prepared to publicly comment on, issues that effect nursing and health care
- monitor, evaluate and provide leadership in the development of State, National and International trends in nursing and health care
- act as mentors for, and give support to, fellow nurses or other health care workers in their quests to increase their knowledge and leadership skills
- critically analyse and contribute to the ongoing development of the roles of the nurse practitioner, educator or manager
- undertake independent nursing research projects.

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of your higher education and you as a student pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

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](#).

Program structure

The program contains 12 units. There are six compulsory courses of one unit each, two units of electives, and a four-unit research project.

Program completion requirements

To qualify for the award of Master of Nursing (Honours), a candidate must complete or be exempted from courses with a total value of 12 units within five years of first admission to the program, or to the [Master of Nursing](#), subject to the following.

Of the units counted to qualify for the award:

- (1) at least eight units shall be for courses completed at USQ
- (2) six units shall be for the courses:
 - [HSC8050 Research Methodology for the Human Sciences](#)
 - [NUR8030 Health Organisation and Development](#)
 - [NUR8040 Qualitative Research Methods](#)
 - [NUR8340 The Law and Health Care Practice](#)
 - [NUR8510 The Reflective Practitioner and Theorist](#)
 - [NUR8550 Professional Studies 1](#) or [NUR8560 Professional Studies 2](#)
- (3) two units shall be for postgraduate (Level 5 or 8) courses, approved by the Program Coordinator or selected from the list below
- (4) four units shall be for the courses:
 - [NUR9010 Master of Nursing/Midwifery/Health Project A](#) (two units)
 - [NUR9011 Master of Nursing/Midwifery/Health Project B](#) (two units).

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 5 years to complete this program.

Elective courses

Students may select electives from the following courses without requiring the approval of the Program Coordinator. Any other choice of elective(s) must be approved by the Program Coordinator.

ANP8001
ANP8003 Management in Health Care Practice
EDU5213 Curriculum Theory and Development
EDU5221
FET8603 Assessment: Principles and Practices
MGT8015 Corporate Occupational Health and Safety
MGT8038 Leadership Development
NUR5520 Introduction to Counselling Skills

Students should note that the offering of elective courses is dependent upon the number of students enrolling in a course being at least 10. Students should enrol in the courses of their choice but will be informed as soon as practicable if any of these courses are not to be offered.

Clinical requirements

There are no clinical requirements in this program unless candidates select electives that contain a clinical requirement.

IT requirements

Students should visit the USQ [Recommended Hardware](#) and [Recommended Software](#) sites to check that their computers are capable of running the appropriate software and versions of Internet web browsers and to check the minimum and recommended standards for software.

Residential schools

Candidates enrolled in the project components of their program will be required to attend a compulsory [residential school](#) in the mid-semester break in Semester 1 of each year in which they are enrolled in the research component of their program. Under exceptional circumstances, the residential requirements will be varied if alternative strategies can be used to meet the objectives of the residential school.

Exemptions

Candidates must complete at least eight units of courses offered by USQ whilst enrolled in this program so at most four units of exemptions may be granted on the basis of appropriate study undertaken at USQ, other universities or the [New South Wales College of Nursing](#).

Honours

Students who complete the requirements for the award of Master of Nursing (Honours) will be awarded Honours at one of four levels. These levels are: First Class Honours, Second Class Honours Division A, Second Class Honours Division B and Third Class Honours.

Recommended enrolment pattern

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		
NUR8510 The Reflective Practitioner and Theorist			1	1, 3				Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MMHN or MMPO or MNIC or MNRS or MNRH or PDEV or SING
Elective			1	1, 3				
NUR8030 Health Organisation and Development			1	2				Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MNRS or

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	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
							MNRH or PDEV or SING or MMPO	
Elective			1	2				
NUR8040 Qualitative Research Methods			2	1			Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MANP or MMHN or MMID or MMPO or MNIC or MNUR or MNRS or MNRH or PDEV or SING or CRPG	
HSC8050 Research Methodology for the Human Sciences			2	1				
NUR8340 The Law and Health Care Practice			1, 2	1, 2			Pre-requisite: Students must be a Registered Nurse or Midwife and must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MMHN or MNRS or PDEV or MMID.	
Choose one of the following two courses:								
NUR8550 Professional Studies 1			2	1			Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MNRS or MNRH or PCNP or PDEV or SING	
NUR8560 Professional Studies 2			2	2			Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MNRS or MNRH or PDEV or SING or MMPO	
NUR9010 Master of Nursing/Midwifery/Health Project A			3	1			C Pre-requisite: HSC8050 plus 5 coursework units and Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MANP or MMPO or MNRH with a GPA of 5.5 or higher.	
NUR9011 Master of Nursing/Midwifery/Health Project B			3	2			C Pre-requisite: HSC8050 plus 7 course work units. Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MNRH or MMPO with a GPA of 5.5 or higher.	