

Bachelor of Nursing (Post-Registration) (BNPO) - BN

CRICOS code (International applicants): 009259M

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](#).

	On-campus	Distance education
Semester intake:	No new admissions	
Campus:	Toowoomba	-
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	1 year full-time, 2 years part-time	

Contact us

Current Students

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Program focus

The Bachelor of Nursing (Post-Registration) is designed for registered nurses with either a Certificate or Diploma of Nursing who wish to gain a degree in nursing.

Career opportunities

Registered Nurse – Public and Private General and Psychiatric Hospitals, Community Health, Mental Health, Aged Care, Paediatric and Adolescent Health, Home Health Care, Indigenous Health, Occupational Health, Rural Practice, Overseas Nursing. This program is a pathway to graduate entry Midwifery and Mental Health programs and other specialties within nursing and health care.

Program objectives

The Bachelor of Nursing (Post-Registration) is designed for registered nurses with either a Certificate or Diploma of Nursing who wish to gain a Degree in Nursing.

Completing the Bachelor of Nursing (Post-Registration) at USQ will allow graduates to:

- demonstrate a scholarly approach to nursing as a discipline
- utilise research findings to maintain and update standards of nursing care
- develop a critical understanding of, and approach to, the discipline
- enhance their career prospects in nursing.

Admission requirements

Applicants meeting the following criteria may be accepted into the program:

- Be a registered nurse
- have personal access to a BC computer with CD-ROM and Internet facilities for teaching-learning purposes. This is essential if students are to fulfil course assessment requirements. See below for further technical requirements

International applicants must also have met the [University's English language](#) requirements or have completed the [University's ELICOS/EAP programs](#)

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](#).

Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who reside outside Australia pay full tuition fees.

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 consists of eight courses, each of one unit. Of these eight units:

- a minimum of four units of approved USQ courses must be completed whilst enrolled in the program
- a maximum of four units of exemptions may be granted to students who have, within the five years prior to admission to the program, completed appropriate studies at a recognised university and/or the [College of Nursing](#). Such studies must not have contributed to a completed award at a university.

There is no requirement for students to undertake clinical experience in the program. No residential attendance is required.

International Students

Successful completion of the Bachelor of Nursing (Post-Registration) does not guarantee registered nurse status in Australia.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 3 years to complete this program.

Core courses

Students then choose four units of elective courses as follows:

Four compulsory courses:	EXT
NUR3060 Nursing Research	S1, S2
NUR3010 Rehabilitation in Community Settings	S1, S3
NUR3020 Transition to Professional Practice	S2, S3
NUR3120 Nurses as Leaders in Health Care Settings	S2, S3

Elective courses

Post-Registration nursing students do not have to follow the enrolment requirements listed in the [course synopses](#) section of the Handbook for any courses with codes beginning with NUR. These enrolment requirements are for Pre-Registration students only. However, enrolment in other elective courses is subject to satisfactory completion of the enrolment requirements for that course.

Nursing elective courses

Of the four units of electives, at least one must be selected from the following:

One of:	EXT
MHN3110	S2
NUR3650 Advanced Health Assessment	S2

Additional elective courses may be selected from any level 1, 2 or 3 courses offered by USQ, however, students should bear in mind the following when making their selection.

Students who have little or no experience with computers and the use of the Internet are strongly encouraged to study [CSC1402 Foundation Computing](#) as one of their electives, provided that they have regular access to a computer that may be used to access the Internet.

In the past, many students have chosen from the following Management Elective Courses: [MGT1000 Organisational Behaviour](#); [MGT1001 Foundations of Human Resource Management](#); [MGT2000 Staffing and Remuneration](#); [MGT2001 Management of Workplace Health and Safety](#).

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.

Recommended enrolment pattern

From Semester 2, 2009, this program will no longer be available for admission. Students currently enrolled in this program are requested to contact the Administration Officer (Nursing and Midwifery) on telephone +61 7 4631 2384 or email, to discuss an appropriate study plan.

Students are free to construct their own enrolment pattern noting that:

- it is not necessary to complete the four compulsory courses before commencing the electives
- there are no enrolment requirements for Post-Registration nursing students for Nursing courses listed above
- the four compulsory courses and electives must be satisfactorily completed within three years of first enrolling in the program
- students wishing to enrol in Management Electives or any other electives from the [Minor Studies](#) section of this Handbook **must discuss** their enrolment pattern with the Program Coordinator.

Year 1	
Semester 1	Semester 2
NUR3010 Rehabilitation in Community Settings	NUR3120 Nurses as Leaders in Health Care Settings
Elective	Elective
Year 2	
Semester 1	Semester 2
NUR3020 Transition to Professional Practice	NUR3060 Nursing Research
Elective	Elective

Consult the Handbook on the Web at <http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current> for any updates that may occur during the year.
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Note: Some courses may be studied in other semesters. Please refer to semesters of offer listed in the [Course Synopses](#) section of this Handbook.