

Master of Mental Health Nursing (MMHN) - MMHlthNurs

	Distance education
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)
Fees:	Domestic full fee paying place
Standard duration:	2–4 years part-time maximum

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Program focus

Upon successful completion of this program, registered nurses will have the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to practise as specialist mental health nurses in primary, secondary and tertiary settings.

Professional accreditation

This program prepares nurses to practise as Mental Health Nurses and enables them to work as clinically skilled members of mental health teams in developing and established services. .

Program aims

The aims of this course are to enable the graduate to:

- generate and apply knowledge about the biological, psychological, social, cultural and spiritual aspects of the human experience of health and illness
- work towards empowering individuals, groups and communities to achieve, maintain and restore optimal health
- gain advanced knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to practice as a specialist mental health nurse in primary, secondary and tertiary settings
- develop an awareness of the implications for mental health care of the cultural and linguistic diversity of Australian society and gain the knowledge and skills required to provide culturally appropriate care to individuals and groups
- gain advanced knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to contribute to the attainment of the national and state goals for mental health in keeping with the strategic directions of the Health Department

Program objectives

The program objectives incorporate the ideals of the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses and the Department of Nursing and Midwifery. Successful completion of the program will enable graduates to:

- provide primary, secondary and tertiary interventions using a variety of treatment modalities to promote the health and wellness of individuals, families and communities
- practise within accepted legal and ethical frameworks
- critically analyse information relevant to their profession i.e. clinical data, government policy, research findings, and apply this knowledge to their practise area

- develop a professional identity including independence, interdependence, authority and partnership and contribute to the ongoing development of the mental health nursing and mental health care.

Admission requirements

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

- Registered Nurse (**You will need to provide a certified copy of your current registration with Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency**) with a three-year degree or diploma from an Australian University or an equivalent qualification
- Evidence of current employment in a mental health service as a registered nurse or of at least 12 months experience working in a mental health service as a registered nurse in the past five years.

How to apply

Domestic students

[Application for postgraduate programs](#) may be made directly to USQ.

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](#).

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](#).

Program structure

The program consists of eight courses each worth one unit with four focusing specifically on mental health nursing. In the remaining four courses the focus of the assessment will be on mental health nursing.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 4 years to complete this program.

Clinical requirements

There are no clinical requirements.

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

One course, [MHN5130](#), has a requirement for a five-day compulsory residential school.

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		
MHN5120 Advanced Mental Health Nursing 1			1	1				Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MMHN.
NUR8510 The Reflective Practitioner and Theorist			1	1, 3				Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MMHN or MNRS or PDEV or SING
MHN5130 Counselling and Group Work			1	2			C	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in Program MMHN.
NUR8340 The Law and Health Care Practice			1	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.
MHN5160 Advanced Mental Health Nursing 2			2	1				Pre-requisite: MHN5120 and Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MMHN.
HSC8050 Research Methodology for the Human Sciences			2	1				
MHN5170 Healing and Therapeutics			2	2				Pre-requisite: MHN5130 and Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MMHN.
ANP8001 Cultural Awareness and Safety			2	2				Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MNRS or MNRH or PDEV or SING or MMPO or MMHN.