

Master of Nursing (MNSG) - MN

	External	Online
Start:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
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	

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Program aims

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

Program objectives

On completion of the program, graduates will be able to:

- use research evidence to improve the quality of care delivered within their sphere of influence
- use contemporary leadership theory, including leadership styles to function as effective leaders in their chosen area of nursing or health care
- act as mentors for, and give support to, fellow nurses or other health care workers to enhance quality of care provision and embed principles of lifelong learning into their practice
- understand and implement ethical research principles and practices
- design and implement a research project or significant scholarly activity within a selected discipline area
- apply current research techniques and methodology in pursuit of specific research goals
- demonstrate competence in and appropriate use of language and literacy, including spelling, grammar, punctuation and bibliographic referencing.

Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 09. Graduates at this level will have specialised knowledge and skills for research, and/or professional practice and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting www.aqf.edu.au.

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- Completion of an Australian university or equivalent three year Bachelor degree in the area of Nursing.
- Current Professional Registration as a Division 1 Nurse or equivalent with either Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency ([AHPRA](#)) or relevant regulatory body in applicant's home country.
- A minimum of one years' professional work experience.
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 3.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

Requirements for professional experience placements

There are no clinical requirements in this program unless candidates select an approved course that contains a clinical requirement. Courses with a clinical requirement are not available to International students.

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of a students' higher education and students pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. Students 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. Students 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](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [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. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Program structure

The Master's program contains twelve units. There are nine compulsory courses of one unit each and three units as approved courses.

Program completion requirements

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

Of the units counted to qualify for the award:

- (1) at least six units shall be for courses completed at USQ
- (2) nine units made up of the following courses:
 - [NUR8060 Health Policy Analysis and Review](#)
 - [HSC8050 Research Methodology for the Human Sciences](#)
 - [NUR8340 The Law and Health Care Practice](#)
 - [NUR8550 Professional Studies 1](#)
 - [HEA8302 Culture as a Determinant of Health](#)
 - [ANP8003 Management in Health Care Practice](#)
 - [HSC8060 Research Project Design](#)
 - [HSC8070 Health Masters Project A](#)
 - [HSC8080 Health Masters Project B](#)
- (3) three units shall be for postgraduate (Level 5 or 8) courses, approved by the Program Coordinator or selected from the list of approved courses below.

Required time limits

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

Electives/Approved courses

Students may select **three (3)** approved courses from the following list, or from the courses in the [Graduate Certificate of Health](#), without requiring the approval of the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences. Any other choice of approved course(s) must be approved by the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences.

MGT8038 Leadership Development
MGT8002 Strategic Management
NUR8040 Qualitative Research Methods[#]
EDU5221
ANP5001 Introduction to Rural and Remote Nursing Practice
ANP5002 Immunisation Nursing[*]
ANP5003 Emergency Nursing in Isolated Practice

Footnotes

[#] This course will not be offered in 2020.

^{*} This course includes clinical experience hours and is only available to students who hold current nursing registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Authority (AHPRA) and are located in Australia.

Students should note that the offering of approved 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.

IT requirements

Students should visit the USQ [minimum computing standards](#) 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.

Exit points

Students enrolled in the MNSG program who wish to exit without completing the program may be awarded the Graduate Diploma of Nursing (GDNG) if they have successfully completed or obtain credit/exemptions for [NUR8060 Health Policy Analysis and Review](#); [HSC8050 Research Methodology for the Human Sciences](#); [NUR8340 The Law and Health Care Practice](#); [ANP8003 Management in Health Care Practice](#); [NUR8550 Professional Studies 1](#); [HEA8302 Culture as a Determinant of Health](#) plus two approved courses.

Credit

Candidates must complete at least six units of courses offered by USQ whilst enrolled in this program so at most six units of exemptions may be applied for on the basis of approved relevant study undertaken at USQ, other universities or the Australian College of Nursing.

Recommended enrolment Pattern

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
ANP8003 Management in Health Care Practice					1	1	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following programs: BHEH or M NRS or PDEV or MNSG or GDHH or MOHH or GCCO or MCCO or GDCN or GCHH
HEA8302 Culture as a Determinant of Health					1	2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GCHH or GDHH or MOHH or MNRS or MNSG or PDEV
NUR8060 Health Policy Analysis and Review					1	1,2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BHEH or M NRS or PDEV or MNSG or GCHH or GDHH or MOHH or GCCO or MCCO or GDCN
Approved Course					1	1,2,3	
HSC8050 Research Methodology for the Human Sciences					2	1,2	
NUR8550 Professional Studies 1					2	1,2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MNRS or PDEV or MNSG
HSC8060 Research Project Design					2	1,2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: DPHD or M NRS or MNSG or MOHH
Approved Course					2/3	1,2,3	
NUR8340 The Law and Health Care Practice					2/3	2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MNRS or MNSG or GCHH or GDHH or MOHH or GCHE
HSC8070 Health Masters Project A					3	1,2	Pre-requisite: HSC8050 and Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MOHH or MNSG Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: HSC8060
HSC8080 Health Masters Project B					3	1,2	Pre-requisite: HSC8050 and HSC8060 and HSC8070 and Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MOHH or MNSG
Approved Course					3	1,2	