

Bachelor of Nursing (BNSG) - BN

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): Unspecified (Toowoomba campus: 906392; External: 906395; Ipswich campus: 936392); Enrolled Nurse Entry (Toowoomba campus: 906491; External: 906495; Ipswich campus: 936491)

CRICOS code (International applicants): 093153B

Note for domestic applicants: The main QTAC codes for the Bachelor of Nursing program are 906392, 906395, and 936392. Applicants who hold a Diploma of Nursing from an accredited Australian Provider and are an Enrolled Nurse must apply for the Bachelor of Nursing (Enrolled Nurse Entry) pathway, using QTAC codes 906491, 906495, and 936491.

	On-campus#	External#*
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
Campus:	Ipswich, Toowoomba	-
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place
Residential school:		Toowoomba or Ipswich campus
Standard duration:	3 years full-time or 6 years part-time	

Footnotes

- # All students must be able to meet the physical and other professional requirements of clinical practice within this program.
* Enrolment externally in the Bachelor of Nursing is not available to International students.

Contact us

Future Australian and New Zealand students	Future International students	Current students
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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

USQ strongly encourages applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Students interested in a career in nursing should contact the Indigenous Coordinator in the School of Nursing and Midwifery at study@usq.edu.au for information on guidance and support and to discuss entry pathways.

Professional accreditation

The Bachelor of Nursing at USQ is accredited by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) and is listed as an approved program with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

Program aims

The Bachelor of Nursing provides the graduate with the nursing knowledge and skills to apply to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) for registration as a Division 1 Registered Nurse.

To gain registration as a nurse, graduates of this program will also have to satisfy registration criteria of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. To gain registration, applicants will also have to meet standards in English language skills, criminal history, and professional indemnity insurance. To maintain registration, nurses are also required to meet standards of Continuing Professional Development and Recency of Practice. All of these standards can be found on the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia website: [NMBA Registration Standards](#).

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) will keep a [register of students](#) enrolled in the Bachelor of Nursing for the duration of their study or clinical training. USQ as the education provider will pass on students' details directly to the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) for registration. No fees are required.

Program objectives

Graduates of the Bachelor of Nursing will be able to:

- (1) direct their own learning and understand the [NMBA Scope of Practice of Registered Nurses](#) as responsible, reflective lifelong learners
- (2) apply clinical reasoning and clinical management using the nursing process and the best available evidence to provide safe, person-centred nursing care
- (3) demonstrate exemplary communication and interpersonal relationships working and leading intra-professional and interdisciplinary teams
- (4) plan, provide and evaluate comprehensive, safe, appropriate and responsive quality nursing care across multiple contexts and populations that meets NMBA Professional Standards of Practice.

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 07. Graduates at this level will have broad and coherent knowledge and skills for professional work and/or further learning.

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

Program Information Set

View USQ's admission criteria, student profiles and a summary of all offers made under [Course Admission Information Set](#) via the QTAC website.

Admission requirements

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

- Have achieved a minimum Overall Position (OP) **15**, tertiary entrance rank **68** or equivalent qualification.[^]
- Subject Pre-requisite: English (4,SA) or equivalent
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 4.

Applicants are advised to also address the following:

- Recommended Prior Study: Mathematics A (4,SA) or equivalent and one of Biological Science, Chemistry, Physics or Science (4,SA) or equivalent.

Satisfaction of admission requirements does not guarantee admission. Places within the Bachelor of Nursing are limited by quota. Quota size is determined by the availability of hospital placements. Where the quota is filled, no further places will be offered.

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

^ These are determined by the University for specific programs each Semester. The 2019 OP and tertiary entrance ranks are based on agreed QTAC schedules which assess formal study at Year 12 or [equivalent level](#), tertiary, preparatory, professional or vocational qualifications or work experience, as detailed in the QTAC Assessment of Qualifications Manual and QTAC Assessor Guidelines.

Special admissions may help you get into the program of your choice by increasing your Selection Rank. The additional points don't apply to all applicants or all programs. Please read the information about USQ's [Special Admissions](#) carefully to find out what you may be eligible for.

Requirements for professional experience placements

Practical experience is an integral component of the program and each student is required to undertake and satisfactorily complete 840 hours of practical experience.

Progression into practical courses is dependent upon a pass grade in theoretical and other practical courses which have been set as prerequisites.

Applicants must be willing to undertake and submit the requirements of the University of Southern Queensland and Queensland Health for practical placement. Please refer to the applicable [Professional Practice Experience Handbook](#) for Nursing and Midwifery Students.

Mandatory Documents required prior to commencing ANY clinical placements in the program:

- Blue Card or Working with Children Check
- Australian Police Certificate
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certificate (CPR)
- USQ Student Declaration
- Queensland Health Student Orientation Checklist
- Queensland Health Student Deed Poll
- Queensland Health iLearn Modules

All students must also provide the following immunisation evidence prior to commencing clinical placements:

- Hepatitis B immunisation evidence
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella immunisation evidence
- Varicella immunisation evidence
- Pertussis immunisation evidence
- Influenza immunisation evidence
- Tuberculosis Risk Assessment

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 Bachelor of Nursing consists of 24 credit point units (24 mandatory courses) as listed in the standard progression for commencing students.

The Bachelor of Nursing is an integrated curriculum, which provides foundational knowledge and then builds on this with a mix of theory, clinical simulation and professional placements. Pre-requisite courses are strict requirements for professional placement courses. Students need to ensure their enrolments align with established enrolment patterns (full or part-time). Students who enrol outside these enrolment patterns can expect significant challenges in scheduling on-campus requirements (weekly classes or residential schools) with the requirements of professional placements.

Requirements to complete the program

Students are required to satisfactorily complete all courses. Some courses have compulsory attendance requirements. To satisfactorily complete the six clinical courses, students must participate in the required hours of clinical practice offered at off-campus venues and satisfactorily demonstrate the learning objectives of these courses.

The Bachelor of Nursing at USQ prepares students for a Bachelor's degree in nursing. Upon completion of the program and application for registration as a nurse, the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) requires additional demonstration of English language standards for students for whom English is a second language.

Standard enrolment pattern (BNSG) - Standard 3 year progression - Semester 1 start

Semester 1	Semester 2
Year 1	
BIO1203 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1	NUR1201 The Patient Experience: Partnering in Care
NUR1100 Introduction to Nursing Praxis	NUR1202 Professional Identity
NUR1102 Literacies and Communication for Health Care	NUR1299 Foundations of Nursing Practice
NUR1120 Health and Illness	NUR2300 Evidence Based Nursing Practice
Year 2	
NSC2500 Pharmacology and Pathophysiology in Health	NUR2299 Chronic Care in Practice
NUR2000 Medications Management	NUR2200 Mental Health Care Across the Lifespan
NUR2101 Chronic Care Across the Lifespan A	NUR2203 Acute Care Across the Lifespan A

NUR2102 Chronic Care Across the Lifespan B	NUR2204 Acute Care Across the Lifespan B
Year 3	
NUR3030 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health	NUR3020 Professional Transitions
NUR2399 Acute Care in Practice	NUR3101 Primary Health Care in a Global Context
NUR3201 Quality, Safety and Risk	NUR3499 Transition to Professional Practice B [#]
NUR3299 Transition to Professional Practice A or NUR3599 Mental Health Care in Practice**	NUR3599 Mental Health Care in Practice or NUR3299 Transition to Professional Practice A**

Footnotes

This course must be completed in the final semester of this program.

** Do not select the same course twice.

Standard enrolment pattern (BNSG) - Semester 2 start (3 years, including one Semester 3 courses)

To complete in 3 years (6 semesters) students will need to study in Semester 3.

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3
Year 1		
	NUR1102 Literacies and Communication for Health Care	
	NUR1202 Professional Identity	
	NUR1201 The Patient Experience: Partnering in Care	
	NUR1100 Introduction to Nursing Praxis	BIO1203 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1
Year 2		
NUR1299 Foundations of Nursing Practice	NUR2101 Chronic Care Across the Lifespan A	
NUR1120 Health and Illness	NUR2102 Chronic Care Across the Lifespan B	
NSC2500 Pharmacology and Pathophysiology in Health	NUR2200 Mental Health Care Across the Lifespan	
NUR2300 Evidence Based Nursing Practice	NUR2000 Medications Management	
Year 3		
NUR2299 Chronic Care in Practice	NUR2399 Acute Care in Practice	
NUR2203 Acute Care Across the Lifespan A	NUR3101 Primary Health Care in a Global Context	
NUR2204 Acute Care Across the Lifespan B	NUR3599 Mental Health Care in Practice	
NUR3030 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health	NUR3201 Quality, Safety and Risk	
Year 4		

NUR3299 Transition to Professional Practice A		
NUR3499 Transition to Professional Practice B [#]		
NUR3020 Professional Transitions		

Footnotes

This course must be completed in the final semester of this program for students on this progression.

Standard enrolment pattern (BNSG) - Semester 2 2018 start (3 years, including some Semester 3 courses)

To complete in 3 years (6 semesters) students will need to study in Semester 3.

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3
Year 1		
	NUR1102 Literacies and Communication for Health Care	
	NUR1202 Professional Identity	
	NUR1201 The Patient Experience: Partnering in Care	
Year 2		
NUR1100 Introduction to Nursing Praxis	NUR1299 Foundations of Nursing Practice	
NUR1120 Health and Illness	NUR2300 Evidence Based Nursing Practice	
BIO1203 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1	NUR3101 Primary Health Care in a Global Context	
	NUR2000 Medications Management	
Year 3		
NUR2101 Chronic Care Across the Lifespan A	NUR2203 Acute Care Across the Lifespan A	NUR2399 Acute Care in Practice
NUR2102 Chronic Care Across the Lifespan B	NUR2204 Acute Care Across the Lifespan B	NUR3599 Mental Health Care in Practice
NSC2500 Pharmacology and Pathophysiology in Health	NUR2299 Chronic Care in Practice	
NUR3030 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health	NUR2200 Mental Health Care Across the Lifespan	
Year 4		
NUR3201 Quality, Safety and Risk		
NUR3299 Transition to Professional Practice A		
NUR3499 Transition to Professional Practice B [#]		
NUR3020 Professional Transitions		

Footnotes

This course must be completed in the final semester of this program for students on this progression.

Enrolment pattern Geraldton Universities Students

Please note that GUC course offerings differ from USQ offerings; GUC students should not make selections based on USQ offerings.

Students studying at Geraldton Universities Centre should consult the 'GUC Enrolment Guide', which outlines when courses are offered/supported at GUC. Students seeking to deviate from these offerings should first discuss their plans with the Academic Coordinator for Nursing. Your onward progression may be affected, if you make incorrect course selections without prior consultation.

Enrolment pattern (BNSG) - Study over 4 years

Semester 1	Semester 2
Year 1	
BIO1203 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1	NUR1201 The Patient Experience: Partnering in Care
NUR1102 Literacies and Communication for Health Care	NUR1202 Professional Identity
NUR1100 Introduction to Nursing Praxis	NUR1299 Foundations of Nursing Practice
Year 2	
NSC2500 Pharmacology and Pathophysiology in Health	NUR2101 Chronic Care Across the Lifespan A
NUR1120 Health and Illness	NUR2102 Chronic Care Across the Lifespan B
NUR2000 Medications Management	NUR2300 Evidence Based Nursing Practice
Year 3	
NUR2203 Acute Care Across the Lifespan A	NUR2200 Mental Health Care Across the Lifespan
NUR2204 Acute Care Across the Lifespan B	NUR2399 Acute Care in Practice
NUR2299 Chronic Care in Practice	NUR3101 Primary Health Care in a Global Context
Year 4	
NUR3030 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health	NUR3020 Professional Transitions
NUR3201 Quality, Safety and Risk	NUR3299 Transition to Professional Practice A
NUR3599 Mental Health Care in Practice	NUR3499 Transition to Professional Practice B [#]

Footnotes

This course must be completed in the final semester of this program for students on this progression.

Standard enrolment pattern (BNSG) - Enrolled Nurse (EN)/Endorsed Enrolled Nurses (EEN) with 8 exemptions - Semester 1 start

(Exemptions: NUR1120; NUR1102; BIO1203; NUR1100; NUR1299; NUR1202; NUR1201; NUR3030)

Semester 1	Semester 2	
Year 1		
NSC2500 Pharmacology and Pathophysiology in Health	NUR2203 Acute Care Across the Lifespan A	
NUR2101 Chronic Care Across the Lifespan A	NUR2204 Acute Care Across the Lifespan B	
NUR2102 Chronic Care Across the Lifespan B	NUR2200 Mental Health Care Across the Lifespan	
NUR2000 Medications Management	NUR2299 Chronic Care in Practice	

Year 2	
NUR2300 Evidence Based Nursing Practice	NUR3599 Mental Health Care in Practice
NUR2399 Acute Care in Practice	NUR3101 Primary Health Care in a Global Context
NUR3201 Quality, Safety and Risk	NUR3499 Transition to Professional Practice B [#]
NUR3299 Transition to Professional Practice A	NUR3020 Professional Transitions

Footnotes

This course must be completed in the final semester of this program for students on this progression.

Standard enrolment pattern (BNSG) - Enrolled Nurse (EN)/Endorsed Enrolled Nurses (EEN) with 8 exemptions
- Semester 2 start

Semester 1	Semester 2
Year 1	
	NUR2101 Chronic Care Across the Lifespan A
	NUR2102 Chronic Care Across the Lifespan B
	NUR2000 Medications Management
	NUR2200 Mental Health Care Across the Lifespan
Year 2	
NSC2500 Pharmacology and Pathophysiology in Health	NUR3101 Primary Health Care in a Global Context
NUR2203 Acute Care Across the Lifespan A	NUR2300 Evidence Based Nursing Practice
NUR2204 Acute Care Across the Lifespan B	NUR2399 Acute Care in Practice
NUR2299 Chronic Care in Practice	NUR3599 Mental Health Care in Practice
Year 3	
NUR3201 Quality, Safety and Risk	
NUR3299 Transition to Professional Practice A	
NUR3499 Transition to Professional Practice B [#]	
NUR3020 Professional Transitions	

Footnotes

This course must be completed in the final semester of this program for students on this progression.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 6 years to complete this program.

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.

Credit

Enrolled Nurse/Endorsed Enrolled Nurses

Enrolled Nurses and/or Endorsed Enrolled Nurses applying for exemptions must supply documentation including a copy of their Diploma of Nursing and a copy of their current Enrolment licence from Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA). Enrolled Nurses or Endorsed Enrolled Nurses with a Diploma of Nursing from a VET institute or equivalent may apply for up to eight exemptions in the Bachelor of Nursing program (two full-time semesters).

Additional supporting documentation is required for a Diploma of Nursing completed outside of 5 years:

- Proof of current AHPRA registration.
- Supporting letter from employer to confirm continued employment at EN level.
- Continued Professional Development - Any In-house Training; Industry certification.

Enrolled Nurses and Endorsed Enrolled Nurses who are completing their qualification at VET should contact study@usq.edu.au for advice on direct articulation pathways from VET and possible exemptions. Exemptions must comply with the university regulations from the [USQ Credit and Exemption Procedure](#).

Transfer Students: Students who wish to transfer components of other accredited Bachelor of Nursing programs and students with prior university credit should contact usq.support@usq.edu.au to apply for possible exemptions. Exemptions/credit will be assessed based on the [USQ Credit and Exemption Procedure](#).

International students who have a Registered Nurse qualification from an approved education institution under NOOSR guidelines may apply for exemptions in the program. Please refer to USQ International for information about how to apply.

Enrolment

The Bachelor of Nursing program is offered with a variety of progressions over full-time or part-time enrolment patterns. Students may also utilise courses offered in Semester 3 to load-spread their program (quotas apply for Semester 3 courses).

The Bachelor of Nursing is an integrated curriculum, which provides foundational knowledge and then builds on this with a mix of theory, clinical simulation and professional placements. Pre-requisite courses are strict requirements for professional placement courses. Students need to ensure their enrolments align with established enrolment patterns. Students who enrol outside these enrolment patterns can expect significant challenges in scheduling on-campus requirements (weekly classes or residential schools) with the requirements of professional placements.

External Study

External enrolment in the Bachelor of Nursing requires significant on-campus commitments including residential schools (Toowoomba and Ipswich campus) in most semesters of up to two weeks duration as well as face-to-face clinical placements. Students must be prepared to travel to clinical placements, and at times this will require periods of living away from home for up to four weeks. Enrolment externally in the Bachelor of Nursing is not available to International students. Visa requirements for International students require significant on-campus attendance.

Bachelor 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						Residential school	Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
Year 1								
NUR1120 Health and Illness	1	1			1	1		Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BNSG
NUR1102 Literacies and Communication for Health Care	1	1,2			1	1,2		Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BNSG
BIO1203 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 *	1	1	1	1,3			HR	
NUR1100 Introduction to Nursing Praxis	1	1,2	1	1,2			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BNSG
NUR1202 Professional Identity	1	2			1	2		Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BNSG
NUR2300 Evidence Based Nursing Practice	1	1,2			1	1,2		Pre-requisite: NUR1102
NUR1201 The Patient Experience: Partnering in Care					1	2		Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BNSG
NUR1299 Foundations of Nursing Practice	1	1,2	1	1,2			M	Pre-requisite: NUR1100
Year 2								
NSC2500 Pharmacology and Pathophysiology in Health	2	1			2	1		Pre-requisite: BIO1203
NUR2101 Chronic Care Across the Lifespan A	2	1,2			2	1,2		Pre-requisite: NUR1299
NUR2102 Chronic Care Across the Lifespan B	2	1,2	2	1,2			M	Pre-requisite: NUR1299 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: NUR2101
NUR2000 Medications Management	2	1,2	2	1,2			M	Pre-requisite: BIO1203 and NUR1299
NUR2299 Chronic Care in Practice	2	1,2,3						Pre-requisite: NUR2102
NUR2200 Mental Health Care Across the Lifespan	2	1,2			2	1,2		Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: NUR2000 and Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BNSG
NUR2203 Acute Care Across the Lifespan A	2	1,2			2	1,2		Pre-requisite: NUR2101
NUR2204 Acute Care Across the Lifespan B	2	1,2	2	1,2			M	Pre-requisite: NUR2102 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: NUR2203
Year 3								
NUR3030 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health					3	1,2		Pre-requisite: NUR2101
NUR2399 Acute Care in Practice	3	1,2,3						Pre-requisite: NUR2204 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: NUR2299
NUR3201 Quality, Safety and Risk			3	1,2			M	Pre-requisite: NUR2000 and NUR2300 and NUR2204 and NUR2299
NUR3599 Mental Health Care in Practice	3	1,2,3						Pre-requisite: NUR2200 and (NUR2299 or NUR2399)
NUR3101 Primary Health Care in a Global Context					3	1,2		Pre-requisite: NUR1120 and NUR2101 and NUR2102

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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Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Residential school	Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
NUR3020 Professional Transitions			3	1,2				Pre-requisite: NUR1202 and (NUR2299 or NUR2399)
NUR3299 Transition to Professional Practice A	3	1,2,3						Pre-requisite: NUR2000 and (NUR2299 or NUR2399)
NUR3499 Transition to Professional Practice B	3	1,2,3						Pre-requisite: NUR2000 and NSC2500 and NUR2399 and in final Semester of study Co-requisite: NUR3299

Footnotes

* BIO1203 is available on-campus in Toowoomba and Ipswich. For the Ipswich offer, course lectures are held at Ipswich and course laboratories are held at Springfield.