

Graduate Certificate of Health (GCHH) - GCHealth

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

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Start:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	1 year part-time
Program articulation:	To: Graduate Diploma of Nursing ; Master of Nursing

Footnotes

The Graduate Certificate of Health (Scheduled Medicines) is only available to students who hold current nursing registration with the Australian Health Professional Registration Authority (AHPRA) and who are located in Australia.

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Professional accreditation

The Graduate Certificate of Health (Scheduled Medicines) is accredited with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) to enable graduates to apply for 'scheduled medicines endorsement' through the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

Program aims

The aim of the Graduate Certificate of Health is to enable health professionals to extend their professional knowledge, expertise and capacity within one of the following specialised areas of health care:

- Scheduled Medicines (for nurses)

Program objectives

Graduates of the Graduate Certificate of Health will be able to:

- (1) critically reflect on their own clinical and educational practices
- (2) engage in effective, supportive, collaborative practice within a specialised context
- (3) practice in a professional, legal and ethically justifiable manner according to professional requirements and standards, within a specialised context
- (4) advocate and protect the rights of individuals or groups regardless of their cultural background, age and/or geographical situation
- (5) critically analyse relevant (i.e. clinical data, government policy, research findings), and apply this knowledge to their selected specialised area

- (6) develop a professional identity including independence, interdependence, authority and partnership
- (7) 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 08. Graduates at this level will have advanced knowledge and skills for professional or highly skilled work 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 three-year bachelor degree in a health-related field, or equivalent.
- Be registered as a nurse in Division One of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) and must be able to demonstrate at least one years' full-time clinical experience. Applicants must provide a detailed CV including education, clinical experience, professional development, and full-time equivalent for each employer.
- USQ requires written confirmation that the applicant is currently practicing as a registered nurse and can complete required hours of clinical mentorship in their workplace.
- 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.

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 Schedules](#).

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 Schedule](#)

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 Schedules](#).

Program structure

The program consists of four core courses each worth one unit.

Program completion requirements

Students are required to successfully complete the four core courses.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 2 years to complete this program.

Specific specialisations

Graduate Certificate of Health (Scheduled Medicines) - has been developed for registered nurses wishing to further their advanced knowledge and skills in the area of scheduled medicines, under protocol or permit.

IT requirements

Students should refer to USQ [minimum computing standards](#) (information about the minimum IT-related requirements necessary for the successful completion of the program).

Credit

Credit will only be considered where students have completed, within the last five years, a course which has at least 80% equivalency with courses in the Graduate Certificate of Health (Scheduled Medicines) (maximum two courses).

Enrolment

Part-Time Enrolment

This program is only offered as a part-time enrolment pattern of up to two (2) courses in each semester.

Mid-Year intake

Students may commence the program in Semester 2 as per the recommended enrolment pattern however in some instances may not be able to complete within 2 semesters. Refer to recommended enrolment pattern.

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	
Scheduled Medicines - Semester 1 intake							
HEA8001 Contexts of Practice					1	1	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BHEH or M NRS or MNSG or PDEV or GCHH or GDHH or MOHH or DOHH or GDNG or GCNM or GCHE or GCNG
ANP8008 Diagnostics and Assessment					1	1	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BHEH or MNSG or MNRS or PDEV or GCHH or

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	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
							GDHH or MOHH or GCNG or GDNG or GCNM
ANP8009 Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacology for Scheduled Medicines					1	2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BHEH or GCHH or GDHH or MOHH or MNSG or GDNG Rural and Remote or Scheduled Medicines specialty.
ANP8010 Situational Practice: clinical and critical decision making skills					1	2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BHEH or GCHH or GDHH or MOHH or MNSG or PDEV or GCNG or GDNG or GCNM Co-requisite: ANP8008 and ANP8009
Scheduled Medicines - Semester 2 intake							
HEA8001 Contexts of Practice					1	2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BHEH or M NRS or MNSG or PDEV or GCHH or GDHH or MOHH or DOHH or GDNG or GCNM or GCHE or GCNG
ANP8008 Diagnostics and Assessment					2	1	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BHEH or MNSG or MNRS or PDEV or GCHH or GDHH or MOHH or GCNG or GDNG or GCNM
ANP8009 Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacology for Scheduled Medicines					1	1,2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BHEH or GCHH or GDHH or MOHH or MNSG or GDNG Rural and Remote or Scheduled Medicines specialty.
ANP8010 Situational Practice: clinical and critical decision making skills					2	2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BHEH or GCHH or GDHH or MOHH or MNSG or PDEV or GCNG or GDNG or GCNM Co-requisite: ANP8008 and ANP8009