

Graduate Certificate of Nursing Scheduled Medicines (COVID-19 Higher Education Support Program) (GCNM) - GradCertNurSchedMed New

	Online
Semester intake:	Semester 2 (July)
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place
Standard duration:	0.5 year full-time
Program articulation:	To: Graduate Diploma of Health

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Program aims

The program provides Registered Nurses with advanced knowledge to safely and competently obtain, supply and administer medications under an extended practice authority.

Program objectives

On completion of this program graduates should be able to:

- Apply specialised knowledge, skills and technical competencies within specific health contexts
- Effectively communicate using high-level written and oral language skills with people of diverse ages, backgrounds and needs
- Collaborate with a range of healthcare professionals to achieve the best possible healthcare outcomes for individuals and communities
- Reflect on practice to facilitate awareness and knowledge of one's own cognition and abilities
- Critically analyse, synthesise and evaluate a range of data and evidence to provide solutions to complex nursing problems.

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 nursing, 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 year's 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 practising as a RN and can complete the required number of 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 Finder](#).

Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

Program structure

The program consists of four compulsory core courses.

[HEA8001 Contexts of Practice](#)

[ANP8008 Diagnostics and Assessment](#)

[ANP8009 Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacology for Scheduled Medicines](#)

[ANP8010 Situational Practice: clinical and critical decision making skills](#)

Required time limits

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

IT requirements

Access to an up-to-date computer is necessary. On-campus students can access appropriately equipped laboratories, but should consider acquisition of their own computer. Students should be able to access a computer with the following [minimum standards](#). All students should have access to email and the Internet via a computer running the latest versions of Internet web browsers such as Internet Explorer or Firefox. The University has a wireless network for on-campus students' computers. In order to take advantage of this facility and further enhance their on-campus learning environment, students should consider purchasing a notebook/laptop computer with wireless connectivity. Specialist software is required for some courses.

Articulation

A student successfully completing all courses in the Graduate Certificate of Nursing Scheduled Medicines will receive full credit towards the [Graduate Diploma of Health](#) in either the Rural and Remote or General Specialisation. Students intending to continue with the Graduate Diploma must apply for separate admission and may EITHER Graduate with a Graduate Certificate and receive full credit as exemptions into the Graduate Diploma, OR choose not to graduate with the Graduate Certificate, in order to transfer their grades, maintain their GPA and articulate into the Graduate Diploma and ultimately qualify from this higher award only. Students who wish to transfer their grades and maintain their GPA into the Graduate Diploma, must advise

the Faculty in writing (usq.support@usq.edu.au) of their intention to articulate and this must occur prior to completion of the Graduate Certificate of Nursing Scheduled Medicines.

Credit

Credit will only be considered where students have completed, within the last five years, a course which has at least 80% equivalency with a course in the [Graduate Certificate of Nursing Scheduled Medicines \(COVID-19 Higher Education Support Program\)](#) (maximum two courses).

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	
HEA8001 Contexts of Practice					1	1,2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BHEH or MNRS or MNSG or PDEV or GCHH or GDHH or MOHH or DOHH or GDNG or GCNM or GCHE
ANP8008 Diagnostics and Assessment					1	1,2	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 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 MNRS or MNSG or PDEV or GCNM.
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 GCNM Co-requisite: ANP8008 and ANP8009