

Master of Nursing . (MNRS) - MN

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

	External
Semester intake:	No new admissions
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	1 year full-time, 4 years part-time

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Current students
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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:

- function in leadership roles in their chosen area of nursing or health care
- lead scholarly enquiry into, and be prepared to publicly comment on, issues that affect nursing and health care
- monitor, evaluate and provide leadership in the development of State, National and International trends in nursing and health care
- act as mentors for, and give support to, fellow nurses or other health care workers in their quests to increase their knowledge and leadership skills
- critically analyse and contribute to the ongoing development of the roles of the registered nurse, nurse educator or nurse manager.

Admission requirements

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

Applicants must be Registered Nurses (You will need to provide a certified copy of your Current Annual Licence Certificate) holding a three-year Bachelor of Nursing from an Australian University or equivalent. While not mandatory, it would be beneficial to have clinical experience as a Registered Nurse. Some courses require students to be practising during enrolment. This recommendation exists because registered nurses should have consolidated their practice, and understand the context of that practice, prior to engaging in advanced education. A process of Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL) will be used to assess Registered Nurses, without Bachelor degrees, who wish to gain entry to the program on the basis of equivalent experience or qualifications. Applicants should contact the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences if they wish to be assessed for admission on this basis.

Registered Nurses who wish to gain entry to the program on the basis of equivalent experience or qualifications or who have not studied an appropriate research methods course may be required to complete the course [NUR2300 Evidence Based Nursing Practice](#) before being admitted to the program. This course is available by external studies through [Continuing Professional Education at USQ](#)- telephone +61 7 4631 2720 or email conted@usq.edu.au.

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 electives that contain a clinical requirement. These courses with a clinical requirement are not available for 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 program contains eight units. There are six compulsory courses of one unit each and two units of electives.

Program completion requirements

The Master of Nursing is currently undergoing review to meet the Australian Qualifications Framework Requirements. The changes will occur for 2014. Please check the USQ Handbook for updates for requirements.

Currently to qualify for the award of Master of Nursing, a candidate must complete or be exempted from courses with a total value of eight units within four 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) six units shall be for the courses:

- [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](#) Note: If you have already completed NUR8510 The Reflective Practitioner and Theorist, there is no change to your enrolment pattern. If you are yet to complete NUR8510, you are to enrol in ANP8003 as a core course instead. If you have not completed NUR8510 and have already completed ANP8003 as an elective, you are to choose another elective (total two (2), excluding ANP8003).
- [NUR8550 Professional Studies 1](#)
- [HEA8302 Culture as a Determinant of Health](#)

(3) two units shall be for postgraduate (Level 5 or 8) courses, approved by the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences or selected from the list below.

Required time limits

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

Electives/Approved courses

Students may select **two (2)** electives from the following courses, 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 elective(s) must be approved by the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences.

ANP8003 Management in Health Care Practice [#]
MGT8038 Leadership Development
MGT8002 Strategic Management
NUR8040 Qualitative Research Methods
EDU5221 Professional Learning
ANP5001 Introduction to Rural and Remote Nursing Practice
ANP5003 Emergency Nursing in Isolated Practice
ANP5004

Footnotes

If you have already completed NUR8510 The Reflective Practitioner and Theorist, there is no change to your enrolment pattern. If you are yet to complete NUR8510, you are to enrol in ANP8003 as a core course instead. If you have not completed NUR8510 and have already completed ANP8003 as an elective, you are to choose another elective (total two (2), excluding ANP8003).

Students should note that the offering of elective 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.

Residential schools

The attendance requirement of residential schools within this degree is indicated by the following letters: V = Voluntary; O = Optional; C = Compulsory; R = Recommended; HR = Highly Recommended; M = Mandatory. Find out more about [residential schools](#), visit the [Residential School Schedule](#) to view specific dates for your degree, or visit the [Policy and Procedure Library](#).

There are no [residential schools](#) for compulsory courses in this program.

Credit

Candidates must complete at least six units of courses offered by USQ whilst enrolled in this program so at most four units of exemptions may be granted on the basis of *appropriate* study undertaken at USQ, other universities or the Australian College of Nursing. Students who are granted more than two (2) exemptions are required to take additional Elective courses at USQ to meet the requirement of six (6) units offered at USQ.

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	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	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
Elective			1	1,2,3			
HSC8050 Research Methodology for the Human Sciences			2	1,2			
Elective			2	1			
NUR8340 The Law and Health Care Practice			2	1, 2			Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MNRS or MNSG or GCHH or GDHH or MOHH
NUR8550 Professional Studies 1			2	1,2			Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MNRS or PDEV or MNSG

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