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What you will study

Our innovative model of clinical practice means you will gain hands-on, real experience from the earliest stages of your degree. You can preference a clinical school where you will be based three days a week and learn in small groups. We’ve structured the degree so that your learning is focused around integrated problem solving so you can apply your clinical knowledge and theoretical understanding in a variety of contexts. Add this to the extensive practical experience you will receive from your first semester of study, and you will graduate confident to start your career as a nurse. You can undertake an Honours year once your bachelor degree is completed if you wish.

The Bachelor of Nursing can also be undertaken in a dual degree with the Bachelor of Midwifery degree.
Bachelor of Nursing

Location
The degree is delivered through small group teaching three days a week at clinical schools, with lectures one day a week at a UQ location which will include St Lucia and Woolloongabba. You will nominate your preference for a clinical school when you complete your QTAC application form:

- QTAC code (South East Qld Clinical Schools) 728002
- QTAC code (Mater Clinical School) 728502.

Clinical schools are subject to final approval. Every effort is made to place students in their preferred location which may include a travel radius of up to 90 minutes due to public transport connections. Costs associated with travel and possible loss of income over this period will not be reimbursed.

What you will learn at clinical school
You will learn how to conduct patient assessments in pain and nutrition, as well as taking vital signs. You will also learn general patient care, including patient hygiene and management of the ill, and then progress to administration of medication and advanced nursing skills. You can select specialist areas for your fifth semester, including accident and emergency units, paediatrics, mental health and rural nursing including the Royal Flying Doctor Service and peri-operative nursing.

Your future in Nursing
A career in nursing enables you to work in various healthcare settings including:

- public, private or community
- clinical practice (metropolitan and rural)
- research, academia and clinical teaching
- medical/surgical nursing
- aged care and community
- critical care and emergency

- drug and alcohol nursing or education
- mental health
- public health nursing or education
- peri-operative
- paediatrics and child health.

Who will recognise your qualifications?
- Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia registration as a nurse
- Royal College of Nursing Australia
- UQ Nursing graduates can also apply for registration in Canada.

Your postgraduate options
- Honours available as an additional year of study
- Postgraduate coursework study is available in mental health nursing, nurse practitioner studies and specialist nursing fields such as aged care, children, chronic disease, palliative care, paediatric/neonatal intensive care, rural and remote nursing
- Research higher degrees (MPhil and PhD) are also available in your area of interest.

International students
This degree requires a higher level of English language proficiency than the UQ minimum. The IELTS requirements are an overall score of at least 7.0 with a score of 7.0 in reading, writing, speaking and listening. As an international student you are required to complete the degree on a full-time basis.

Important information
Carriers of blood-borne transmissible viruses (e.g. Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV) have limited practice options available for this degree. Students must complete post-admission requirements prior to clinical placement, for more information see www.health.uq.edu.au/admissionreqs

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VINCENT
Nursing graduate

“I chose the Bachelor of Nursing for its fast-paced working environment and the high level of job satisfaction. The hands-on practical work ensured that I was always thinking on my feet and learning from the many varied health situations. My most treasured experience from studying at UQ was the nursing trip to Cambodia in my second year of study. It provided me with a chance to utilise everything we had learnt to date in the public environment while also opening my eyes to the health challenges a third world country experiences.”

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