

Nursing & Midwifery

Bachelor of Science (Nursing)
Degree Course for Registered Nurses

Course Code: 301591 Cricos Code: 003886K



This course offers Registered Nurses who meet the entry requirements the opportunity to upgrade their qualifications to a Bachelor of Science (Nursing).

Course Learning Outcomes

The Bachelor course provides registered nurses with the opportunity to:

- Study core concepts of nursing which are concerned with the well being of individual, family and community and which can be applied to any nursing situation;
- Expand theoretical foundations in the physical, biological and behavioural sciences relevant to the present day practice of nursing;
- Critically analyse structural and functional elements of health care systems and using these make constructive contributions in the development of a health team approach to the delivery of health care in hospital and community health agencies; increase skills in problem solving and appreciate the need for continually recognising and solving

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problems affecting the delivery of health care in hospital and community health agencies; accept responsibility for continuing personal and professional development and for contributing in a leadership capacity to the changes occurring within nursing and the community; extend skills in the location and interpretation of relevant information and application of administrative records, statistics and information management, critically evaluate and revise nursing practice.

Course Organisation

Student learning is assessed from a theoretical and clinical practice perspective. Theory is assessed through exams, essays, case studies, group work and student presentations. Clinical competence is assessed in laboratories using simulation and in clinical settings under supervision.

Medical Clearance

Students are required to be screened for and/or vaccinated against MRSA, measles, mumps, poliomyelitis, diphtheria, tetanus, influenza (annually), pertussis, Varicella (Chicken Pox), Rubella, TB, and Hepatitis B, as requirements for enrolment into clinical practice units. A Criminal Record Clearance from Department of Education and Training is required and, if working with children under the age of 18 for more than 5 days in a year, a Working with Children Check is also necessary. Health screening, and Police clearance and a current Senior First Aid Certificate are required prior to students commencing the clinical practice unit.

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Entry Requirements

Australian Residents Commonwealth Supported

- Applicants must be currently registered in Division 1 (or eligible for registration) with the Nurses Board of Western Australia.

International Applicants

As well as the above criteria students must have:

- English language competency as per university entry requirements. Applicant will be required to demonstrate competence in English by having achieved a pass in one of the following tests:
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a minimum score of 570 with a TWE (Test of Written English) of 4.5 or TOEFL iBT of 92 with a minimum score of 23 in Reading, Listening, Speaking and Writing
- British Council/GCE 'O' levels or GCE 'A' levels
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with a minimum overall band of 6.5 each, with a minimum of 6.0 each for speaking and writing and reading and listening.
- CUTE A Level
- English Language Bridging overall score of 65% with no unit scores below 60%.
- Further information regarding international English language entry requirements is available: international.curtin.edu.au

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Recognition of Prior Learning and/or exemptions may be granted to students who have successfully completed additional approved tertiary studies at Curtin University of Technology. Each application will be considered individually.

Duration and Availability

The Bachelor of Science (Nursing) course is of three and a half years duration. Successful applicants for the course receive recognition of prior learning equivalent to 2½ years, leaving one (1) year full-time study or equivalent part-time. Many units are also available through distance education. There are two intakes each year. The first intake is in February and the second intake is in July.

Course Expenses

Students may be expected to purchase a number of textbooks, reader and other study materials. For a full list of and explanation of consumable fees, please refer to: fees.curtin.edu.au

International Applicants

International students can apply through the International Office at any time to commence studies in either semester or they can contact the Centre for International and Professional Education in the School of Nursing and Midwifery directly for further information.

International Students

International Students studying in Australia on a student visa can only study full-time and there are also specific entry requirements that must be met. Please refer to international.curtin.edu.au or phone +61 8 9266 7331 for further information, as some information contained in this flyer may not be applicable to international students. Australian citizens and permanent residents and international students studying outside Australia may have the choice of full-time, part-time and external study. Information about TISC only applies to Australian residents.

Sample Course Structure

Year 1 Semester 1

300718 Sociocultural Perspectives on Health	131
303779 Health Assessment	261
300720 Research Foundations in Nursing	213
300728 Professional Practice Issues	214

Year 1 Semester 2

310135 Indigenous Australian Health and Culture	132
or	
312755 Refugee and Migrant Health	300
303793 Professional Practice Contract	394
300740 Management in Health Care	417

+ Those students seeking to register with the Nurses and Midwives Board of WA must enrol in Professional Practice Contract 394 as one of their option units. See: www.nbwa.org.au/

Optional Units

300734 Behavioural Perspectives on Families	335
300738 Behavioural Perspectives of Mental Health	336
300730 Behavioural Responses to Illness	234
300732 Health Concepts in Family Care	315
300723 Lifespan Development	233
2919 Palliative Care Nursing	260
5152 Understanding Dying	260
300724 Nursing & Midwifery Bioscience	243
300731 Nursing & Midwifery Bioscience	244

Please refer to the Curtin Online Handbook for information regarding units: handbook.curtin.edu.au.

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