

Bachelor of Nursing Science



LOCATION	START
Sunshine Coast	Semester 1, Semester 2
Gympie	Semester 1, Semester 2
Fraser Coast	Semester 1, Semester 2
Caboolture	Semester 1, Semester 2
Moreton Bay	Semester 1, Semester 2

Pursue your passion for health care and helping people while developing scientific knowledge of anatomy and physiology, drug therapy, comprehensive health assessment and evidence-based practice. Receive hands-on experience, preparing for work in the healthcare industry upon graduation. After completing our program, apply for registration as a nurse with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

In this program you will:

- Gain practical skills through 800 hours of placement in clinical settings
- Learn about anatomy and physiology
- Understand the different health requirements for people of all ages and backgrounds
- Appreciate cultural differences in delivering health care
- Work with registered nurses, who will teach you latest techniques for health care

Career opportunities

- Nurse in acute care
- Community
- Regional and remote
- Mental health
- Indigenous health
- Aged care

Accreditation

Graduates are eligible to apply for registration as nurses in Australia with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, which is a Board of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has a number of registration standards that graduates must demonstrate in order to be eligible for registration. For example, graduates must demonstrate English language skills at IELTS level 7, with 7 in all subtests, or equivalent before being considered for professional registration. For full details of the AHPRA Registration Standards, visit the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia website.

Post admission requirements

Before undertaking a clinical placement, students must comply with the Pre-Clinical Mandatory Checks including:

- Hold a valid Blue Card (Working with Children Check) from QLD Government Blue Card Services throughout the duration of your program. You should allow 12 weeks for Blue Card Services to issue the card.
- Obtain a National Criminal History check through the Australian Federal Police
- Comply with QLD Health vaccination requirements

CRICOS Code
078086M

Duration

3.3 years

Only a full-time option is available to international students on a Student visa. Online programs are not available to Student visa holders.

Indicative 2024 fees

A\$29,600

Annual fee

Tuition fees are reviewed each calendar year. The fee you must pay for a given teaching period is that which has been approved by UniSC for the calendar year in which the teaching period commences

Recommended prior study

English; General Mathematics, Mathematical Methods or Specialist Mathematics; at least one science subject

Delivery mode

Blended Learning

Total courses

26

Total units

288

UniSC program code

SC391

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- A current First Aid and CPR certificate is required from an organisation recognised by the Australian Resuscitation Council, and a Mental Health First Aid online learning certificate, before commencing clinical practice
- Complete the QLD Health student orientation requirements

Refer to the Pre-Clinical Mandatory Checks for further information. In addition, students are required to complete individual health service requirements as directed by the placement provider.

Students in the program will be registered as students with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA).

Program special requirements

Students who meet the following criteria are required to take the Clinical Connections module before they can enrol in a clinical placement course in any given year of study:

- Those who have passed a preparation for practice course but subsequently failed the clinical placement course.
- Those who have transferred from another university with credit for a preparation for practice course but not the clinical placement course.
- Those who have taken a break from their study for two or more consecutive semesters (including students transferring from another university with credit).

Completion of the Clinical Connections module formalises reintroduction to theory and supported practice, and ensures that students can proceed to clinical placement and meet NMBA professional standards relevant to practice at their level of study.

Program structure

Courses in this program structure will be offered progressively from 2022, and are accredited by the Australian Nursing & Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC).

Introductory courses (10) 114 units

HLT100 Anatomy and Physiology
 HLT103 Professional Health Communication
 LFS103 Introductory Bioscience
 NUR100 Contexts of practice: child, youth and family
 NUR104 Contexts of Practice: The Older Person and Family
 NUR111 Practice Foundations
 NUR116 Preparation for Practice 1
 NUR117 Nursing Practice 1(6 units)
 NUR121 Health Care and the Professions
 NUR131 Research Foundations for Health Practice

Developing courses (8) 78 units

NUR222 Health, Law and Ethics
 NUR226 Preparation for Practice 2
 NUR227 Nursing Practice 2(6 units)
 NUR231 Drug Therapy
 NUR241 Contexts of Practice: Health Alteration
 NUR272 End of Life Care
 NUR286 Preparation for Practice 3(6 units)
 NUR287 Nursing Practice 3(6 units)

Graduate courses (7) 84 units

HLT301 Contexts of Practice: Mental Health Care
 NUR300 Nursing Internship(24 units)
 NUR302 Leadership in Clinical Practice
 NUR303 Preparation for Practice 4(6 units)

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NUR304 Nursing Practice 4(6 units)
NUR331 Contexts of Practice: Complex Care
NUR332 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Cultural Safety

Elective course (1) 12 units

Select 1 course (12 units) from:

HLT206 Neonatal and Infant Health
HLT303 Perinatal and Infant Mental Health
NUR312 Life Crisis

OR another course with the approval of the Program Leader.

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Note: Program structures are subject to change. Not all UniSC courses are available on every UniSC campus.