Care for people – become a nurse

Bachelor of Nursing Science

Pursue your passion for health care and helping people through nursing while developing your scientific knowledge of anatomy and physiology, drug therapy, comprehensive health assessment and evidence-based practice.

You’ll receive plenty of hands-on experience, preparing you for work in the healthcare industry when you graduate.

After completing our program, you may apply for registration as a nurse with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

On completion of your nursing program you will be required to meet the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) registration standards including English Language Skills and Criminal History. Please review these standards on the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia website: NMBA registration standards.

In this program you will:

- Gain practical skills through 800 hours of nursing placement experience 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

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

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- Obtain a National Criminal History check through the Australian Federal Police
- Comply with QLD Health vaccination requirements
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- Complete the QLD Health student orientation requirements

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LOCATIONS
- Sunshine Coast 013401
- Moreton Bay 014021
- Caboolture 018601
- Fraser Coast 019101
- Gympie 013501

DURATION
- Semester 1 commencement: 3 years full time or equivalent part time. Semester 2 commencement: 3.3 years full time or equivalent part time (3 years full time plus an 8 week Nursing Internship)

COMMENCE
- Semester 1 or Semester 2

RECOMMENDED PRIOR STUDY
- English; Maths A, B or C; at least one science subject

SCHOLARSHIPS
- Scholarships can give you money and other financial support to help you while you study. Find out more at usc.edu.au/scholarships.

MORE INFORMATION
- Contact Student Central information@usc.edu.au
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Graduates are eligible to become members of:

- Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA)
- Australian College of Nursing