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

Students who wish to apply for credit from a Diploma of Nursing must have completed the qualification through a Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) approved education provider, and students hold current Enrolled Nurse registration with AHPRA.

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
- 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.

LOCATIONS
- Sunshine Coast
- Moreton Bay
- Fraser Coast
- Gympie
- Caboolture

CRICOS CODE
078086M

PROGRAM LENGTH
Semester 1 commencement: 3 years.
Semester 2 commencement: 3.3 years (3 years plus an 8 week Nursing Internship)

COMMENCE
Semester 1 or Semester 2

ANNUAL TUITION FEE
A$28,400

ESTIMATED TOTAL TUITION FEE
A$85,200

USC is located on the Sunshine Coast, 90km north of Brisbane, Queensland. It’s one of Australia’s premier destinations with beautiful beaches, subtropical hinterland and warm weather all year round.

USC is a relaxed campus with modern facilities, green spaces and lots of kangaroos.

MORE INFORMATION
Contact Student Central
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Career opportunities
Nurse in acute care, community, regional and remote, mental health, Indigenous health or aged care.

Graduates are eligible to become members of:
- Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA)
- Australian College of Nursing
**PROGRAM STRUCTURE**

**Introductory courses (9) 102 units**

- **COR109** Communication and Thought
- **HLT100** Anatomy and Physiology
- **LFS103** Introductory Bioscience
- **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, Culture and Society
- **NUR131** Research Foundations for Health Practice

**Developing and Graduate courses (14) 162 units**

- **HLT301** Contexts of Practice: Mental Health Care
- **NUR212** Contexts of Practice: child, youth and family
- **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
- **NUR286** Preparation for Practice 3 (6 units)
- **NUR287** Nursing Practice 3 (6 units)
- **NUR300** Nursing Internship (24 units)
- **NUR311** Preparation and Nursing Practice 4
- **NUR331** Contexts of Practice: Complex Care
- **NUR332** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Cultural Safety
- **NUR302** Leadership in Clinical Practice

**Elective course (2) 24 units**

Select 2 courses (24 units) from:

- **NUR272** Palliative, Rehabilitation and Continuing Care
- **NUR312** Life Crisis
- **NUR322** The Child Client

OR another course with the approval of the Program Leader.

△ refer to Program notes

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