

# Bachelor of Nursing Science (Graduate Entry)



LOCATION	QTAC CODE	START
Sunshine Coast	013411	Semester 2
Caboolture	018661	Semester 2
Moreton Bay	014211	Semester 2

Switch to a rewarding career in nursing. Use credit from another undergraduate degree you've completed to make the career change. Learn about anatomy and physiology, drug therapy, comprehensive health assessment and care of people. Learn via placements in hospitals, aged-care facilities, health agencies and community settings. When you graduate from this program, apply for registration as a nurse with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

In this program you will:

- Complete 800 hours of work placements in clinical settings
- Learn about anatomy and physiology, comprehensive health assessment, and drug therapy
- Assess and care for patients
- Continue learning through an honours or Master's program to specialise in nursing

## Career opportunities

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

## Memberships

Graduates may be eligible to become members of:

- Australian College of Nursing

## 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:

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## Duration

2.3 years

Full-time or equivalent part-time

## Indicative 2022 fees

A\$2,994 (CSP)

Fees are indicative only and will change based on courses selected and are subject to yearly increases

## Delivery mode

Blended Learning

## Total courses

18

## Total units

198

## USC program code

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- 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. 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 (3) 36 units

**HLT100** Anatomy and Physiology

**HLT101** Health and Wellness across the Lifespan

**NUR141** Introduction to Nursing 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** Palliative, Rehabilitation and Continuing 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)

**NUR304** Nursing Practice 4(6 units)

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**NUR331** Contexts of Practice: Complex Care

**NUR332** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Cultural Safety

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