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.
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.

Δ refer to Program notes

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