

Bachelor of Nursing Science



Sunshine Coast, Semester 1 2023

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)
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.

r4 refer to Program notes

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

Total units: 288

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Study sequence

The study sequence below represents the program structure for students commencing the Bachelor of Nursing Science in 2024.

If you are a continuing student who commenced your studies before 2024, you must go to the Previous student handbook and use the program structure and study sequence from when you commenced your studies to guide your enrolment.

Semester 1

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
LFS103 Introductory Bioscience	• Semester 1, Semester 2	12	Anti: LFS100
NUR111 Practice Foundations	• Semester 1	12	Pre: Enrolled in Program SC017 or SC391 Anti: HLT131
NUR121 Health Care and the Professions	• Semester 1	12	Pre: Enrolled in Program SC017, SC391 or SC393
HLT103 Professional Health Communication	• Semester 1, Semester 2	12	Pre: Must be enrolled in SC391, SC393 or SC395, SC306 or SC017

Semester 2

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
HLT100 Anatomy and Physiology	• Semester 1, Semester 2	12	Pre: Enrolled in Program SC010, SC108, ED312, ED315, SC306, SC347, SC367, SC391, SC392, SC393 or Applied Environmental Health Extended Major or Health and Physical Education Major Anti: (LFS112 or LFS201 or LFS202 and LFS122) or SPX103
NUR100 Contexts of practice: child, youth and family	• Semester 2	12	Pre: Enrolled in program SC391, SC392 or SC393 Anti: NUR212
NUR104 Contexts of Practice: The Older Person and Family	• Semester 2	12	Pre: Enrolled in Program SC391 Anti:

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NUR341

NUR116 Preparation for Practice 1	• Semester 2	12	Pre: NUR111, must be enrolled in SC391
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Session 8

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
NUR117 Nursing Practice 1	• Session 8	Pre: NUR116 and enrolled in Program SC391 Anti: NUR141	

Semester 1

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
NUR231 Drug Therapy	• Semester 1	12	Pre: (NUR141 or NUR116 or HLT132) and (LFS103 or HLT100) and enrolled in Program SC391, SC392, SC393 Anti: PAR231
NUR241 Contexts of Practice: Health Alteration	• Semester 1	12	Pre: NUR141 or NUR116 and LFS103 or HLT100 and enrolled in Program SC391 or SC392
NUR226 Preparation for Practice 2	• Session 2	12	Pre: (NUR116 and NUR117) or NUR141 and enrolled in Program SC391, SC392 Co: NUR241 and NUR231

Session 3

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
NUR227 Nursing Practice 2	• Session 4	Pre: NUR117 or NUR141 and NUR226 and	

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enrolled in
Program
SC391 or
SC392

Session 4

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
NUR272 End of Life Care	• Online: Session 4	12	Pre: Enrolled in Program SC391 or SC392

Session 6

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
NUR331 Contexts of Practice: Complex Care	• Session 5, Session 6	12	Pre: NUR241 and NUR231 and enrolled in Program SC391 or SC392
NUR286 Preparation for Practice 3	• Session 5, Session 6	Pre: NUR226 and enrolled in SC391 or SC392 Co: NUR331 and (NUR227 or NUR211)	

Semester 2

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
NUR131 Research Foundations for Health Practice	• Online: Semester 2	12	Pre: Enrolled in Program SC367, SC391 or SC393, Anti: PAR131, HLT205
NUR222 Health, Law and Ethics	• Online: Semester 2	12	Pre: Enrolled in Program SC385, SC391, SC392, SC393 or SC335 Anti: PAR222

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Session 8

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
NUR287 Nursing Practice 3	• Session 8		Pre: NUR286 and NUR227 and enrolled in Program SC391 or SC392

Session 1

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
HLT301 Contexts of Practice: Mental Health Care	• Session 1	12	Pre: NUR141, NUR117, HLT207 or PAR103 Anti: PAR341 or NUR301
NUR303 Preparation for Practice 4	• Session 1		Pre: NUR286 and NUR287 and NUR331 and enrolled in Program SC391 or SC392. Anti: NUR311

Semester 1

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
NUR302 Leadership in Clinical Practice	• Online: Semester 1	12	Pre: NUR117 or NUR141 and enrolled in Program SC391 or SC392
NUR304 Nursing Practice 4	• Semester 1		Pre: NUR286 and NUR287 and NUR303 and

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enrolled in
Program
enrolled in
SC391,
SC392
Anti:
NUR311

Session 4

Select 1 course from:

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
HLT206 Neonatal and Infant Health	• Online: Session 4	12	Pre: NUR117 or HLT132 and enrolled in program SC391 or SC393
HLT303 Perinatal and Infant Mental Health	• Online: Session 4	12	Pre: HLT301
NUR312 Life Crisis	• Online: Session 4	12	Pre: NUR117 or NUR141 or HLT132 and enrolled in Program SC391, SC392 or SC393

OR another course with the approval of the Program Coordinator

Semester 2

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
NUR332 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Cultural Safety	• Online: Semester 2	12	Pre: NUR117 or NUR141 or HLT132 and enrolled in Program SC391, SC392 or SC393

Session 7

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
NUR300 Nursing Internship	• Session 4, Session 6, Session 7	24	Pre: NUR287 and NUR303, NUR304 or NUR311 and enrolled in Program SC391, SC392. Session 4 offering is for students who commenced in a mid year offering of SC391 and any student in SC392.

NUR300 Session 4 offering is only available to students admitted in the program in Semester 2

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Program requirements and notes

In order to graduate you must:

- Successfully complete 288 units as outlined in the Program Structure

In order to commence clinical placement you 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 before commencing clinical practice
- Complete the QLD Health student orientation requirements
- Travel to attend clinical placements
- Have a level of computer literacy, including word processing and email

Students who do not comply with these requirements will be unable to complete the clinical practice component of their program and will be unable to meet graduation requirements

Note: Students are required to commence action of the above requirements immediately after enrolling. Hepatitis B immunity can take up to six months to determine and the processing of your USC Blue Card Application Form can take up to 12 weeks. Visit Nursing and Midwifery - Clinical Placement for more information about these requirements before you apply.

Program notes

- Completing this program within the specified (full-time) duration is based on studying 48 unit points per semester (normally 4 courses) and following the recommended study sequence
- The unit value of all courses is 12 units unless otherwise specified
- It is each student's responsibility to enrol correctly according to your course requisites, program rules and requirements and be aware of the academic calendar dates
- For Sippy Downs students some courses in this program will be taught at the Sunshine Coast Health Institute
 - Preparing for study at SCHI
- Courses within this program are assessed using a variety of assessment methods which may include essays, seminar presentations, reports, in-class tests and examinations
- Only a full-time study option is available to international students on a Student Visa
- International students on a Student visa please note:
 - Currently NUR272, NUR302, NUR332 and the elective course (NUR312, HLT206 and HLT303) are ONLY offered via online mode. You may enrol in a maximum of 6 online courses during your program and must be enrolled in at least 1 on-campus course each study period
- NUR300 Session 4 offering is only available to students admitted in the program in Semester 2
- Refer to the Managing your progression page for help in understanding your program structure, reviewing your progress and planning remaining courses.