

# Bachelor of Nursing Science



Sunshine Coast, Semester 1 2025

## 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.

### Study Period 1

#### Semester 1

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
LFS103 Introductory Bioscience	• Semester 1, Semester 2	12	Pre: The online course offering is not available to students enrolled in a Bachelor of Nursing or Bachelor of Midwifery due to external accreditation.  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

### Study Period 2

#### 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

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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: NUR341
NUR116 Preparation for Practice 1	• Semester 2	12	Pre: NUR111 and enrolled in program SC391

#### 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	

#### Study Period 1

##### Semester 1

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
NUR231 Drug Therapy	• Semester 1	12	Pre: (NUR111 and NUR116 and (LFS103 or HLT100) and enrolled in SC391) or (NUR141 and HLT100 and enrolled in SC392) or (LFS103 and HLT100 and HLT132 and enrolled in SC393)  Anti: PAR231
NUR241 Contexts of Practice: Health Alteration	• Semester 1	12	Pre: (NUR111 and NUR116 and (LFS103 or HLT100) and enrolled in SC391) or (NUR141 and HLT100 and enrolled in SC392)

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Session 2

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
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 4

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
NUR227 Nursing Practice 2	• Session 4		Pre: NUR117 or NUR141 and NUR226 and enrolled in Program SC391 or SC392
NUR272 End of Life Care	• Online: Session 4	12	Pre: Enrolled in Program SC391 or SC392

Study Period 2

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

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

Study Period 1

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.

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NUR311

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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	• Session 2	Pre: NUR286 and NUR287 and NUR303 and enrolled in Program enrolled in SC391, SC392  Anti: NUR311	

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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

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OR another course with the approval of the Program Coordinator

Study Period 2

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

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Session 7

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
NUR300 Nursing Internship	• Session 4, Session 6, Session 7	24	Pre: (NUR287 and NUR303 and 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.

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

## Program requirements and notes

In order to graduate you must:

- Successfully complete 288 units as outlined in the Program Structure

Students who meet the following criteria are required to take the Clinical Connections module before they can commence 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).
- Those who have withdrawn from a clinical placement course prior to census date or have withdrawn retrospectively and have not completed a preparation for practice course within 12 months.

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 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.

#### WIL notes

This program includes compulsory placements in settings that require full COVID-19 vaccination.

It is a Queensland Government requirement that students undertaking a placement within a clinical setting are fit tested annually for an approved respirator. Clinical settings include hospitals, residential aged care facilities, residential disability care facilities, prison health services, youth detention health services, community health care settings, and vaccination clinics). If the Fit Testing requirement applies to placement activity within your Program it will appear in your mandatory checks on Sonia Online. In accordance with Australian Standards, you must be clean shaven for your fit test. Facial hair that lies along the sealing surface of a tight-fitting respirator prevents an effective seal. Therefore, it is a requirement that there is no hair growth between the skin and the facepiece sealing surface in order to achieve a fit. At this stage, there is no exemption in Queensland to this requirement for religious or other reasons and USC is unable to waive this requirement.

- Before undertaking clinical placement, students must obtain and maintain a current first aid and CPR certificate, provide evidence of hepatitis B and a number of other immunisations, undergo a criminal history check and obtain a Blue Card. Refer to

clinical placement details

for more information.