The Graduate Diploma in Cardiac Ultrasound program offers studies for practising cardiac scientists. The course uses a combination of block classes of approximately one week’s duration in each semester, web-based modules and clinical practice modules.

**Entry requirements**

**Academic entry requirements**

A completed recognised bachelor degree (or equivalent) in a relevant science or allied health field (e.g. medical imaging science, biomedical science or nursing); and

A minimum of three months full-time equivalent prior supervised, postgraduate hands-on clinical experience in cardiac ultrasound; and written proof of access to suitable clinical experience*.

*You’ll need to maintain access to suitable clinical experience for the duration of the course. In accordance with the Australasian Sonographer Accreditation Registry (ASAR) Program Accreditation Guidelines, it is recommended that students be engaged in cardiac ultrasound practice for a minimum of three days/week over a two year period, full-time equivalent, in an Australian or New Zealand clinical setting.

In order to provide evidence of prior clinical experience and access to clinical experience, you must submit a completed ‘clinical supervisor form’ with your application for admission.

**Closing date**

Closing date is 14 December. Applications received after this date may not be processed until the next available intake.

**Course structure**

The Graduate Diploma in Cardiac Ultrasound takes two years of part-time study to complete. All students are required to attend an intensive one-week block on campus at the beginning of each semester.

The structure of this course includes:

- formal classroom components and clinical skills development sessions conducted during the intensive on-campus blocks

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Tony Forshaw, QUT lecturer

**Real knowledge**

‘All the lecturers and teaching staff are senior sonographers in their clinical practice and experts in their field. We also have an array of specialists who come in during the on-campus blocks to share their knowledge with the students as well.’
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- comprehensive online lectures and self-assessment tutorials.

Applicants will need to maintain access to suitable clinical experience for the duration of the course.

Professional recognition
This course is accredited with the Australasian Sonographer Accreditation Registry.

Fees
FEE-HELP
You may be eligible for FEE-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your course fees, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the FEE-HELP information.

Student Services and Amenities Fee
You’ll need to pay the student services and amenities fee as part of your course costs. You may be eligible for SA-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your student services and amenities fee, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the SA-HELP information.

Scholarships
You can apply for scholarships to help you with study and living costs.
- Equity scholarships scheme

Advanced standing
Advanced standing is granted to students who hold the Diploma in Medical Ultrasonography (Cardiac) awarded by the Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine. See entry requirements for more information.

Course requirements
There are requirements that you will need to meet as a student in this course. You will need to identify these requirements and ensure you allow sufficient time to meet them.

The study mode of this course is external and students access the majority of course materials online. Therefore, all students will require computer access with sufficient internet speed to engage with the online lectures and tutorials.