Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedic) (HL49)

Year offered: 2012
Admissions: Yes
Course duration (full-time): 4 years
Domestic Fees (indicative): 2012: CSP $3,133 (indicative) per Semester
Domestic Entry: February
QTAC code: 425992
Past rank cut-off: 88
Past OP cut-off: 7
Assumed knowledge: English (4, SA)
Preparatory studies: For information on acquiring assumed knowledge visit http://www.qut.edu.au/assumed-knowledge
Total credit points: 408
Course coordinator: Enquiries to nursing@qut.edu.au 07 3138 3824; or paramedic@qut.edu.au 07 3138 3368
Campus: Kelvin Grove

Professional recognition
The course meets the requirements for accreditation by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council. Graduates meet the requirements for registration by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia and are also eligible for membership of the Royal College of Nursing, Australia (RCNA).

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) requires that graduates demonstrate English language skills at IELTS level 7 or equivalent before being considered for professional registration. For further information visit the AHPRA website: http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Registration-Process/Registration-Requirements.aspx

Please refer to the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia website for additional information on the Board's Registration Standards.

Graduates are eligible to apply to Paramedics Australasia for admission as a professional member.

Student registration
QUT automatically registers students enrolled in this course with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia in accordance with the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009. Details about student registration are available from the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency at www.ahpra.gov.au

Other course requirements
blue card: As required by the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act (2000) students must undergo a criminal history check and be issued with a Suitability Card (Blue Card) before commencing field experience/practicum in an organisation where they may work with children or young people. This is a mandatory requirement that must be met prior to undertaking any field experience/practicum program throughout your course. For more information, visit http://student.qut.edu.au/studying/jobs-and-work-experience/work-experience-and-placements/blue-cards.

The nursing clinical practice units require students to undertake block practicums of two or more weeks duration. Block practicums may be scheduled during semester breaks. Students will be required to wear a uniform including suitable footwear while on clinical practice. Students enrolling in this program are required to complete a course of vaccinations for Hepatitis B before commencing their clinical practice units. They are also required to have a current Senior First Aid Certificate or the equivalent prior to commencement of Clinical Practice 1.

The Queensland Ambulance Service specifies the following requirements before students can undertake a clinical placement with this Service. Information outlining these requirements will be available to all prospective applicants. Students will be provided with detailed information during semester one of first year.

a) Health Assessment - One role performed by paramedics is patient transport involving the use of a commercial vehicle. This requires different medical standards than those required of a private vehicle driver. Student paramedics may be required to drive an ambulance while undertaking the clinical practice units and as such will be required to undergo an "Assessment of Fitness to Drive a commercial vehicle" by a medical practitioner. All costs associated with health assessment are the responsibility of the applicant.

b) Criminal History - Applicants will be required to have a Police Records Check undertaken with the associated costs being the responsibility of the applicant.

c) Health Related Fitness Assessment - A large component of a Paramedic's work involves manual handling, which is defined as any activity requiring a person to lift, lower, push, pull, carry, move, hold or restrain any animate or inanimate...
object. Paramedics frequently perform all of these functions with patients weighing up to and over 150kg, while implementing various pre-hospital emergency care procedures. As such, students will be required to undergo a fitness assessment to ensure they possess the cardiovascular and muscular abilities to perform the role of a Paramedic.

d) Immunisations - It is a requirement for any student to be immunised against Hepatitis B before undertaking a placement in a Queensland Health facility. In addition to the above, QAS strongly advises students to be immunised against the following before undertaking a clinical placement: Tetanus, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Poliomyelitis.

Additional costs
For the nursing component: $550
Uniform, footwear, first aid course, hepatitis B vaccination.

For the Paramedic component: $1,200
Uniform, health and fitness assessments, criminal record check, immunisations, psychometric assessment, equipment.

Further information
For detailed information about this double degree, please call the School of Nursing +61 7 3138 3824 or email nursing@qut.edu.au or the School of Clinical Sciences on +61 7 3138 3368 or paramedic@qut.edu.au

Potential Careers:
Nurse, Paramedic.