Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry) (NS40)

Year offered: 2010
Admissions: Yes
CRICOS code: 003501K
Course duration (full-time): 2 years
Domestic fees (indicative): 2010: CSP $2,600 (indicative) per semester
International Fees (indicative): 2010: $10,250 (indicative) per semester
Domestic Entry: February and July
International Entry: February and July
QTAC code: 425252
Past rank cut-off: 93. Admission to course is based on prior study entry requirements in addition to a rank. Please refer to Entry Requirements.
Total credit points: 192 of study + 96 credit of graduate credit
Standard credit points per full-time semester: 48
Course coordinator: All course enquires to email: nursing.enquiries@qut.com or phone: 07 3138 3824
Campus: Kelvin Grove

Overview
Nurses are an integral part of the health sector providing health care to individuals, families and communities in a wide range of settings.

Why choose this course?
QUT has the longest running tertiary-based school of nursing in Queensland, with many years of industry consultation and experience. This long-term and extensive collaboration and partnership provides you with unparalleled practical experience throughout your course.

The course provides a good balance of nursing theory and practice, and you will undertake supporting studies in biological, behavioural and social science, and the humanities. You are supervised by academic and clinical staff considered leaders in the nursing field.

Approximately half of the learning experiences are clinically based to ensure you gain extensive practical experience as a nurse. Clinical placements are available in a range of public and private hospitals and community services throughout Brisbane and in regional and rural areas of Queensland.

Career Options
Nursing graduates have excellent employment opportunities in a variety of health care settings or health promotion agencies. These include public and private hospitals and nursing homes as well as community service areas such as community health, occupational health, domiciliary nursing services, school health, Aboriginal health, pathology laboratories, alcohol and drug dependence and the armed services.

Many nurses specialise in a specific area such as aged care, mental health, paediatrics, midwifery, intensive care, cancer, medical/surgical, community practice, emergency or women's health.

Nurses are in demand all over the world and QUT nursing graduates have been successful in obtaining employment overseas, including in Britain, New Zealand and North America.

Entry Requirements
Applicants must have completed a non-nursing bachelor degree (or equivalent) within the past 10 years. Applicants with degrees (or equivalent) completed more than 10 years ago must provide evidence of graduate work experience and/or further studies since course completion with their QTAC application to receive further consideration. Please read Real Options for further information on Graduate Entry to QUT.

Note that the entry cut-off rank may vary from year to year and also between February entry and mid-year entry.

Students who admitted to the graduate entry program will automatically received one year of academic credit which will entitle the student to complete the degree in two years (full-time).

OP Guarantee
The OP Guarantee does not apply to this program.

Campus
This course is only available at the Kelvin Grove Campus.

Professional Recognition
This course is recognised by the Royal College of Nursing, Australia (RCNA) as satisfying the academic requirements for admission as a professional member. The Bachelor of Nursing is an accredited Nursing Pre-registration course of the Queensland Nursing Council (QNC). For further information on registration requirements please refer to the Queensland Health website.

Other Course Requirements
It is a requirement of Queensland Health that all students undertaking a clinical placement in a Q Health facility complete The Essentials component of the student orientation package which is available on the Queensland...
Health website.

**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 Care (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://bluecard.qut.com.

**additional costs** The clinical practice units require students to undertake block practicums of two or more weeks duration. Students will be required to wear a uniform while on clinical practice, the cost of which is approximately $150. 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.

**Deferment**

QUT’s deferment policy does not apply to this course.

**Further Information**

For information about this course, please call the School of Nursing and Midwifery on +61 7 3138 3824 or email nursing.enquiries@qut.edu.au

**Full-time Course structure February Entry**

**Year 1, Semester 1**

- LSB111 Understanding Disease Concepts
- NSB118 Foundations of Nursing Practice
- NSB122 Clinical Practice 1
- NSB212 Clinical Practice 2

**Year 1, Semester 2**

- NSB222 Clinical Practice 3
- NSB223 Mental Health Nursing
- NSB324 Health Alterations and Nursing 1
- NSB423 Health Alterations and Nursing 2

**Year 2, Semester 1**

- LSB384 Pharmacology For Health Professionals
- LWS101 Ethics Law and Health Care
- NSB322 Clinical Practice 4
- NSB500 Health Alterations and High Dependency Nursing

**Full-time Course structure July Entry**

**Year 1, Semester 1**

- LSB282 Bioscience 2
- NSB111 Foundations of Nursing Practice
- NSB122 Clinical Practice 1
- NSB212 Clinical Practice 2

**Year 1, Semester 2**

- NSB222 Clinical Practice 3
- NSB223 Mental Health Nursing
- NSB324 Health Alterations and Nursing 1
- NSB423 Health Alterations and Nursing 2

**Year 2, Semester 1**

- LSB384 Pharmacology For Health Professionals
- LWS101 Ethics Law and Health Care
- NSB322 Clinical Practice 4
- NSB500 Health Alterations and High Dependency Nursing

**Year 2, Semester 2**

- NSB321 Professional Nursing Development
- NSB333 Clinical Practice 5
- NSB503 Promoting Health in the Community

**Elective list**

- Elective List (subject to availability and sufficient enrolments)
- NSB421 Independent Study
NSB600  Introduction to Nursing Children and Childbearing Families
NSB602  Pain Management and Nursing Practice
NSB603  Introduction to Cardiothoracic Nursing
NSB604  Nursing Practice and the Older Person
NSB606  Palliative Care Nursing
PYB257  Group Work
PYB360  Interventions for Addictive Behaviours

or any other 12 credit point approved unit

Health Unit prerequisites/corequisites

For information on prereqs & coreqs visit: www.hlth.qut.edu.au/study/forcurrentstudents/

Potential Careers:
Nurse.

UNIT SYNOPSISES

LSB111 UNDERSTANDING DISEASE CONCEPTS
This unit introduces the structure and function of the body, reviews the body systems and links those to mechanisms of disease. Systems and topics covered are: integumentary, skeletal, muscular, nervous, endocrine, blood, heart and circulation, lymphatic, immune, respiratory, digestive (including nutrition and metabolism), urinary, reproductive, concepts of growth and development, genetics. Examples of diseases introduced are: heart disease and hypertension, cancers (lung, breast, skin, colon, prostate, testicular, cervical), diabetes, depression, Parkinson’s disease, asthma and chronic obstructive lung diseases.

Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 4 per week  Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1

LSB282 BIOSCIENCE 2
This unit includes the introduction to diseases, infections and treatments and the body defence systems and control of infection and considers in depth the respiratory and cardiovascular systems and diseases which affect these systems.

Prerequisites: LSB182 or (LSB131 and LSB231)  Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 4 per week  Campus: Kelvin Grove and Caboolture  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-2

LSB384 PHARMACOLOGY FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
Health professionals such as Nurses, Paramedics, Podiatrists and Optometrists require a detailed understanding of the pharmacological properties of the medicines that are used daily in the treatment of patients under their care. This unit introduces students to the discipline of pharmacology by examining the interaction of drugs with biological systems. An understanding of pharmacology is fundamental to a student’s understanding of pharmaceutical products in terms of efficacy and safety and provides a rationale for their therapeutic use.

Prerequisites: (LSB111 or LSB282 or LSB382 (NS40)) or (LSB475 (OP45)) or (LSB235 and LSB250 (PU43 Podiatry))

Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 4 per week  Campus: Kelvin Grove and Caboolture  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

LWS101 ETHICS LAW AND HEALTH CARE
Nursing practice involves making decisions with and for others. This involves making evaluations of what is in the best interest of others, what are nurses’ obligations to others and what will best protect or enhance their well-being. Hence, decision-making in nursing practice is bounded by normative considerations and these normative considerations fall into two groups: those constituted by the law and those constituted by ethics. This unit has been designed to provide for nursing students and practitioners an opportunity to develop a reflective understanding of the place of law and ethics in nursing and a professional awareness of current legal statutes and ethical discussions as they apply to nursing practice.

Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 3 per week  Campus: Kelvin Grove and Caboolture  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

LSB118 FOUNDATIONS OF NURSING PRACTICE
Contemporary nursing practice demands practitioners that demonstrate professional clinical decision-making and the ability to utilise information and communication technologies to ensure high quality health care outcomes. Professional communication and high order thinking processes are vital to ensure high quality data collection and management. This unit introduces the fundamental principles, knowledge and skills that need to be considered when applying decision-making processes in nursing practice and using information and communication technologies.

Credit points: 12  Campus: Kelvin Grove  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

LSB122 CLINICAL PRACTICE 1
This is the first in a series of five clinical practice units that provide you with the opportunity to experience the practice of nursing in real world settings and to develop the knowledge, attitudes and skills required for safe practice as a beginning level registered nurse. This unit focuses on providing basic care to patients in a health care setting. In providing this care you will be drawing upon the knowledge gained from your studies in nursing, life science and behavioural science, and the expertise of registered nurses in the clinical setting. The skills that you develop in this unit
represent the building blocks of nursing care.

**Credit points:** 12  
**Campus:** Kelvin Grove  
**Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

**NSB212 CLINICAL PRACTICE 2**
This unit focuses on developing skills related to problem solving, decision making and care delivery for clients who are experiencing a range of health problems, including mental health problems. You will build on the general knowledge and skills that you have gained during your first year units through the application of concepts and principles to particular client problems, and the implementation of more complex nursing interventions. In working alongside registered nurses in various health care facilities you will develop a greater appreciation for the role of registered nurses in the provision of health care.

**Prerequisites:** NSB122. NSB122 can be studied in the same teaching period.  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** I  
**Campus:** Kelvin Grove  
**Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

**NSB222 CLINICAL PRACTICE 3**
Following on from Clinical practice 2 this unit continues to develop your skills in identifying health problems, developing plans of nursing care, delivering care, evaluating client outcomes and understanding of the role of the nurse in the health care team. This unit continues to focus on developing your skills related to problem solving, decision-making and care delivery for clients who are experiencing a range of health problems, including mental health problems. During your clinical practicum you will continue to work alongside registered nurses in a variety of clinical setting.

**Prerequisites:** NSB212  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Campus:** Kelvin Grove  
**Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

**NSB223 MENTAL HEALTH NURSING**
Nurses in all health care settings will encounter people with mental health problems and disorders. Mental health care is no longer provided solely by a specialised psychiatric service, but in a variety of general health and community settings. Mental disorders represent nearly 30 per cent of the non-fatal disease burden and are the leading cause of disability in Australia. As physical health improves, mental disorders are assuming an even greater impact on people's well-being. Mental health nursing skills will enable you to help a wide variety of clients to improve their quality of life and to achieve their highest possible level of functioning.

**Prerequisites:** NSB118  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3 per week  
**Campus:** Kelvin Grove  
**Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

**NSB321 PROFESSIONAL NURSING DEVELOPMENT**
This unit is designed to reinforce the link between personal development and clinical practice and highlights the changing workplace and ongoing professional development. As such, the unit focuses on clarifying the relevance of professional concepts such as management, teamwork, scope of practice, changing division of labour, codes of conduct and professional organisations by directly relating these to clinical experience and life long learning. Similarly, the unit considers and interprets clinical practice and the clinical environment by exploring ways in which knowledge is used to inform practice.

**Prerequisites:** NSB322  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3 per week  
**Campus:** Kelvin Grove and External  
**Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

**NSB322 CLINICAL PRACTICE 4**
Nurses play a pivotal role in the provision of contemporary health care in a variety of settings. This clinical unit offers you the opportunity to experience the diversity of nursing practice while providing care for patients with multiple health problems. The clinical practicum associated with this unit utilises a variety of clinical environments providing both hospital and community based care. Students also have the option of undertaking a clinical placement in a rural, remote, interstate, overseas or indigenous community area. In addition, advanced clinical concepts that build on the basic skills you have developed earlier in the program will be addressed.

**Prerequisites:** NSB222, NSB223, NSB324, and NSB423  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Campus:** Kelvin Grove  
**Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

**NSB324 HEALTH ALTERATIONS AND NURSING 1**
This unit will build on the concepts introduced in Foundations of Nursing Practice and enhance your knowledge and skills in clinical decision making processes. It will introduce nursing care and management of people across the lifespan in a range of environments and use a focus of acute and ambulatory health alterations based around selected body systems. As you progress through the course, the knowledge and skills you develop in this unit will be built upon and extended to meet the requirements of professional practice and consumer needs for quality health care.

**Prerequisites:** NSB118  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3 per week  
**Campus:** Kelvin Grove  
**Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

**NSB333 CLINICAL PRACTICE 5**
This is the final unit in the series of clinical units that provide you with the opportunity to consolidate the knowledge, skills and attributes required for safe, competent practice as a beginning level nurse. This unit builds on previous clinical units and draws upon concepts, principles and theories that have been developed through your studies in nursing and related sciences. Particular emphasis will be placed on the co-ordination of care for a group of clients, critical thinking
and reflection on practice, and confidence, efficiency and effectiveness in the implementation of nursing care.

Prerequisites: NSB322 Credit points: 24 Contact hours: Includes 8 weeks off-campus clinical experience
Campus: Kelvin Grove Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

NSB421 INDEPENDENT STUDY
This unit provides students the opportunity to independently explore a body of literature and/or research relevant to an area of interest in nursing. The unit enables students to extend their knowledge and understanding of a topic that is not specifically addressed elsewhere in the course. The emphasis, in this unit, is on the development of independent research, study and analytical skills. These skills are demonstrated first, in an assimilation of a range of materials into a clearly formulated written argument and second, in an oral presentation and discussion of the study material.
Credit points: 12 Contact hours: 3 per week Campus: Kelvin Grove Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

NSB423 HEALTH ALTERATIONS AND NURSING 2
This unit will build on the concepts introduced in Foundations of Nursing Practice and enhance your knowledge and skills in clinical decision making processes. It will introduce nursing care and management of people across the lifespan in a range of environments and use a focus of acute and chronic health alterations based around selected body systems. As you progress through the course, the knowledge and skills you develop in this unit will be built upon and extended to meet the requirements of professional practice and consumer needs for quality health care.
Prerequisites: NSB118 Credit points: 12 Contact hours: 3 per week Campus: Kelvin Grove Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

NSB500 HEALTH ALTERATIONS AND HIGH DEPENDENCY NURSING
This unit is the final of three units expounding on nursing management of acute and chronic health alterations that impact on people across the lifespan in a variety of settings. The focus of this unit is the utilisation of a clinical decision making process to provide comprehensive and holistic nursing management for people experiencing complex and/or life threatening health alterations, particularly in high acuity and palliation settings. Implementation of the clinical decision making process will be at a more advanced level to meet the multifaceted needs of these patients with complex needs in preparation for practice as a beginning level registered nurse.
Prerequisites: NSB324 and NSB423 Credit points: 12 Contact hours: 3 per week Campus: Kelvin Grove Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

NSB503 PROMOTING HEALTH IN THE COMMUNITY
Nurses have an important role in promoting the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities. An understanding of contemporary health and wellbeing issues for individuals and groups in our society with specific focus on health and chronic illness in the community. This unit builds on knowledge and understanding of the nurse's role in promoting health and wellbeing for people of all ages, families and communities.
Credit points: 12 Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

NSB600 INTRODUCTION TO NURSING CHILDREN AND CHILDBEARING FAMILIES
This unit provides an overview of the theoretical concepts and clinical application principles for practice in the areas in providing nursing and midwifery care for children and childbearing families. The emphasis is upon the childbearing process and the developmental stages of childhood and family dynamics. This is viewed as a normal process of growth and development, which will be affected by social, economic, legal and cultural factors. The focus will be on the promotion and maintenance of health.
Credit points: 12 Contact hours: 3 per week Campus: External Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

NSB602 PAIN MANAGEMENT AND NURSING PRACTICE
Making decisions about patient's pain and its management is a key component of nursing practice across a wide variety of patient groups and clinical settings. This unit examines the concept of pain and explores aspects of the nurse's role in relation to pain relief. It builds on introductory concepts that have been addressed earlier in the program through more detailed exploration of, and reflection upon selected concepts.
Credit points: 12 Contact hours: 3 per week Campus: External Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

NSB603 INTRODUCTION TO CARDIOTHORACIC NURSING
Cardiovascular disorders are commonly encountered by nurses practicing a variety of clinical settings. This unit provides an overview of cardiothoracic nursing and encompasses theoretical concepts specific to this specialty as well as related clinical skills. It builds on introductory concepts that have been addressed earlier in the program through more detailed exploration of and reflection upon selected concepts.
Prerequisites: NSB500 Credit points: 12 Contact hours: 3 per week Campus: Kelvin Grove Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2
NSB604 NURSING PRACTICE AND THE OLDER PERSON
Nurses have an important role in promoting, maintaining and restoring the health of older people and their families across a diversity of settings. Students will be encouraged to examine the independent role of the nurse and their role as a member of multidisciplinary teams. The unit focuses on the role of the nurse in assessing and identifying problems relevant to older people and making clinical decisions about care practices and outcomes. This unit will extend the understandings that you have developed in other theoretical studies and experiences in clinical practice.
Prerequisites: NSB225  Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 3 per week  Campus: Kelvin Grove  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

NSB606 PALLIATIVE CARE NURSING
The health and support needs of individuals who are dying are diverse and often change over time. To respond effectively to these needs, nurses require knowledge and skills to provide a palliative approach to care. In this unit, you will extend your knowledge of the needs of individuals diagnosed with various life-limiting illnesses. The unit will enable you to develop further your understanding of the core components of a palliative approach to care for these individuals. This unit will extend the understandings that you have developed in other theoretical studies and experiences in clinical practice.
Credit points: 12  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

PYB257 GROUP WORK
This unit provides an opportunity for experiential group learning, either intensively or in regular program times. It examines types of groups and varieties of group experiences: the importance and uniqueness of group medium; understanding behaviour in the group context; theories and models of group development; leader and member behaviours; planning; implementing and evaluating group methods; establishing groups and planning group approaches; the group as a therapeutic community; evaluating group work; ethical issues.
Prerequisites: PYB007 or PYB074 or HHB113 or PYB111  Antirequisites: HHB214 and SWB214  Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 1 week intensive between semesters 1 & 2  Campus: Kelvin Grove  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-2

PYB360 INTERVENTIONS FOR ADDICTIVE BEHAVIOURS
Addictive behaviours, in the form of alcohol-dependence, substance abuse and gambling, are recognised as major problems nationally and internationally. This unit focuses predominantly on psychological aspects of addictive behaviours. To establish a framework for learning, classes initially review issues relating to psychological models of addiction and methods of studying addictive behaviours. Issues pertaining to the symptomatology, etiology and assessment of addictive behaviours, as well as the theoretical underpinnings of a range of therapeutic interventions are also discussed. This unit encourages critical thinking and analysis with the aim of enhancing students’ understanding of the complex issues relating to management of addictive behaviours.
Prerequisites: PYB159 or PYB158 or PYB260 or NSB223  Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 1 week intensive between semesters 1 & 2  Campus: Kelvin Grove  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-2