Bachelor of Nursing - Graduate Entry

As a QUT nursing graduate you will be skilled in delivering safe and competent practice across diverse populations, responding to the challenges of health care with agility and resilience, and engaging consumers as informed partners in their health care.

Why choose this course?
The Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry) provides a pathway for applicants with a bachelor degree in any area other than nursing. Students are awarded the equivalent of one year of advanced standing (credit) and complete the course in two years instead of three.

Our course content reflects emerging developments in healthcare and nursing practice that have been identified through consultation with industry partners, discipline experts and research literature.

QUT’s School of Nursing is one of the largest and most established centres in Australia, with more than 40 years of industry consultation and experience. You will learn from some of Australia’s most respected and influential nurse academics and researchers.

Foundation studies will build your knowledge in key areas of anatomy, physiology, and pathophysiology, and will introduce you to professional nursing practice and contemporary healthcare service.

You will also develop an understanding of pharmacology with an emphasis on quality use of medicines. These studies are complemented with opportunities to apply nursing theory to clinical practice in our on campus facilities and in clinical placements off campus.

Graduates of this degree are prepared to excel in a profession where the scope of practice is expanding and there are greater responsibilities for delivery of more complex interventions in a range of healthcare settings and across diverse populations.

Our course recognises the increased demand for graduates who understand the importance of person-centred care and have the capacity to engage people as informed partners in their health care.

Melissa Toh
Make a real difference

‘One thing I loved about QUT was the practical placements. I’ve always learnt better in context, when I could see the relevance of my textbooks in real life. I am now a screening nurse living on Mercy Ships. I am one of the nurses who is responsible for finding appropriate surgical patients for the world’s largest civilian hospital ship.’
Real-world learning
With purpose-built, on-campus facilities that replicate the hospital environment, technology, equipment and scenarios, you will develop confidence and skills to work in a range of nursing environments.

Our Clinical Simulation Centre contains operational hospital rooms where you will practise with real equipment and the latest technology in a simulated environment.

Your experience in real industry settings begins with an observation activity during first semester of first year and continues with clinical placement experience every semester thereafter.

You will complete 840 hours of placement, with extensive support that includes continual feedback on your performance from clinical facilitators, and mentoring relationships with registered nurse mentors. You may also have the opportunity to apply to travel overseas and provide health services to communities in developed and developing countries.

Entry requirements
Academic entry requirements
A completed recognised bachelor degree (or equivalent) not in nursing with a minimum volume of learning of 1.00 year full-time (or equivalent) completed within the past ten years.

If you have completed your degree more than ten years ago you must provide evidence with your QTAC application of further studies of a recognised graduate certificate (or higher) studies undertaken in the last ten years.

Selection ranks
You will be considered solely on the basis of selection ranks from your prior degree studies plus any postgraduate studies you may have undertaken. Other qualifications and experiences may be allocated selection ranks for entry to other QUT courses, but will not be considered for this course.

Additional entry requirements
You must have attended and satisfactorily completed at least 6 years of primary and secondary education taught and assessed solely in English. At least two years of this education must have been between grades 7 and 12. This education must have been completed in one of the following countries:

- Australia
- Canada
- New Zealand
- Republic of Ireland
- South Africa
- United Kingdom
- United States of America

If you have not met these educational requirements, you are required to provide evidence of an acceptable English Language test (refer below).

English language proficiency
QUT requires you to demonstrate you can speak, write, read and comprehend academic English to a specified standard.

QUT’s English proficiency requirements for this course are:

- IELTS (Academic): 7.0 or better overall with no sub-score below 7.0
- PTE: 65 or better overall with no sub-score below 65
- TOEFL (IBT): 98 or better overall with a writing sub-score of 27 or better, listening and writing sub-scores of 24 or better, and speaking sub-score of 23 or better

The test must have been completed within two years prior to the proposed course start month.

Automatic advanced standing (credit)
If admitted to the graduate entry program you will automatically receive one year of advanced standing which will entitle you to complete the degree in two years (full-time).

Careers and outcomes
Nursing offers employment opportunities in Australia and overseas, in general and specialist areas such as emergency, paediatrics or mental health, and in other areas including community health, in-home care, school health, alcohol and drug dependence, and the armed services.

Many nurses complete further study and specialise in acute care nursing, cancer nursing, emergency nursing, intensive care nursing, mental health nursing, or paediatric, child and youth health nursing.

Professional recognition
This course has professional accreditation from the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council. Our graduates are eligible to apply for registered nurse status with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. Both students and graduates may apply for membership of the Australian College of Nursing.

Fees
HECS-HELP
You may be eligible for HECS-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 HECS-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.

Additional Costs
There are requirements that you will need to meet as a student in this course. Some of these requirements have associated costs. Information is available from the Additional course requirements and costs website.

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

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.

This course has a number of compulsory clinical practice units. One of these units will require students to undertake a four week clinical placement experience scheduled during the November - February summer break prior to the
commencement of the final year of studies.

Find out more about additional course requirements and costs.

**Inherent requirements**
There are some essential skills and abilities you'll need to perform to meet the core learning outcomes of your course or unit. They're not something you need to get into the course, but they'll be assessed throughout your course, and they'll be required for you to succeed in your career when you graduate.

Find out more about the inherent requirements for the Bachelor of Nursing.