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.’
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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
Prerequisite
A completed recognised bachelor degree (or equivalent) not in nursing completed within the past ten years with a minimum grade point average (GPA) score of 4.00 (on QUT’s 7 point scale).

Applicants in possession of a bachelor degree awarded more than ten years ago will be eligible for entry if they have completed additional postgraduate studies at graduate certificate level (or higher) within ten years of the planned date of course commencement; or

Completed a recognised overseas nursing qualification at bachelor degree level with a minimum grade point average (GPA) score of 4.00 (on QUT’s 7 point scale), that enables the applicant to work as a registered nurse in their home country. Applicants whose qualification/s were awarded more than ten years ago will need to provide evidence of recent work experience as a registered nurse, (that is, practice as a registered nurse no more than three years prior to the planned commencement date of the QUT Bachelor of Nursing).

Working with Children Check: blue card
You’ll need to apply for a blue card because you’ll be working with children or young people as part of this course. There’s no cost if you apply through QUT.

Students wishing to accept their offer must submit their blue card application forms:
- no later than 24 December for Semester 1 (February entry)
- no later than 24 May for Semester 2 entry (July entry)

Please submit your blue card application form immediately after receiving your offer. You won’t be able to accept your offer and enrol if you don’t submit your correctly completed blue card application form on time.

Apply for a blue card

Minimum English requirements
Students must meet the English proficiency requirements.

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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.

Additional fees
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.

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