Bachelor of Nursing - Graduate Entry (NS40)

Year offered: 2013
Admissions: Yes
CRICOS code: 003501K
Course duration (full-time): 2 years
Fees (indicative): 2013: $11,900 (indicative) per Semester
Additional costs You’ll need to pay some costs on top of your course fees. Additional course costs - http://qut.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships/additional-compulsory-course-costs

Start month: February, July
Commencement notes: Closing date for February entry is 10 December each year (closing date for acceptance of offer is 24 December each year; closing date for July entry is 13 May each year(closing date for acceptance of offer is 24 May each year)
QTAC code: 425252
Past rank cut-off: 33
Additional 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.

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

Course requirements
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.


First aid
Students are required to have a current Senior First Aid Certificate (or equivalent) which includes cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) prior to the commencement of their first placement. The certificate is to be updated every 3 years with the CPR component updated every 12 months. Students will need to cover this cost.

Uniform
QUT School of Nursing and Midwifery polo shirt, navy blue trousers/long pants with pockets, and suitable footwear (black, brown or navy leather shoes with a non-slip sole) are required for the Nursing component. Students will need to cover this cost.

Vaccination
You will be required to undertake clinical experience in healthcare settings. As a result, you will have direct patient contact during the placement and may be exposed to blood and body fluids of patients. Consequently you must be vaccinated for Hepatitis B and must provide a post vaccination pathological report or similar certification showing proof of immunity prior to undertaking the first clinical placement. Students will need to cover this cost.

Off-campus placements
Students will be required to undertake placements off campus and will need to cover travel and accommodation costs.

Clinical practice units in semester breaks
The clinical practice units in the nursing component require you to undertake block practicums of two or more weeks duration, which may be scheduled during semester breaks.

Clinical placements with Queensland Health

IELTS (International English Language Testing System):
Overall: 7.0, Subscores: 6.5
TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language): Overall: 100.0, Listening: 22.0, Reading: 22.0, Writing: 22.0, Speaking: 22.0

Total credit points: 192 of study + 96 credit of graduate credit

Course coordinator: All course enquires to email: nursing@qut.edu.au or phone: 07 3138 3824
Campus: Kelvin Grove
Attendance: Full-time

Course highlights
- Complete your degree in 2 years instead of 3 if you have a previous degree.
- QUT was the first provider of tertiary nurse education in Queensland and has over 30 years of experience and industry collaboration.
- Gain extensive practical experience, with approximately half your classes clinically-based.
- Prepare yourself for a career in public and private hospitals, nursing homes, community health, domiciliary nursing, school health, pathology laboratories, alcohol and drug dependence and the armed services.
- Opportunities for industry placements in public and private hospitals and community services in Brisbane and regional Queensland.
- Progress on to postgraduate study in acute care, ageing and dementia studies, cancer, emergency, intensive care, paediatric, child and youth health, or women’s health.

Details:

Why choose this course?
QUT was the first provider of tertiary nurse education in Queensland and has more than 30 years of industry consultation and experience. Our collaboration with industry ensures this course is innovative in design and produces graduates who can respond to real-world health challenges. Our partnerships with healthcare facilities mean you can complete your placements in areas of nursing practice that are of interest to you, for example, women’s health or paediatrics. You will also develop specific skills in the Clinical Simulation Centre, a facility that simulates environments and situations that mirror real workplace environments.

Course summary
During this course, you will study a combination of nursing theory and practice, with supporting studies in biological, behavioural and social sciences. A significant proportion of the course is clinically based, offering you unparalleled practical experience. Industry clinical placements are available in public and private hospitals and community services throughout Brisbane and in regional and rural areas of Queensland. You may also have the opportunity to travel overseas and provide health services to communities in developing countries. As a graduate nurse, you will have the confidence and technical skill base to provide high-quality services in a proactive manner.

Applicants who have completed a Diploma of Nursing (Pre-enrolment) will be awarded one year of advanced standing. This allows you to complete the Bachelor of Nursing in two years instead of three years.

Career outcomes
QUT nursing graduates are in high demand and have excellent employment opportunities in Australia and internationally. Graduates are employed in hospitals and nursing homes, as well as service areas such as community health, domiciliary nursing, school health, pathology laboratories, alcohol and drug dependence and the armed services.

Many nurses complete further study and become specialists in acute care nursing; ageing and dementia studies; cancer nursing; emergency nursing; intensive care nursing; paediatric, child, and youth health nursing; or women’s health.

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

Professional recognition
Graduates of this course are eligible for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. Graduates may also apply for membership of the Royal College of Nursing Australia.

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Full-Time Course Structure

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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. Antirequisites: LSB321, LSB365, LSB365, LSB475
Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 4 per week Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2013 SEM-1 and 2013 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 or CSB520 (OP45))) or (LSB235 and LSB250 (PU43 Podiatry))  Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 4 per week Campus: Kelvin Grove and Caboolture  Teaching period: 2013 SEM-1 and 2013 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: 2013 SEM-1 and 2013 SEM-2

NSB010 INTRODUCTION TO CLINICAL PRACTICE
Credit points: 12  Campus: Kelvin Grove  Teaching period: 2013 SEM-1 and 2013 SEM-2

NSB013 CLINICAL PRACTICE 3
Prerequisites: (NSB012 or NSB122) or NSB010. NSB010 can be enrolled in the same study period as NSB013
Equivalents: NSB212  Credit points: 12  Campus: Kelvin Grove and Caboolture  Teaching period: 2013 SEM-1 and 2013 SEM-2
NSB014 CLINICAL PRACTICE 4
Prerequisites: (NSB013 or NSB212) and (LSB182 or LSB111)  
Equivalent: NSB222  
Credit points: 12  
Campus: Kelvin Grove and Caboolture  
Teaching period: 2013 SEM-1, 2013 SEM-2 and 2013 SUM

NSB015 CLINICAL PRACTICE 5
Prerequisites: (NSB014 or NSB222) and (LSB282 or LSB382 or LSB111)  
Equivalents: NSB322  
Credit points: 12  
Campus: Kelvin Grove and Caboolture  
Teaching period: 2013 SEM-1 and 2013 SEM-2

NSB016 CLINICAL PRACTICE CAPSTONE
Prerequisites: Completion of 168cp of Nursing Units (NS%) inc NSB015 and Completion of 36cp of Life Sc units (LS%) and Completion of LWS101  
Equivalents: NSB333  
Credit points: 24  
Campus: Kelvin Grove  
Teaching period: 2013 SEM-1 and 2013 SEM-2

NSB018 PROFESSIONAL STUDIES 1: INTRODUCTION TO THE PROFESSION OF NURSING
Equivalents: NSB117  
Credit points: 12  
Campus: Kelvin Grove and Caboolture  
Teaching period: 2013 SEM-1 and 2013 SEM-2

NSB020 PROFESSIONAL STUDIES 3: TRANSITIONING TO RN PRACTICE
Prerequisites: ((NSB018 or NSB117) and (NSB019 or NSB224)) or (PYB110 or PYB210 or PUB384 or PUB461 or PUB561)  
Equivalents: NSB321  
Credit points: 12  
Campus: Kelvin Grove and Caboolture  
Teaching period: 2013 SEM-1 and 2013 SEM-2

NSB022 NURSING PRACTICE IN CONTEXT 2
Equivalents: NSB324  
Credit points: 12  
Campus: Kelvin Grove and Caboolture  
Teaching period: 2013 SEM-1 and 2013 SEM-2

NSB023 NURSING PRACTICE IN CONTEXT 3
Prerequisites: NSB021 or NSB118 or NSB022  
Equivalent: NSB223  
Credit points: 12  
Campus: Kelvin Grove and Caboolture  
Teaching period: 2013 SEM-1 and 2013 SEM-2

NSB024 NURSING PRACTICE IN CONTEXT 4
Prerequisites: NSB021 or NSB118  
Assumed knowledge: This unit assumes a sound understanding of the application of problem solving, decision making and evidence-based practice frameworks to the nurse's role in promoting activities of daily living for people across the lifespan. It also assumes development of knowledge of...  
Equivalent: NSB423  
Credit points: 12  
Campus: Kelvin Grove and Caboolture  
Teaching period: 2013 SEM-1 and 2013 SEM-2

NSB025 NURSING PRACTICE IN CONTEXT 5
Prerequisites: (NSB021 or NSB118) and (NSB022 or NSB324)  
Equivalent: NSB500  
Credit points: 12  
Campus: Kelvin Grove and Caboolture  
Teaching period: 2013 SEM-1 and 2013 SEM-2

NSB026 NURSING PRACTICE CAPSTONE
Prerequisites: Completion of 168cp of Nursing Units (NS%) inc NSB015 and Completion of 36cp of Life Sc units (LS%) and Completion of LWS101  
Equivalents: NSB503  
Credit points: 12  
Campus: Kelvin Grove  
Teaching period: 2013 SEM-1 and 2013 SEM-2