

Nursing & Midwifery

Bachelor of Science (Nursing) Preregistration

Course Code: 174910



Professional nursing education prepares graduates to be responsible informed nurses, through the acquisition and application of knowledge, skills and habits of mind. Learning is dynamic, student centred and should be a discovery process which encourages the development of critical thinking and problem solving skills, as well as promoting self-direction and self responsibility.

The program emphasises the integration of nursing theory grounded within clinical practice, to provide students with an opportunity for experiential learning. The School of Nursing and Midwifery is committed to quality teaching incorporating flexible modes of delivery involving a range of resources and technology in order to facilitate student learning. The use of a collaborative team teaching approach is essential for quality outcomes.

Course Organisation

The Bachelor of Science (Nursing) provides:

- A comprehensive nursing education program which will produce a graduate eligible to register as a beginning practitioner, competent to practise in a variety of contexts;
- A graduate proficient in the use of various technologies to enable further development of inquiry and research in the discipline of nursing;
- A graduate committed to personal and professional growth and life-long learning.

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Clinical Practice

During the course there is considerable emphasis on relevant clinical skills to meet the needs of a changing profession and community expectations. Approximately 50% of the program involves practical experience in a wide variety of hospital and community settings. Clinical time increases throughout the course offering a variety of different experiences for students. Clinical practice takes place in a variety of hospital and community settings in both the public and private sector. All students will be required to complete a rural placement.

Assessment Methods

Student learning is assessed from theoretical and clinical practice perspectives. Theory proficiency is assessed through problem-based learning via exams, essays, case studies, group work and student presentations. The development of clinical competence is assessed in laboratories using simulation and in clinical settings under supervision.

Duration and Availability

The Bachelor of Science (Nursing) is 27 units in duration or three and a half years of fulltime study or equivalent part-time. Units are available both semesters in internal study mode. International students studying onshore will be required to undertake a full-time study load. This course is offered in a variety of flexible learning modes which include face-to-face teaching, workshops, seminars, clinical practice, laboratories and online learning. Students have access to student facilities at Curtin which may include common room, library computing laboratories and web access.

Entry Requirements

Australian Residents

To apply for a Curtin course, applicants must satisfy university matriculation requirements including competence in English. Applicants from Western Australian secondary schools are selected principally on their Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER). There are no prerequisite subjects, however, one TEE mathematics subject, Human Biology and Physical Science are desirable. Mature aged applicants who have not matriculated may qualify either through a TER

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being calculated from two subjects studied at TEE level or through successful completion of the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT). A pass mark is required in the Verbal and Essay components of the STAT in order to be eligible for entry into nursing. Information regarding the STAT is available from TISC.

International Applicants

As well as the above criteria students must have:

- English language competency as per university entry requirements. Applicant will be required to demonstrate competence in English by having achieved a pass in one of the following tests:
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a minimum score of 570 with a TWE (Test of Written English) of 4.5 or TOEFL iBT of 92 with a minimum score of 23 in Reading, Listening, Speaking and Writing
- British Council/GCE 'O' levels or GCE 'A' levels
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with a minimum overall band of 6.5 each, with a minimum of 6.0 each for speaking and writing and reading and listening.
- CUTE A Level
- English Language Bridging overall score of 65% with no unit scores below 60%.
- Further information regarding international English language entry requirements is available: international.curtin.edu.au

Specific Requirements

Students are responsible for maintaining a level of health consistent with meeting the objectives of the course and the safe practice of nursing. Health screenings for a range of infectious diseases – MRSA, Varicella (Chicken Pox), Rubella, TB and Hepatitis B are requirements of enrolment into clinical practice units. A Department of Health criminal record screening and health screening must be obtained prior to students entering any clinical placement. More detailed information regarding these procedures will be forwarded to successful applicants with their letter of offer package.

Students are required to complete a Senior First Aid qualification by the completion of the first semester of the program.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Recognition of prior learning and/or exemptions may be granted to students who have successfully completed additional approved tertiary studies. Each application will be considered individually.

Professional Recognition

Graduates from this program are eligible to register with the Nurses Board of Western Australia (NBWA) as Division 1 comprehensive registered nurses.

Course Expenses

A full list of fees is available upon request. In addition, students may be expected to purchase a number of textbooks, reader and other study materials. For a full list of and explanation of fees and charges, please refer to fees.curtin.edu.au.

International Students

International Students studying in Australia on a student visa can only study full-time and there are also specific entry requirements that must be met. Please refer to international.curtin.edu.au or phone +61 8 9266 7331 for further information, as some information contained in this booklet may not be applicable to international students. Australian citizens and permanent residents and international students studying outside Australia may have the choice of full-time, part-time and external study. Information about TISC only applies to Australian residents.



Sample Course Structure

Year 1 Semester 1

Nursing & Health 111
Introduction to Nursing Practice 121
Sociocultural Perspectives on Health 131
Human Biology 133

Semester 2

Foundations of Health Care 112
Primary Health Care Practice 122
Indigenous Australia Health & Culture 132
Human Biology 134

Year 2 Semester 1

Research Foundations in Nursing 213
Health in Ageing 223
Lifespan Development 233
Nursing Bioscience 243

Semester 2

Professional Practice Issues 214
Adult Nursing Practice 224
Behavioural Responses to Illness 234
Nursing Bioscience 244

Year 3 Semester 1

Health Concepts in Family Care 315
Family Nursing Practice 325
Behavioural Perspectives of Families 335
Nursing Bioscience 345

Semester 2

Psychiatric Nursing Practice 326
Community Health Nursing Practice 326
Behavioural Perspectives of Mental Illness 336
Nursing Bioscience 346

Year 4 Semester 1

Transitional Nursing Practice 427
Management in Health Care 417
Transitional Nursing Practice 417

Please refer to the Curtin Online Handbook for information regarding units: handbook.curtin.edu.au.

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