

**Graduate Diploma of Health (GDHH) - GDHealth** New



- (3) have the skills to practice in a professional, legal and ethically justifiable manner according to professional requirements and standards, within a specialised context
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**International full fee paying place**

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

**Program structure**

The program consists of eight courses each worth one unit. There are two core courses common to all GDHH programs and six courses specific to the chosen specialisations.

**Program completion requirements**

Students are required to successfully complete [HEA8001](#), [HSC8050](#) and six courses specified for the chosen specialisations. Students who select to study GDHH (general) are required to successfully complete [HEA8001](#) and [HSC8050](#) (core courses) and six courses from the GDHH. To discuss which courses to study within the General specialisation please [contact USQ](#). All course pre-requisites must be met, and all courses chosen are subject to the approval of the Program Coordinator.

**Required time limits**

This program is offered on a part-time basis only. Minimum time to complete is two (2) years. Maximum time to complete is four (4) years.

**Core courses**

[HEA8001 Contexts of Practice](#), and

This specialisation prepares health care professionals working in independent clinical practice areas in the community such as community health centres or as practice nurses to develop their expertise in areas of chronic illness or community related health. It also offers the opportunity to develop expertise to promote resilience related to disaster experiences.

### **Mental Health**

This program prepares nurses to develop expertise in mental health care and enables them to work as clinically skilled members of mental health teams in developing and established services. This program is also open for other health professionals who wish to extend their expertise in mental health. Students seeking to complete a GDHH (Mental Health) are required to complete the courses listed for [GCHH Graduate Certificate of Health \(Mental Health\)](#) before progressing to graduate diploma level. There is one residential school required for this specialisation.

### **General**

Enables health professionals to personalise the courses studied to suit their own specific needs by completing the core courses ([HEA8001](#) and [HSC8050](#)) and six courses of their choice approved by the Program Coordinator to meet their professional learning objectives as well as overall program objectives. To discuss which courses to study within the General specialisation please [contact USQ](#). All course pre-requisites must be met, and all courses chosen are subject to the approval of the Program Coordinator.

**Other combinations of specialisations may be studied with the approval of the Program Coordinator.**

### **Elective courses**

Electives may be chosen from any of the GDHH specialisations, [Master of Nursing](#) or courses of the student's choice approved by the Program Coordinator.

### **Coursework**

[HEA8001 Contexts of Practice](#) and [HSC8050 Research Methodology for the Human Sciences](#) are core courses which must be successfully completed to graduate with GDHH.

### **Practical experience**

All students are normally required to have current employment as a professional in health practice to be able to complete the Graduate Diploma of Health.

### **Clinical requirements**

There is a compulsory clinical requirement for [ANP5002 Immunisation Nursing](#) (Rural & Remote or Advanced Clinical Practices for Health) only. This placement is coordinated through the USQ Professional Placements Office.

### **IT requirements**

Students should refer to the USQ [minimum computing standards](#) to check that their computers are capable of running the appropriate software and versions of Internet web browsers and to check the minimum and recommended standards for software.

### **Residential schools**

Residential Schools are scheduled in the Mental Health specialisation. Optional residential workshops may be offered at Springfield Campus for [HEA8001 Contexts of Practice](#) in Semester 1 and [HEA8302 Culture as a Determinant of Health](#) for Semester 2.

### **Articulation**

Postgraduate Certificate of Advanced Nursing Practice graduates within the last five years, are eligible for 4 credits when articulating into the [GDHH Graduate Diploma of Health](#) including the core course of [HEA8001 Contexts of Practice](#). Specifically Postgraduate Certificate of Advanced Nursing Practice students who have

undertaken [ANP5001](#), [ANP5002](#), [ANP5003](#) and [ANP5004](#) would be given credits for [ANP5001](#), [ANP5002](#), [ANP5003](#) and [HEA8001](#).

A student successfully completing the [Graduate Certificate of Health](#) program may apply to articulate into the Graduate Diploma of Health or [Master of Health](#). A student articulating without a break into a higher degree will only receive the award of the higher degree that they complete. Such students will be given full credit for all courses completed whilst studying the [Graduate Certificate of Health](#) or Graduate Diploma of Health (articulation to [Master of Health](#)). Students must advise the Faculty in writing of their intention to articulate and this must occur prior to completion of the [Graduate Certificate of Health](#) or Graduate Diploma of Health.

### **Related programs**

The Graduate Diploma of Health is a part of a nested program including the [Graduate Certificate of Health](#) and [Master of Health](#).

### **Exit points**

Students may exit on completion of 4 approved courses including [HEA8001](#) with a [Graduate Certificate of Health](#).

### **Credit**

Exemptions/credit will be assessed based on the [USQ Credit and Exemption Procedure](#).

### **Other information**

Students selecting the scheduled medicines courses [ANP8008](#), [ANP8009](#) and [ANP8010](#) must have and produce certified copies of annual medication competency certification. These courses are only available for students from Australia as they are specific to the Australian context.












**Health Leadership Specialisation recommended enrolment pattern - Semester 1 entry**

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

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**Mental Health Specialisation recommended enrolment pattern - Semester 2 entry**

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

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