

Postgraduate Diploma of Mental Health Nursing (PMHN) - PMHithNurs

The Postgraduate Diploma of Mental Health Nursing will be discontinued after Semester 2, 2014. The last intake of students into this program will be Semester 2, 2014. Students who are interested in this area should consider the the new [Graduate Certificate of Health](#) or the new [Graduate Diploma of Health](#) which will commence from Semester 1, 2015.

	Distance education
Semester intake:	No new admissions
Fees:	Domestic full fee paying place
Standard duration:	2–4 years part-time maximum

Contact us

	Current students
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Program aims

The aims of this course are to enable the graduate to:

- generate and apply knowledge about the biological, psychological, social, cultural and spiritual aspects of the human experience of health and illness
- work towards empowering individuals, groups and communities to achieve, maintain and restore optimal health
- gain advanced knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to practice as a specialist mental health nurse in primary, secondary and tertiary settings
- develop an awareness

- Registered Nurse (**You will need to provide a certified copy of your current registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency**) with a three-year degree or diploma from an Australian University or an equivalent qualification.
- Evidence of current employment in a mental health service as a registered nurse or of at least 12 months experience working in a mental health service.

Registered Nurses who wish to gain entry to the program on the basis of equivalent experience or qualifications or who have not studied an appropriate research methods course may be required to complete the course [NUR2300 Research Methods for Nursing](#) before being admitted to the program.

Domestic and International Applicants from a non-English speaking background are required to satisfy [English language requirements](#).

If you do not meet the English language requirements you may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, Applicants may be admitted to an Award Program.

Program fees

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [FEE-Help](#).

Program structure

The program consists of eight courses each worth one unit, four focusing specifically on mental health nursing. In the remaining four courses the focus of the assessment will be on mental health nursing.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 4 years to complete this program.

Clinical requirements

There are no clinical requirements.

IT requirements

Students should visit 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

One course, [MHN5130](#), has a requirement for a five-day compulsory [residential school at the Toowoomba campus](#).

Articulation

A student completing all courses in the Postgraduate Diploma of Mental Health Nursing program may apply to articulate into the [Master of Nursing](#) program, provided the student has not graduated from the Postgraduate Diploma. A student articulating to the higher degree will only receive the Master of Nursing award. Such students will be given full credit for all courses completed whilst studying the Postgraduate Diploma. Students

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