

Graduate Certificate of Health (GCHH) - GCHealth

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Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
Fees:	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Residential school:	Toowoomba campus (compulsory for Mental Health specialisation only)
Standard duration:	1 year part-time

Footnotes

The Graduate Certificate of Health (Rural and Remote) and (Scheduled Medicines) is only available to students who hold current nursing registration with the Australian Health Professional Registration Schedule to Health 0 1 285.50840735.57 Tm(Australian Health. Se 0 0 185.508rg185.508RG1 28

- (5) critically analyse relevant (i.e. clinical data, government policy, research findings), and apply this knowledge to their selected specialised area
- (6) develop a professional identity including independence, interdependence, authority and partnership
- (7) demonstrate competence in and appropriate use of language and literacy including spelling, grammar, punctuation and bibliographic referencing

Admission requirements

Application for Admission

Applicants must:

- be a registered health professional and working in a health related area;
- hold a minimum three-year undergraduate degree in a health discipline from an Australian or recognised international University or equivalent; and
- hold current registration as a health professional in Australia (AHPRA) or a recognised international registration qualification as a health professional (where relevant).

Admission Criteria

To be eligible for admission to the Graduate Certificate of Health (Rural & Remote) specialisation, applicants must:

- hold current nursing registration with the Australian Health Professional Registration Authority (AHPRA); and
- must have and produce certified copies of current basic life support competency and annual medication competency certification.

To be eligible for admission to the Graduate Certificate of Health (Scheduled Medicines) specialisation, applicants must:

- be registered as a nurse in Division One of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) and must be able to demonstrate at least one years' full-time clinical experience. Applicants must provide a detailed CV including education, clinical experience, professional development, and full time equivalent for each employer.
- USQ requires written confirmation that the applicant is currently practicing as a RN and can complete required hours of clinical mentorship in their workplace.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [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, you 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](#).

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 four courses each worth one unit. There is one core course ([HEA8001 Contexts of Practice](#)) common to all Graduate Certificate of Health specialisations and three courses specific to the chosen specialisation. HEA8001 Contexts of Practice is required for successful completion of the program.

Program completion requirements

Students are required to successfully complete [HEA8001](#) and three courses specified for the chosen. Students who select to study Graduate Certificate of Health (no specialisation) are required to successfully complete HEA8001 (core course) and three courses from the Graduate Certificate of Health approved by the Program Coordinator to meet the learning outcomes of the award.

Required time limits

This program is offered on a part-time basis only. Minimum time to complete is one (1) year. Maximum time to complete is two (2) years.

Specific specialisations

Graduate Certificate of Health (Gerontology) - is designed to enhance the knowledge and expertise of health professionals working with the older person in a variety of health settings. The program emphasises healthy ageing and uses a wellness model to promote the notion of older people living as well as they can, even in the face of illness.

Graduate Certificate of Health (Community Health) - enables experienced health and social well-being practitioners to develop the necessary theoretical knowledge and practical application skills to analyse and address human health and social well-being issues within a community health framework.

Graduate Certificate of Health (Rural and Remote Health) - has been developed for registered nurses wishing to further their knowledge and advance their nursing skills in the area of rural and isolated practice. Options for other health professionals who wish to extend their expertise in this area are currently at planning stage.

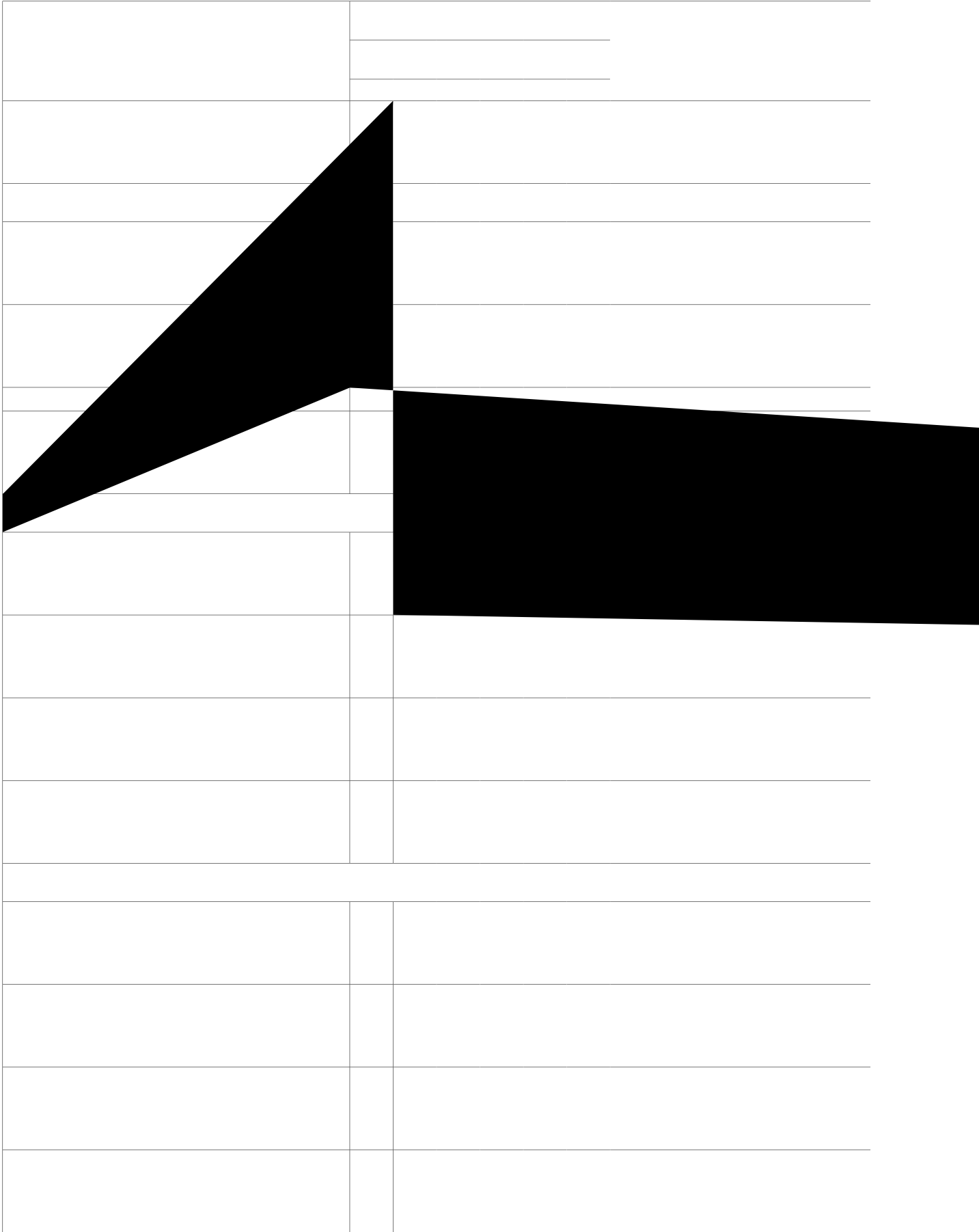
Graduate Certificate of Health (Rural Clinical Education) - enables health professionals to develop their knowledge and expertise to work effectively as clinical mentors, facilitators and preceptors in supporting the clinical education of students, peers and other health professionals with a particular, but not exclusive, focus on rural and non-urban settings.

Graduate Certificate of Health (Clinical Practice) - enables health professionals to complete the core course ([HEA8001](#)) and three of the clinical practice electives 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.

Graduate Certificate of Health (Mental Health) - 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.

Graduate Certificate of Health (Scheduled Medicines) - has been developed for registered nurses wishing to further their advanced knowledge and skills in the area of scheduled medicines, under protocol or permit.

Graduate Certificate of Health (no specialisation) - enables health professionals to complete the core course ([HEA8001](#)) and three courses of their choice approved by the Program Coordinator to meet their professional learning objectives as well as overall program objectives.



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