

Graduate Diploma of Health (GDHH) - GDHealth

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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/Springfield campus (compulsory – Mental Health) |
| Standard duration: | 2 years part-time, maximum duration 4 years |
| Program articulation: | From: Graduate Certificate of Health To: Master of Health |

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- (3) have the skills to practice in a professional, legal and ethically justifiable manner according to professional requirements and standards, within a specialised context
- (4) advocate and protect the rights of individuals or groups regardless of their cultural background, age and/or geographical situation
- (5) critically analyse relevant (i.e. clinical data, government policy, research findings) and apply this knowledge to their selected specialised area
- (6) strengthen their professional identity including independence, interdependence, authority and partnership
- (7) extend their capacity to search, critique and synthesise relevant research literature in relation to a topic within their speciality area of choice
- (8) develop an understanding of different research methodologies, including their application to a research question relevant to their area of specialisation
- (9) demonstrate competence in and appropriate use of language and literacy including spelling, grammar, punctuation and bibliographic referencing.

Admission requirements

Application for Admission

- (1) A minimum three-year undergraduate degree (AQF Level 7) in a health discipline from an Australian or internationally recognised University or equivalent;
- (2) Be a registered health professional and working in a relevant health related area; and
- (3) Hold current registration as a health professional in Australia (AHPRA) or a recognised international registration qualification as a health professional (if relevant).

Admission Criteria

Rural & Remote specialisation: To be eligible for admission to the Rural & Remote (incorporating Scheduled Medicines) specialisation, applicants must have and produce a certified copy of current basic life support competency and an annual medication competency certification. In addition, students selecting the scheduled medicines courses within this specialisation ([ANP8008](#), [ANP8009](#) and [ANP8010](#)) 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. These courses are only available for students from Australia as they are specific to the Australian context.

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 [xionalu0.566 Tw-0.0](#).

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 [HSC8050 Research Methodology for the Human Sciences](#) are required for successful completion of the program.

Specialisation

Gerontology

The program uses a wellness model to promote the notion of older people, living as well as they can even in the face of illness. The gerontology focus takes a broader perspective to address quality of life. The gerontology courses are designed to enhance the knowledge and expertise of health professionals working with the older person in a variety of health settings.

Community Health

The program 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.

Rural and Remote (incorporates Scheduled Medicines)

The program 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. With the incorporation of scheduled medicines, the program enables registered nurses to further their advanced knowledge and skills in the area of scheduled medicines, under protocol or permit. (See note under Other Information.)

Health Leadership (incorporating Rural Clinical Education)

The development of types of leadership and leadership issues from the perspective of teams is an essential component of health leadership preparing students for their role as leaders in their area. The program also 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.

Advanced Clinical Practice

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 C12.e1a9 Tw0 G0 2 Health

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

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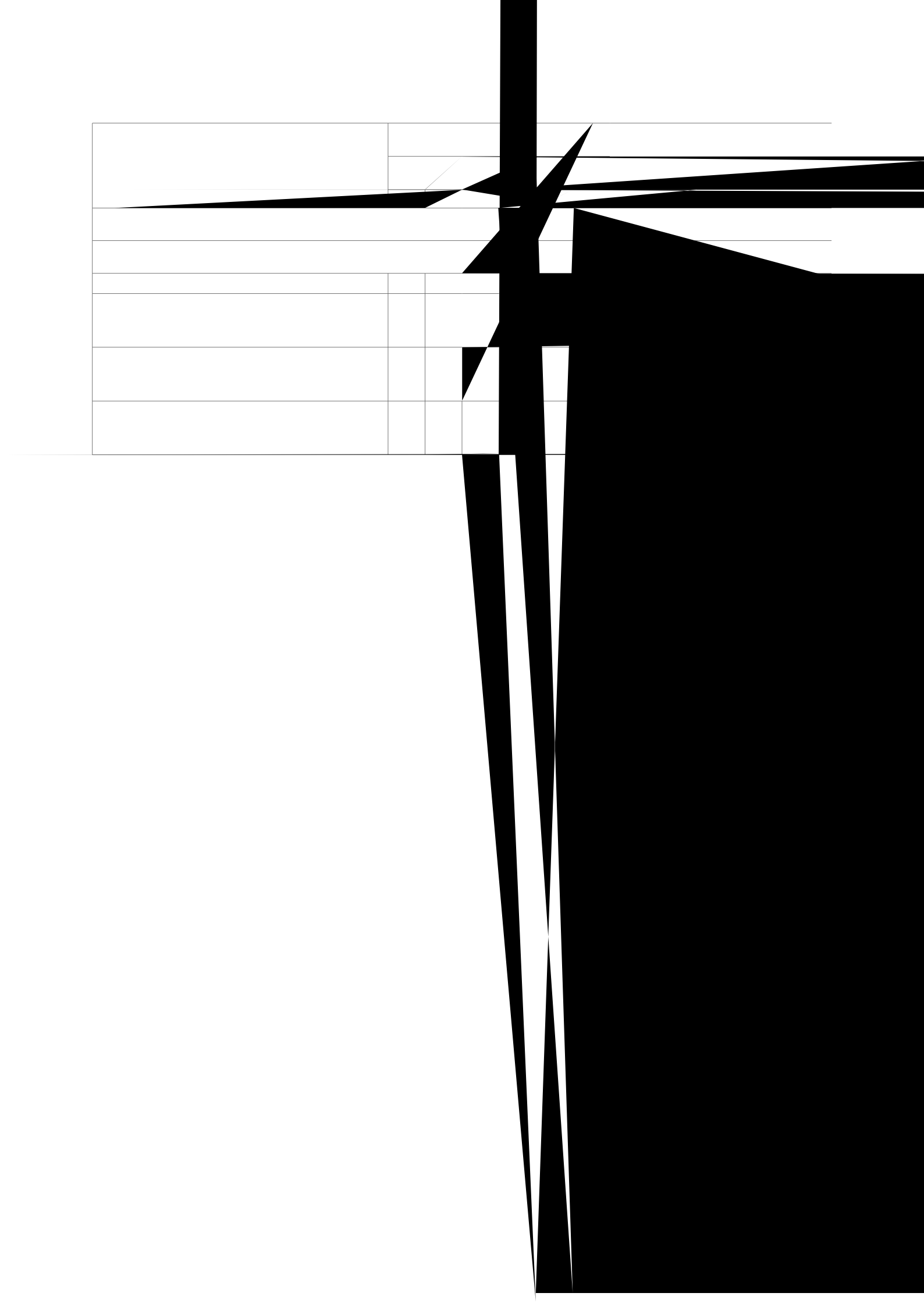
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| ANP8010 Situational Practice: clinical and critical decision making skills | | | 1 | 2 | | | Pre-requisite: ANP8008 and students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GCHH or GDHH or MOHH or MNSG or PDEV Co-requisite: ANP8009 |
| HSC8050 Research Methodology for the Human Sciences | | | 2 | 1 | | | |
| ANP5001 Introduction to Rural and Remote Nursing Practice | | | 2 | 1 | | | Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MNRS or PCNP or PDEV or MNSG or GCHH or GDHH or MOHH |
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Community Health 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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Health Leadership 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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