

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

Programs at USQ regularly undergo a comprehensive re-accreditation process to assure their relevance and quality.

## **Program objectives**

Graduates of the Graduate Diploma of Health will be able to:

- (1) critically reflect on their own clinical and educational practices
- (2) engage in effective, supportive, collaborative practice within a specialised context
- (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)

## Requirements for professional experience placements

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.

## 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. Students 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. Students 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 Contexts of Practice](#), [HSC8050 Research Methodology for the Human Sciences](#) and six courses specific

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 Clinical Education)

The development of types of leadership and leadership issues from the perspective of teams is an essential

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**Exit points**

Students may exit on completion of 4 approved courses including [HEA8001 Contexts of Practice](#) 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 Diagnostics and Assessment](#), [ANP8009 Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacology for Scheduled Medicines](#) and [ANP8010 Situational Practice: clinical and critical decision making skills](#) must have assessment

**Footnotes**

- # ANP5002 is only available to students who hold current Division 1 nursing registration with the Australian Health Professional Registration Authority (AHPRA) and are located in **Australia**.
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**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



**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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