

All of these standards can be found on the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia website: [NMBA Registration Standards](#).

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) will keep a [register of students](#) enrolled in the Bachelor of Nursing for the duration of their study or clinical training. USQ as the education provider will pass on students' details directly to the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) for registration. No fees are required.

Program objectives

Graduates of the Bachelor of Nursing will be able to:

- (1) direct their own learning and understand the [NMBA Scope of Practice of Registered Nurses](#) as responsible, reflective lifelong learners
- (2) apply clinical reasoning and clinical management using the nursing process and the best available evidence to provide safe, person-centred nursing care
- (3) demonstrate exemplary communication and interpersonal relationships working and leading intra-professional and interdisciplinary teams
- (4) plan, provide and evaluate comprehensive, safe, appropriate and responsive quality nursing care across multiple contexts and populations that meets NMBA Professional Standards of Practice.

Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 07. Graduates at this level will have broad and coherent knowledge and skills for professional work and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting www.aqf.edu.au.

Program Information Set

View USQ's admission criteria, student profiles and a summary of all offers made under [Course Admission Information Set](#) via the QTAC website.

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- Have achieved a minimum Overall Position (OP) **13**, tertiary entrance rank **72** or equivalent qualification.[^]
- Subject Pre-requisite: English (4,SA) or equivalent
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 3.

Applicants are advised to also address the following:

- Recommended Prior Study: Mathematics A (4, SA) or equivalent and one of Biological Science, Chemistry, Physics or Science or equivalent.

Satisfaction of admission requirements does not guarantee admission. Places within the Bachelor of Nursing are limited by quota. Quota size is determined by the availability of hospital placements. Where the quota is filled, no further places will be offered.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

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

^ These are determined by the University for specific programs each Semester. The 2019 OP and tertiary entrance ranks are based on agreed QTAC schedules which assess formal study at Year 12 or [equivalent level](#), tertiary, preparatory, professional or vocational qualifications or work experience, as detailed in the QTAC Assessment of Qualifications Manual and QTAC Assessor Guidelines.

Special admissions may help you get into the program of your choice by increasing your Selection Rank. The additional points don't apply to all applicants or all programs. Please read the information about USQ's [Special Admissions](#) carefully to find out what you may be eligible for.

Requirements for professional experience placements

Practical experience is an integral component of the program and each student is required to undertake and satisfactorily complete 840 hours of practical experience.

Progression into practical courses is dependent upon a pass grade in theoretical and other practical courses which have been set as prerequisites.

Applicants must be willing to undertake and submit the requirements of the University of Southern Queensland and Queensland Health for practical placement. Please refer to the applicable [Professional Practice Experience Handbook](#) for Nursing and Midwifery Students.

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of a students' higher education and students pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

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 Bachelor of Nursing consists of 24 credit point units (24 mandatory courses) as listed in the standard progression for commencing students.

The Bachelor of Nursing is an integrated curriculum, which provides foundational knowledge and then builds on this with a mix of theory, clinical simulation and professional placements. Pre-requisite courses are strict requirements for professional placement courses. Students need to ensure their enrolments align with established

NUR2102 Chronic Care Across the Lifespan B	NUR2204 Acute Care Across the Lifespan B	
NUR2000 Medications Management	NUR2299 Chronic Care in Practice	
	NUR3599 Mental Health Care in Practice	
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NUR3201 Quality, Safety and Risk		
NUR3299 Transition to Professional Practice A		
NUR3499 Transition to Professional Practice B [#]		
NUR3020 Professional Transitions [~]		

Footnotes

This course must be completed in the fi

Semester 1	Semester 2
Year 1	
NSC2500 Pharmacology and Pathophysiology in Health	NUR2203 Acute Care Across the Lifespan A
NUR2101 Chronic Care Across the Lifespan A	NUR2204 Acute Care Across the Lifespan B
NUR2102 Chronic Care Across the Lifespan B	NUR2300 Evidence Based Nursing Practice
NUR2000 Medications Management	NUR2299 Chronic Care in Practice
Year 2	
NUR3020 Professional Transitions~	NUR2200 Mental Health Care Across the Lifespan
NUR2399 Acute Care in Practice	NUR3599 Mental Health Care in Practice*
NUR3201 Quality, Safety and Risk	NUR3101 Primary Health Care in a Global Context
NUR3299 Transition to Professional Practice A	NUR3499 Transition to Professional Practice B [#]

Footnotes

~ A single semester 3 online offering of this course is available in 2019 only.

* Concurrent study with NUR2200 Mental Health Care Across the Lifespan this cohort only due to course offer change.

This course must be completed in the final semester of this program for students on this progression.

Standard enrolment pattern (BNSG) - Endorsed Enrolled Nurses (EEN) with 8 exemptions - Semester 1 start (includes Semester 3 study)

(Exemptions: NUR1120; NUR1102; BIO1203; NUR1100; NUR1299; NUR1202; NUR1201; NUR3030)

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Year 1		
NSC2500 Pharmacology and Pathophysiology in Health	NUR2203 Acute Care Across the Lifespan A	NUR2300 Evidence Based Nursing Practice
NUR2101 Chronic Care Across the Lifespan A	NUR2204 Acute Care Across the Lifespan B	
NUR2102 Chronic Care Across the Lifespan B	NUR2200 Mental Health Care Across the Lifespan	
NUR2000 Medications Management	NUR2299 Chronic Care in Practice	
Year 2		
NUR3020 Professional Transitions~	NUR3599 Mental Health Care in Practice	
NUR2399 Acute Care in Practice	NUR3101 Primary Health Care in a Global Context	
	NUR3499 Transition to	

NUR2000 Medications Management		
Year 3		
NUR3201 Quality, Safety and Risk		
NUR3299 Transition to Professional Practice A		
NUR3499 Transition to Professional Practice B [#]		
NUR3020 Professional Transitions [~]		

Footnotes

This course must be completed in the final semester of this program.

~ A single semester 3 online offering of this course is available in 2019 only.

(2017 transition pattern only) Standard enrolment pattern - Endorsed Enrolled Nurses (EEN) and International Registered Nurses (BNSG) with 8 exemptions -

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.

Credit

Endorsed Enrolled Nurses

Endorsed Enrolled Nurses applying for exemptions must supply documentation including a certified copy of their Diploma of Nursing and a certified copy of their current Enrolment licence from Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA). Endorsed Enrolled Nurses with a Diploma of Nursing from a VET institute or equivalent may apply for up to eight exemptions in the Bachelor of Nursing program (two full-time semesters).

Enrolled nurses and Endorsed Enrolled Nurses who are completing their qualification at VET should contact study@usq.edu.au for advice on direct articulation pathways from VET and possible exemptions. Exemptions must comply with the university regulations from the [USQ Credit and Exemption Procedure](#).

Transfer Students: Students who wish to transfer components of other accredited Bachelor of Nursing programs and students with prior university credit should contact usq.support@usq.edu.au to apply for possible exemptions. Exemptions/credit will be assessed based on the [USQ Credit and Exemption Procedure](#).

International students who have a Registered Nurse qualification from an approved education institution under NOOSR guidelines may apply for exemptions in the program. Please refer to USQ International for information about how to apply.

Enrolment

The Bachelor of Nursing program is offered with a variety of progressions over full-time or part-time enrolment patterns. Students may also utilise courses offered in Semester 3 to load-spread their program (quotas apply for Semester 3 courses).

The Bachelor of Nursing is an integrated curriculum, which provides foundational knowledge and then builds on this with a mix of theory, clinical simulation and professional placements. Pre-requisite courses are strict requirements for professional placement courses. Students need to ensure their enrolments align with established enrolment patterns. Students who enrol outside these enrolment patterns can expect significant challenges in scheduling on-campus requirements (weekly classes or residential schools) with the requirements of professional placements.

External Study

External enrolment in the Bachelor of Nursing requires significant on-campus commitments including residential schools (Toowoomba and Ipswich campus) in most semesters of up to two weeks duration as well as face-to-face clinical placements. Students must be prepared to travel to clinical placements, and at times this will require periods of living away from home for up to four weeks. Enrolment externally in the Bachelor of Nursing is not available to International students. Visa requirements for International students require significant on-campus attendance.

Bachelor of Nursing - Recommended enrolment pattern

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, e

