

Graduate Diploma of Health (GDHH) - GDHealth

Programs at USQ regularly undergo a comprehensive re-accreditation process to assure their relevance and quality. This program is currently being re-accredited and, as a consequence, is likely to undergo some changes. Full details will be made available when it is approved. If you have any questions, please [contact us](#).

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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 practice, 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.

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 08. Graduates at this level will have advanced knowledge and skills for professional or highly skilled work and/or further learning.

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

Admission requirements

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

- Completion of an Australian university three year Bachelor degree in a health related field, or equivalent.
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 3.

Admission Criteria

Rural & Remote specialisation: To be eligible for admission to the Rural & Remote (incorporating Scheduled Medicines) specialisation, applicants must:

- be registered as a Division 1 Registered Nurse 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, or equivalent.

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](#)

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 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 ef

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 and produce certified copies of annual medication competency certification. These courses are only available for students from Australia as they are specific to the Australian context.

Enrolment

Part-Time Enrolment - This program is only offered as a part-time enrolment pattern of up to two (2) courses in each semester.

Mid-Year intake

Students may commence the program in Semester 2 as per the recommended enrolment pattern however in some instances may not be able to complete within 4 semesters. Refer to recommended enrolment pattern.

Rural and Remote 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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HEA8001 Contexts of Practice					1	1,2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BHEH or MNRS or MNSG or PDEV or GCHH or GDHH or MOHH or DOHH or GDNG or GCNM or GCHE
ANP8008 Diagnostics and Assessment					1	1,2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BHEH or MNSG or MNRS or PDEV or GCHH or GDHH or MOHH or GCNM
ANP8009 Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacology for Scheduled Medicines					1	1,2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BHEH or GCHH or GDHH or MOHH or MNRS or MNSG or PDEV or GCNM.
ANP8010 Situational Practice: clinical and critical decision making skills					1	2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BHEH or GCHH or GDHH or MOHH or MNSG or PDEV or GCNM Co-requisite: ANP8008 and 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: PDEV or MNSG or GCHH or GDHH or MOHH or GDNG
ANP5002 Immunisation Nursing ^{**}			2	2			Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MNRS or

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ANP8003 Management in Health Care Practice					3	1	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following programs: BHEH or M NRS or PDEV or MNSG or GDHH or MOHH or GCCO or MCCO or GDCN or GCHH

Footnotes

[NUR8550 Professional Studies 1](#) or [NUR8340 The Law and Health Care Practice](#)