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

This program is offered only to continuing students. No new admissions will be accepted. Students who are interested in this study area should consider the GDNG Graduate Diploma of Nursing which will be offered from Semester 1 2021.

	External				
Start:	No new admissions				
Campus:	Toowoomba				
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place				
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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- (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**

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.

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called HELP provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.	FEE-

Enables health professionals to personalise the courses studied to suit their own specific needs by completing the core courses (HEA8001 Contexts of Practice and HSC8050 Research Methodology for the Human Sciences (or an approved course)) and six courses of their choice approved by the Program Coordinator to meet their professional learning objectives as well as overall program objectives. 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.

Other combinations of specialisations may be studied with the approval of the Program Coordinator.

# **Electives/Approved courses**

Approved courses may be chosen from any of the Graduate Diploma of Health (GDHH) specialisations, Master of Nursing or courses of the student's choice approved by the Program Coordinator.

# **Practical experience**

All students are normally required to have current employment as a professional in health practice to be able to complete the Graduate Diploma of Health.

# IT requirements

Students should refer to 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.

#### **Articulation**

Postgraduate Certificate of Advanced Nursing Practice graduates within the last five years, are eligible for 4 credits when articulating into the GDHH Graduate Diploma of Health including the core course of HEA8001 Contexts of Practice. Specifically Postgraduate Certificate of Advanced Nursing Practice students who have undertaken ANP5001, ANP5002, ANP5003 and ANP5004 would be given credits for ANP5001, ANP5002, ANP5003 and HEA8001.

A student successfully completing the Graduate Certificate of Health program may apply to articulate into the Graduate Diploma of Health or Master of Health. A student articulating without a break into a higher degree will only receive the award of the higher degree that they complete. Such students will be given full credit for all courses completed whilst studying the Graduate Certificate of Health or Graduate Diploma of Health (articulation to Master of Health). Students must advise the Faculty in writing of their intention to articulate and this must occur prior to completion of the Graduate Certificate of Health or Graduate Diploma of Health.

## Related programs

The Graduate Diploma of Health is a part of a nested program including the Graduate Certificate of Health and Master of Health.

## **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



# Rural and Remote 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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