

Graduate Certificate of Nursing (GCNG) - GCNursing

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Program objectives

On successful completion of this program a graduate should be able to:

- Apply specialised knowledge, skills and technical competencies within specific health contexts.
- Effectively communicate using high-level written and oral language skills with people of diverse ages, backgrounds and needs.
- Collaborate with a range of healthcare professionals to achieve the best possible healthcare outcomes for individuals and communities.
- Reflect on practice to facilitate awareness and knowledge of one's own cognition and abilities.
- Critically analyse, synthesise and evaluate a range of data and evidence to provide solutions to complex nursing problems

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 or equivalent three-year bachelor degree in the area of Nursing.
- Current Professional Registration as a Division 1 Nurse or equivalent with either Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency ([AHPRA](#)) or relevant regulatory body in applicant's home country.
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 4.

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.

Requirements for professional experience placements

There are no clinical requirements in this program unless candidates select an approved course that contains a clinical requirement. Courses with a clinical requirement are not available to International 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 Schedules](#).

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

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Choose one of the following three courses:	2	EXT
COU8103 Counselling Issues and Contexts [#]	1	EXT
COU8101 Counselling Skills and Applications [#]	2	EXT
COU8104 Counselling Frameworks [#]		

Footnotes

This course has a mandatory residential school

Rural and Remote Specialisation

Specialisation Courses	Semester(s) Offer	Mode
ANP5001 Introduction to Rural and Remote Nursing Practice	1	ONL
ANP5003 Emergency Nursing in Isolated Practice	2	ONL

General Specialisation

Specialisation Courses	Semester(s) Offer	Mode
Selection two from the following approved courses:		
HEA8101 Foundations of Gerontology Practice	1	ONL
HEA8102 Perspectives of Healthy Ageing	2	ONL
HEA8104 Alzheimers and Dementia: Contemporary Perspectives	1	ONL
HEA8105 Perspectives on `End-of-Life'	2	ONL
HEA8302 Culture as a Determinant of Health	1,2	ONL
ANP8003 Management in Health Care Practice	1	ONL
ANP8011 Clinical Leadership in Contemporary Health Care Practice	2	ONL
HEA8201 Introduction to Clinical Education	1	ONL
HEA8202 Innovative Learning Strategies for Healthcare Environment	2	ONL
NUR8550 Professional Studies 1	1,2	ONL
ANP5002 Immunisation Nursing ^{+,*}	1,2	EXT S1, ONL S2
COU8103 Counselling Issues and Contexts [#]	2	EXT
COU8101 Counselling Skills and Applications [#]	1	EXT
COU8104 Counselling Frameworks [#]	2	EXT

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.

* Clinical component

This course has a mandatory residential school

Residential schools

The attendance requirement of residential schools within this degree is indicated by the following letters: R = Recommended; HR = Highly Recommended; M = Mandatory. To find out more about [residential schools](#), visit the [Residential School Schedule](#) to view specific dates for your degree, or visit the [Policy and Procedure Library](#)

your degree, or visit the Policy and Procedure Library. The Mental Health specialisation has mandatory residential schools. The mandatory residential schools will be held at Ipswich, or Toowoomba campus.

- [COU8103 Counselling Issues and Contexts](#)
- [COU8101 Counselling Skills and Applications](#)
- [COU8104 Counselling Frameworks](#)

Articulation

Students completing the Graduate Certificate of Nursing have the ability to articulate into the [Graduate Diploma of Nursing](#).

Related programs

The Graduate Certificate of Nursing is nested in the [Graduate Diploma of Nursing](#) and

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