

## Graduate Certificate of Health (GCHH) - GCHealth

|                            | On-campus*                                 | Distance education#  |
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| <b>Semester intake:</b>    | Semester 1 (February)<br>Semester 2 (July) | Semester 1 (February)<br>Semester 2 (July)                             |
| <b>Campus:</b>             | Fraser Coast                               | -  |
| <b>Fees:</b>               | Domestic full fee paying place             | Domestic full fee paying place<br>International full fee paying place  |
| <b>Residential school:</b> |  | Toowoomba campus (compulsory for<br>Mental Health specialisation only) |
| <b>Standard duration:</b>  | 1 year part-time                           |  |

### Footnotes

- \* The Graduate Certificate of Health (Gerontology) is the only specialisation to be offered via intensive face to face mode and the on-campus mode is only offered at the Fraser Coast campus. This specialisation is available via distance mode. Evaluation of this offering may lead to other face to face offerings of this and other specialities at one or more USQ campuses, subject to demand and sustainability.
- # The Graduate Certificate of Health (Rural and Remote) and (Scheduled Medicines) is only available to students who hold current nursing registration with the Australian Health Professional Registration Authority (AHPRA) and are located in Australia. See [Admission Requirements](#).

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### Professional accreditation

The Graduate Certificate of Health (Scheduled Medicines) is accredited with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) to enable graduates to apply for 'scheduled medicines endorsement' through the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

### Program aims

The aim of the Graduate Certificate of Health is to enable health professionals to extend their professional knowledge, expertise and capacity within one of the following specialised areas of health care:

- Rural and remote health
- Scheduled Medicines (for nurses)
- Community health
- Gerontology
- Rural clinical education
- Mental health

### Program objectives

Graduates of the Graduate Certificate 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) 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) develop a professional identity including independence, interdependence, authority and partnership
- (7) demonstrate competence in and appropriate use of language and literacy including spelling, grammar, punctuation and bibliographic referencing

## **Admission requirements**

### **Application for Admission**

Applicants must:

- be a registered health professional and working in a health related area;
- hold a minimum three-year undergraduate degree in a health discipline from an Australian or recognised international University or equivalent; and
- hold current registration as a health professional in Australia (AHPRA) or a recognised international registration qualification as a health professional (where relevant).

### **Admission Criteria**

To be eligible for admission to the Graduate Certificate of Health (Rural & Remote) specialisation, applicants must:

- hold current nursing registration with the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Authority (AHPRA) to be eligible, and apply this)Tj19.371 4.

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. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

### **Program structure**

The program consists of four courses each worth one unit. There is one core course ([HEA8001 Contexts of Practice](#)) common to all Graduate Certificate of Health specialisations and three courses specific to the chosen. HEA8001 Contexts of Practice is required for successful completion of the program.

### **Program completion requirements**

Students are required to successfully complete [HEA8001](#) and three courses specified for the chosen. Students who select to study Graduate Certificate of Health (no specialisation) are required to successfully complete HEA8001 (core course) and three courses from the Graduate Certificate of Health approved by the Program Coordinator to meet the learning outcomes of the award.

### **Required time limits**

This program is offered on a part-time basis only. Minimum time to complete is one (1) year. Maximum time to complete is two (2) years.

### **Major studies objectives**

**Graduate Certificate of Health (Gerontology)** - is designed to enhance the knowledge and expertise of health professionals working with the older person in a variety of health settings. The program emphasises healthy ageing and uses a wellness model to promote the notion of older people living as well as they can, even in the face of illness.

**Graduate Certificate of Health (Community Health)** - 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.

**Graduate Certificate of Health (Rural and Remote Health)** - 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.

**Graduate Certificate of Health (Rural Clinical Education)** - enables health professionals to develop their knowledge and expertise to work effectively as clinical mentors, facilitators and preceptors in supporting the clinical education of students, peers and other health professionals with a particular, but not exclusive, focus on rural and non-urban settings.

**Graduate Certificate of Health (Mental Health)** - prepares nurses to develop expertise in mental health care and enables them to work as clinically skilled members of mental health teams in developing and established services. This program is also open for other health professionals who wish to extend their expertise in mental health.

**Graduate Certificate of Health (Scheduled Medicines)** - has been developed for registered nurses wishing to further their advanced knowledge and skills in the area of scheduled medicines, under protocol or permit.

**Graduate Certificate of Health (no specialisation)** - enables health professionals to complete the core course ([HEA8001](#)) and three courses of their choice approved by the Program Coordinator to meet their professional learning objectives as well as overall program objectives.

## **Clinical requirements**

There is a compulsory clinical requirement for GCHH (Rural & Remote) only. This placement is coordinated through the USQ Professional Placements Office.

## **IT requirements**

Students should refer to USQ [minimum computing standards](#) (information about the minimum IT-related requirements necessary for the successful completion of the program).

## **Residential schools**

Residential Schools are scheduled in the Mental Health specialisation ([MHN5130](#)), and intensive teaching schools are scheduled at Fraser Coast for the on-campus offering of the Aged Care specialisation at that campus.

## **Articulation**

A student successfully completing all courses in the Graduate Certificate of Health program may apply to articulate into the Graduate Diploma of Health/Master of Health, provided the student has not graduated from the Graduate Certificate. A student articulating 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. 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.

## **Related programs**

The Graduate Certificate of Health is nested in the Graduate Diploma of Health/Master of Health.

## **Credit**

Credit will only be considered where students have completed, within the last five years, a course which has at least 80% equivalency with courses in the GCHH (maximum two courses).

## **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 inonly of

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| ANP5002 Immunisation Nursing <sup>^**</sup>  |                            |      | 1                 | 2    |                  |  |
| ANP5003 Emergency Care   |                            |      | 1                 | 2    |                  | Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MNRS or PCNP or PDEV or GCHH or GDHH or MO HH |
| <b>Rural and Remote – Semester 2 intake</b>  |                            |      |                   |      |                  |  |
| HEA8001 Contexts <del>6006000000</del>   |                            | 1    | 2                 | 1    | 2                | Pre-requisite: Students <del>6006000000</del><br>NRS or MNSG   |
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| <a href="#">MHN5120 Advanced Mental Health Nursing 1</a>   |   |      | 1                  | 1    |                  |  | Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MMI#N or PMHN or MOHH or GDHH           |
| <a href="#">HEA8302 Culture as a Determinant of Health</a> |   |      | 1                  | 1,2  |                  |  | Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GCHH or GDHH or MOHH or PMHN or MNRS or |
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