

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.
- A minimum of one years' professional work experience.
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 3.

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 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 Master's program contains twelve units. There are nine compulsory courses of one unit each and three units as approved courses.

Program completion requirements

To qualify for the award of Master of Nursing, a candidate must complete or be exempted from courses with a total value of twelve units within five years of first admission to the program, subject to the following.

Of the units counted to qualify for the award:

- (1) at least six units shall be for courses completed at USQ
- (2) nine units made up of the following courses:
 - [NUR8060 Health Policy Analysis and Review](#)
 - [HSC8050 Research Methodology for the Human Sciences](#)
 - [NUR8340 The Law and Health Care Practice](#)
 - [NUR8550 Professional Studies 1](#)
 - [HEA8302 Culture as a Determinant of Health](#)
 - [ANP8003 Management in Health Care Practice](#)
 - [HSC8060 Research Project Design](#)
 - [HSC8070 Health Masters Project A](#)
 - [HSC8080 Health Masters Project B](#)
- (3) three units shall be for postgraduate (Level 5 or 8) courses, approved by the Program Coordinator or selected from the list of approved courses below.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 5 years to complete this program.

Electives/Approved courses

Students may select **three (3)** approved courses from the following list, or from the courses in the [Graduate Certificate of Health](#), without requiring the approval of the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences. Any other choice of approved course(s) must be approved by the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences.

MGT8038 Leadership Development
MGT8002 Strategic Management
NUR8040 Qualitative Research Methods[#]
EDU5221 Professional Learning
ANP5001 Introduction to Rural and Remote Nursing Practice
ANP5002 Immunisation Nursing[*]
ANP5003 Emergency Nursing in Isolated Practice

Footnotes

[#] This course will not be offered in 2018.

^{*} This course includes clinical experience hours and is only available to students who hold current nursing registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Authority (AHPRA) and are located in Australia.

Students should note that the offering of approved courses is dependent upon the number of students enrolling in a course being at least 10. Students should enrol in the courses of their choice but will be informed as soon as practicable if any of these courses are not to be offered.

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.

Exit points

Students enrolled in the MNSG program who wish to exit without completing the program may be awarded the Graduate Diploma of Nursing (GDNG) if they have successfully completed or obtain credit/exemptions for [NUR8060 Health Policy Analysis and Review](#); [HSC8050 Research Methodology for the Human Sciences](#); [NUR8340 The Law and Health Care Practice](#); [ANP8003 Management in Health Care Practice](#); [NUR8550 Professional Studies 1](#); [HEA8302 Culture as a Determinant of Health](#) plus two approved courses.

Credit

Candidates must complete at least six units of courses offered by USQ whilst enrolled in this program so at most six units of exemptions may be applied for on the basis of appro