

NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

PRACTISE NURSING AND MIDWIFERY SKILLFULLY, WITHIN ETHICAL AND LEGAL BOUNDARIES.

Promote your nursing and midwifery career with UWS

The School of Nursing and Midwifery suite of postgraduate courses encourages critical examination of key issues such as existing nursing knowledge, the evidence-based perspective of practice, the measurement of outcomes and the consumer movement.

Each course prepares nurses and midwives with leadership skills to plan, implement, coordinate and evaluate health care, as well as formulate policy for a diverse and multicultural society.

The University of Western Sydney (UWS) makes use of flexible teaching delivery options developed by experienced teaching staff, and provides for a range of individual career pathways in child and family

health, mental health leadership, education roles and management positions within industry, government or independent professional practice.

Collaborative relationships and partnerships between nurses and midwives, multidisciplinary colleagues and stakeholders in the health care sectors are highly valued elements of these UWS courses.

Students are challenged to conceptualise and articulate their unique contribution to nursing and midwifery in health care settings, to ask difficult questions and actively seek answers.

Career Opportunities

Many students enrol in postgraduate nursing and midwifery studies to enhance professional status and career opportunities in their chosen fields with their current employers or to enhance mobility within their sectors.

COURSE SUMMARY

UAC CODE	COURSE CODE	COURSE NAME	STUDY MODE	CAMPUS
950502	4713	Master of Child and Family Health (Karitane)	3P	Multi-Modal
950503	4714	Graduate Diploma in Child and Family Health (Karitane)	2P	Multi-Modal
950504	4715	Graduate Certificate in Child and Family Health (Karitane)	1P	Multi-Modal
950510	4673	Master of Mental Health Nursing (Nurse Practitioner)	4P	Distance
950497	4719	Master of Mental Health Nursing	1.5F/3P	Distance
950498	4720	Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing	1F/2P	Distance
950499	4721	Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing	0.5F/1P	Distance
950490	4722	Master of Nursing (Specialisation or No Specialisation) Specialisations: Clinical Leadership Clinical Teaching Aged Care Primary Health Care Research Studies	1.5F/3P	Distance Parramatta
950494	4723	Graduate Diploma in Nursing	1F/2P	Distance
950495	4724	Graduate Certificate in Nursing	0.5F/1P	Distance
950546	4694	Master of Primary Health Care	1.5F/3P	Distance
950547	4695	Graduate Diploma in Primary Health Care	1F/2P	Distance
950548	4696	Graduate Certificate in Primary Health Care	0.5/1P	Distance
950532	4697	Graduate Diploma in Midwifery	1.25F	Parramatta
950540	4692	Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry)	2F	Hawkesbury

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POSTGRADUATE STUDY

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Amina Elshafei

Master of Child and Family Health (Karitane)

Straight out of high school, Amina Elshafei followed in her mother's footsteps by studying a nursing degree. She became a registered nurse in 2008 and started a graduate program at the Children's Hospital in Westmead.

In her third year of working as a nurse, she decided to push herself up the ladder and further her education by returning to university to study a Masters of Child and Family Health at the University of Western Sydney, graduating in 2012.

'I'm really happy I did the Masters because it's really opened my avenues for further development, as well as to further my career if I choose to,' she says.

In 2012 Amina was honoured with the Woman of the Year award at the Australian Muslim Achievement Awards 2012. As a proud Muslim-Australian woman, Amina wore her hijab during her stint on Masterchef, and unexpectedly, had a hugely positive impact on the way Muslims are viewed in Australia.

'When it comes to nursing I'm still trying to improve my knowledge and my development in the clinical setting,' she says. 'Nursing is so dynamic, there's always something to do and learn.'

Master of Child and Family Health (Karitane) 4713

The Master of Child and Family Health (Karitane) aims to provide Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives with theoretical knowledge and associated skills that prepare them to work autonomously and across a variety of clinical settings with children and families. Graduates will be able to apply advanced nursing practice, concepts and analysis and lead nursing practice to promote optimal health outcomes for children and families. This will involve among other things, design, implementation and evaluation of advanced clinical nursing care systems, analysis and synthesis of nursing concepts leading to a basis for advanced nursing practice and the facilitation of change. Opportunities will be provided for students to undertake in-depth study into aspects of child and family health relevant to their specific areas of practice.

Students will also complete a total of 160 hours of clinical placement in a variety of settings across primary, secondary and tertiary level facilities. Students will need to meet the requirements of their health ministry to be eligible for placement.

The unit Partnership in Practice 400830 includes a compulsory five day face to face workshop for students to complete the Family Partnership Core Training.

The Family Partnership Foundation course enables child and family health nurses to work in partnership with parents, families and carers. The five day course introduces the Family Partnership Model (FPM), and participants become and participants become actively engaged in the helping process assisting clients to achieve positive changes and improve outcomes. The process of helping is a deliberate attempt to move away from an expert led model to a more strengths based approach where outcomes are negotiated between the client and the child and family health nurse. In NSW the FPM foundation course is a professional requirement for child and family health nurses.

Study Mode: Three years part-time. Multi-Modal.

Inherent requirements

Inherent requirements for this course can be viewed via the following link:

uws.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/inherent_requirements_for_postgraduate_nursing_courses

Admission

Candidature for admission to the Master of Child & Family Health (Karitane) is based on the following requirements:

- Registered Nurse or Midwife (currently registered to practice with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency – Nursing and Midwifery). Any other type of registration (non-practicing, limited, or student) is not acceptable for this course

AND

- Completion of an undergraduate degree in health-related sciences (AQF Level 7 or equivalent), such as health science, human science, midwifery, naturopathy, nursing, nutrition, psychology

AND

- One year full-time equivalent work experience as a registered nurse or registered midwife within the last five years.
- Applicants seeking admission on the basis of work experience MUST support their application with a statement of service for all work experience listed on the application.
- Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local and International applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to UWS should also use the information provided on the UAC website: uac.edu.au/postgraduate

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International – National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and UWS.

Course Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 120 credit points including the units listed below.

And **two elective units**.

4713, 4714, 4715 – Child & Family Health (Karitane)

Year 1	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
			400971	Child & Family Health: Professional Practice & Frameworks	400830 80hrs clinical	Clinical Practice: Infant and Child Nutrition and Feeding
			400972 40hrs clinical	Child & Family Health: Supporting Child Growth and Development	400831	Healthy Families and Communities
Students may exit with a Graduate Certificate in Child & Family Health (Karitane) upon successful completion of the following 4 units: 400971, 400972, 400830 and 400831.						
Year 2	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
			400832	Partnership in Practice	401168	Evidence-based Health Care
			400833 40hrs clinical	Perinatal Mental Health Unit includes a compulsory five day face to face workshop for students to complete the Family Partnership Foundation course.	Elective	
Students may exit with a Graduate Diploma of Child & Family Health (Karitane) upon successful completion of the following 7 units: 400971, 400972, 400830, 400831, 400832, 400833, 400206, and one elective.						
Year 3	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
			Elective		401082	Cultural & Social Diversity in Health Care
Chose one of the units below			OR Chose both units below			
401083 Capstone Experience in Health Care [20 cps year long]			401086 Writing for Publication			
OR			401085 Scholarship for Practice Change in Health Care			
401084 Research Project in Health Care [20 cps year long]						

Graduate Diploma in Child and Family Health (Karitane) 4714

The Graduate Diploma in Child & Family Health (Karitane) aims to provide Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives with theoretical knowledge and associated skills that prepare them to work autonomously and across a variety of clinical settings with children and families. Graduates will be able to apply advanced nursing practice, concepts and analysis and lead nursing practice to promote optimal health outcomes for children and families. Students who successfully complete this course may transfer into the Master of Child and Family Health (Karitane).

Study Mode: Two years part-time. Multi-Modal.

Inherent requirements

Inherent requirements for this course can be viewed via the following link.

Inherent Requirements

http://www.uws.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/inherent_requirements_for_postgraduate_nursing_courses/master_of_child_and_family_health_karitane

Admission

Candidature for admission to the Master of Child & Family Health (Karitane) is based on the following requirements:

- Registered Nurse or Midwife (currently registered to practice with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency – Nursing and Midwifery). Any other type of registration (non-practicing, limited, or student) is not acceptable for this course

And

- Completion of an undergraduate degree (AQF Level 7 or equivalent) in any discipline

And

- One year full-time equivalent work experience as a registered nurse or registered midwife within the last five years.
- Applicants seeking admission on the basis of work experience MUST support their application with a statement of service for all work experience listed on the application.
- Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English.

Local and International applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to UWS should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

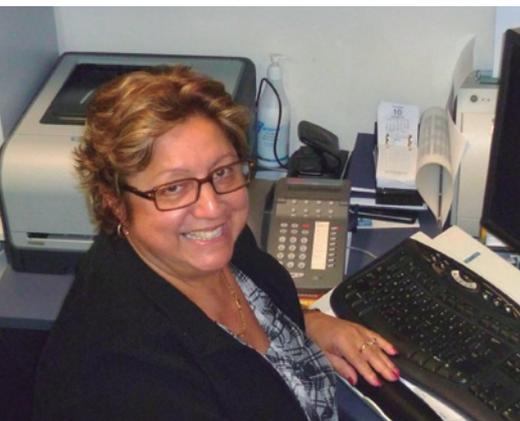
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Graduate Certificate in Child and Family Health (Karitane) 4715

The Graduate Certificate in Child & Family Health (Karitane) aims to provide Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives with theoretical knowledge and associated skills that prepare them to work autonomously and across a variety of clinical settings with children and families. Graduates will be able to apply advanced nursing concepts and analysis to promote optimal health outcomes for children and

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Ana Zotelo

Clinical Care Coordinator, Fairfield Community Mental Health Service

Ana gained her Mental Health Nurse Practitioner qualification at UWS because she felt welcomed as a mature student and valued for her experience and skills.

'UWS considered my previous education and accredited me for a range of subjects that I had done before. Its course admission requirements are flexible and its fees are affordable. Moreover, UWS has a number of campuses which are located in areas accessible to people like me who live and work in the west of Sydney.

Staff and students have a special focus on nursing to overcome the many challenges faced by modern society. The staff have always been willing to assist and provide me with support when I needed it.

My studies at UWS have provided me with opportunities to acquire knowledge and skills at graduate level across a range of subjects, especially when contemporary trends and developments in the delivery of health care have brought about an expansion of the nurse's role and responsibilities. They have also facilitated a reflection on my beliefs, values and attitudes about nursing.

I would recommend study at UWS without hesitation.'

families. Students who successfully complete this course may transfer into the Graduate Diploma in Child and Family Health (Karitane).

Study Mode: One year part-time. Multi-Modal.

Admission

Candidature for admission to the Graduate Certificate in Child & Family Health (Karitane) is based on the following requirements:

- Registered Nurse or Midwife (currently registered to practice with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency - Nursing and Midwifery). Any other type of registration (non-practicing, limited, or student) is not acceptable for this course.

And

- One year full-time equivalent work experience as a registered nurse or registered midwife within the last five years.
- Applicants seeking admission on the basis of work experience MUST support their application with a statement of service for all work experience listed on the application.
- Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local and International applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website.
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UAC

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Master of Mental Health Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) 4673

Nurse Practitioners are expected to be clinical leaders who work autonomously from a sound evidence base, instigate diagnostic investigations, prescribe medication within an approved formulary, and refer judiciously. Students of this course undertake units of study that will prepare them for the role of Nurse Practitioner in the specialist area of mental health. This study program incorporates areas of advanced health assessment, clinical leadership, evidence-based nursing, diagnostic skills, therapeutic management, psychopharmacology, evaluation and collaboration in

care. Students also have the opportunity to complete specialist electives to suit their particular practice setting.

Study Mode: Four years part-time. Distance.

Accreditation

The Master of Mental Health Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) was initially accredited by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA). From 1st July 2010 the approval, recognition and accreditation of courses has been transferred to the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC). Course accreditation can be checked on their website. nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Accreditation.aspx

Inherent requirements

There are inherent requirements for this course that you must meet in order to complete your course and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the requirements for this course online.

Inherent Requirements

Admission

All applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for entry:

- Registered Nurse or Midwife (currently registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency – Nursing and Midwifery)
- An undergraduate degree in Nursing or Health Science (Nursing) or minimum of five years full-time equivalent work experience in mental health nursing and graduate certificate in mental health nursing and
- Three years full-time equivalent work experience as a registered nurse, of which 12 months full-time equivalent is in an advanced clinical role in mental health
- Applicants seeking admission on the basis of work experience MUST support their application with a Statement of Service for all work experience listed on the application.

Statement of Service

Successful applicants will need to arrange the following:

- Submission to the University of evidence of current clinical practice in an advanced clinical role in mental health, confirmed via 2 referee reports and
- Access to complete clinical experience in a mental health setting (as approved by the School or Nursing and Midwifery) and
- Contract with a University approved primary

4673 – Master Mental Health Nursing (Nurse Practitioner)

Year 1	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
		400220	Contemporary Professional Practice in Mental Health Nursing	400235	Leadership in Clinical Practice	
		401168	Evidence-based Health Care	Elective	For Nurse Practitioner role development	
Year 2	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
		400238	Policy, Power and Politics in Health Care Provision	400957	Biological Considerations in Mental Health and Mental Illness for Advanced Practice	
		Elective	For Nurse Practitioner role development	400777	Leadership for Quality & Safety in Health Care	
Students may exit with the Graduate Diploma in Nursing Leadership (Mental Health) at this point or advance on for Specialty Mental Health						
Year 3	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
		400228	Assessment for Advanced Practice Mental Health Nurses	Elective	For Specialty Mental Health	
		Elective	For Specialty Mental Health	400858	Psychopharmacology for Advanced Practice Mental Health Nurses	
Year 3	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
		400859	Advanced Mental Health Nursing Clinical Practice 1	400860	Advanced Mental Health Nursing Clinical Practice 2	

supervisor/mentor/assessor (PSMA) to meet the requirements of the course.

- Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas must be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).
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- uac.edu.au
- Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International – National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and UWS.

Course Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 160 credit points which include the units listed in the recommended sequence above. Students may exit with a Master of Mental Health Nursing on

completion of the relevant units.

Master of Mental Health Nursing 4719

This course provides students with the theoretical knowledge and critical thinking skills to prepare them for advanced practice in mental health nursing, across a range of health care settings. Graduates will be able to apply advanced practice, concepts and analysis in mental health nursing to promote optimal health outcomes for clients with mental illness. Opportunities will be provided for students to undertake in-depth study into aspects of mental health and mental illness relevant to their specific area of practice.

Study Mode: One and a half years full-time or three years part-time. Distance.

Inherent requirements

There are inherent requirements for this course that you must meet in order to complete your course and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the requirements for this course online.

Inherent Requirements

Admission

All applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for entry:

- Registered Nurse or Midwife (currently registered to practice with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency – Nursing and Midwifery). Any other type of registration (non-practicing, limited, or student) is not acceptable for this course

AND

- Completion of an undergraduate degree in health-related sciences (AQF Level 7 or equivalent), such as health science, human science, midwifery, naturopathy, nursing, nutrition, psychology

OR

- Completion of a Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing (AQF Level 8 or equivalent)

AND

- One year full-time equivalent work experience as a registered nurse or registered midwife within the last five years.
- Applicants seeking admission on the basis of work experience must support their application with a statement of service for all work experience listed on the application.

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Statement of Service

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- Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International – National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and UWS.

Course Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 120 credit points including the units listed below.

And **two elective units**.

Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing 4720

The course aims to produce a graduate who can practise mental health nursing skilfully and within ethical and legal boundaries, and who can think abstractly and critically. The course encourages critical examination of issues such as mental health nursing knowledge, the evidence-based perspective of practice, the measurement of outcomes and the consumer movement. Issues include learning how to use the self therapeutically, relationships with clients, understanding the experience of people who have mental illnesses, disorders and crises. Students who successfully complete this course may transfer into the Master of Mental Health Nursing.

Study Mode: One year full-time or two years part-time. Distance.

Inherent requirements

There are inherent requirements for this course that you must meet in order to complete your course and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the requirements for this course online.

Inherent Requirements

Admission

All applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for entry:

- Registered Nurse or Midwife (currently registered to practice with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency – Nursing and Midwifery)

AND

- Completion of an undergraduate degree (AQF Level 7 or equivalent), in any discipline

4719, 4720, 4721 – Master of Mental Health Nursing

Year 1	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
			400217	Mental Health Assessment & Application	400219	Mental Health Nursing Practice 2 Suggested pattern
			400218	Mental Health Nursing Practice 1	400220	Contemporary Professional Practice in Mental Health Nursing
Students may exit with a Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing upon successful completion of the following 4 units: 400217, 400218, 400219 and 400220						
Year 2	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
			Elective	Any postgraduate unit relevant to your study offered by UWS	400957	Biological Considerations in Mental Health and Mental Illness for Advanced Practice
			401139	Clinical Supervision in Health Care	401168	Evidence-based Health Care
Students may exit with a Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing upon the successful completion of the following 8 units: 400217, 400218, 400219, 400220, 401168, 401139, 400957 and one elective unit.						
Year 3	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
			Elective	Any postgraduate unit relevant to your study offered by UWS	400858	Psychopharmacology for Advanced Practice Mental Health Nurses

Chose one of the units below

401083 Capstone Experience in Health Care [20 cps year long]

OR

401084 Research Project in Health Care [20 cps year long]

OR chose both units below

401086 Writing for Publication

401085 Scholarship for Practice Change in Health Care

OR

- Completion of a Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing (AQF Level 8 or equivalent)

AND

- One year full-time equivalent work experience as a registered nurse or registered midwife within the last five years.
- Applicants seeking admission on the basis of work experience must support their application with a statement of service for all work experience listed on the application.

Statement of Service

- One year full-time equivalent work experience as a registered nurse or registered midwife within the last five years
- Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas must be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).
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Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing 4721

The aim of this course is for a graduate to possess necessary knowledge and clinical skills to practice mental health nursing skilfully and within ethical and legal boundaries, and who can think abstractly and critically. The course encourages critical examination of current issues in mental health within national strategic directions for mental health care. Students gain understandings of how to use the self therapeutically, and the experiences of people who have mental illnesses, disorders and crises. Students who successfully complete this course may transfer into the Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing.

Study Mode: Six months full-time or one year part-time. Distance.

Inherent requirements

There are inherent requirements for this course that you must meet in order to complete your course and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the requirements for this course online.

Inherent Requirements

Admission

- All applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for entry:
- Registered Nurse or Registered Midwife (currently registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency – Nursing and Midwifery), or eligibility for same

AND

- One year full-time equivalent work experience as a registered nurse or registered midwife within the last five years.
- Applicants seeking admission on the basis of work experience must support their application with a statement of service for all work experience listed on the application.

Statement of Service

- Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas must be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).
- Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local and International applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to UWS should also use the information provided on the UAC website: uac.edu.au/postgraduate
- Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International – National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and UWS.

Master of Nursing 4722

The aim of the Master of Nursing is to provide Registered Nurses with the theoretical knowledge and critical thinking skills to prepare them for advanced practice in the clinical setting. Students will be able to align their career goals with one of a number of professional pathways. Specialisations available include clinical leadership, clinical teaching, aged care, primary health care or research studies. Opportunities

will be provided for students in their final sessions of study to synthesise and apply advanced nursing concepts through a capstone experience or research project relevant to their professional goals.

Study Mode: One and a half years full-time or three years part-time. Parramatta Campus. Distance.

Inherent requirements

There are inherent requirements for this course that you must meet in order to complete your course and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the requirements for this course online.

Inherent Requirements

Admission

- Candidature for admission to the Master of Nursing and the various specialisations are detailed below:
- Registered Nurse (currently registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency – Nursing and Midwifery), or eligibility for same, or certificate of registration of nursing, within the last five years, in their own country. Any other type of registration (non-practicing, limited, or student) is not acceptable for this course

And

- Completion of an undergraduate degree in health-related sciences (AQF Level 7 or equivalent), in health science, human science, midwifery, naturopathy, nursing, nutrition, psychology

Or

- Completion of a Graduate Diploma in Nursing (AQF Level 8 or equivalent)

And

- One year full-time equivalent work experience as a registered nurse or registered midwife within the last five years
- Applicants seeking admission on the basis of work experience MUST support their application with a statement of service for all work experience listed on the application.

Statement of Service

- Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas must be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC): uac.edu.au/postgraduate
- International applicants must apply directly to the University of Western Sydney via UWS International: uws.edu.au/international/home

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- Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local and International applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to UWS should also use the information provided on the UAC website.
- Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International – National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and UWS.

Course Structure

Students may complete the Master of Nursing (no specialisation) below or may enrol in and complete one of the listed Specialisations.

And **three elective units**.

Postgraduate Specialisation – Clinical Leadership

UWS Specialisation Code: ST4014.1

The Clinical Leadership specialisation provides students with an opportunity for clinical nurse leaders (expert clinicians, nurse managers) and aspiring nurse leaders to gain formal education in contemporary clinical leadership to support them to facilitate nursing excellence within the clinical practice environment. Graduates who complete the Clinical Leadership specialisation will be prepared to take on clinical leadership roles such as clinical nurse specialist, nurse educator and clinical nurse consultant.

Specialisation Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 120 credit points including the units listed opposite.

And three elective units.

Postgraduate Specialisation – Clinical Teaching

UWS Specialisation Code: ST4015.1

The Clinical Teaching specialisation provides students with an opportunity to gain formal education in clinical teaching to either enhance their existing teaching experience or provide skill development in this area. Graduates who complete the Clinical Teaching specialisation will be prepared to take on a leadership role in clinical teaching in roles such as clinical nurse educator, nurse educator, clinical nurse specialist and undergraduate placement facilitator.

Specialisation Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 120 credit points including the units listed below.

And **three elective units**.

4722 – Master of Nursing (No Specialisation)

Year 1	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
			400235	Leadership in Clinical Practice	401082	Cultural & Social Diversity in Health Care
			400774	Perspectives on Nursing	401168	Evidence-based Nursing
Students may graduate with a Graduate Certificate in Nursing upon successful completion of the following 4 units: 400235, 400774, 401082 and 401168.						
Year 2	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
			400412	Primary Health Care and its Application	Elective	Any postgraduate unit relevant to your study offered by UWS
			400238	Policy, Power & Politics in Health Care Provision	Elective	Any postgraduate unit relevant to your study offered by UWS
Students may graduate with a Graduate Diploma in Nursing upon successful completion of the following 8 units: 400235, 400774, 401082, 400206, 400412, 400238 and two elective units.						
Year 3	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
			Elective	Any postgraduate unit relevant to your study offered by UWS	400210	Health Promotion and the Nurse

Chose one of the units below

401083 Capstone Experience in Health Care [20 cps year long]

OR

401084 Research Project in Health Care [20 cps year long]

OR chose both units below

401086 Writing for Publication

401085 Scholarship for Practice Change in Health Care

4722 – Master of Nursing (Clinical Leadership)

Year 1	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
			400235	Leadership in Clinical Practice	401082	Cultural & Social Diversity in Health Care
		400774	Perspectives on Nursing	401168	Evidence-based Health Care	
<p>Students may exit with a Graduate Certificate in Nursing upon successful completion of the following 4 units: 400235, 400774, 401082 and 401168.</p>						
Year 2	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
			Elective	Any postgraduate unit relevant to your study offered by UWS	400777	Leadership for Quality and Safety in Health Care
		400238	Policy, Power & Politics in Health Care Provision	Elective		
<p>Students may exit with a Graduate Diploma in Nursing upon successful completion of the following 8 units: 400235, 400774, 401082, 4001168, 400238, 400777 and two elective units.</p>						
Year 3	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
			400846	Building Organisational Capacity in Health Care	Elective	
<p>Chose one of the units below 401083 Capstone Experience in Health Care [20 cps year long] OR 401084 Research Project in Health Care [20 cps year long]</p>			<p>OR chose both units below 401086 Writing for Publication 401085 Scholarship for Practice Change in Health Care</p>			

4722 – Master of Nursing (Clinical Teaching)

Year 1	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
			400235	Leadership in Clinical Practice	401082	Cultural & Social Diversity in Health Care
		400973	Clinical Teaching and Professional Development	401168	Evidence-based Health Care	
<p>Students may exit with a Graduate Certificate in Nursing upon successful completion of the following 4 units: 400235, 400973, 401082 and 401168.</p>						
Year 2	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
			400974	Clinical Teaching for Learning	400774	Perspectives on Nursing
		400238	Policy, Power & Politics in Health Care Provision	Elective	Any postgraduate unit relevant to your study offered by UWS	
<p>Students may exit with a Graduate Diploma in Nursing upon successful completion of the following 8 units: 400235, 400973, 401082, 401168, 400974, 400238, 400774 and one elective unit.</p>						
Year 3	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
			Elective		Elective	
<p>Chose one of the units below 401083 Capstone Experience in Health Care [20 cps year long] OR 401084 Research Project in Health Care [20 cps year long]</p>			<p>OR chose both units below 401086 Writing for Publication 401085 Scholarship for Practice Change in Health Care</p>			

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4722 – Master of Nursing (Aged Care)

Year 1	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
			400235	Leadership in Clinical Practice	401082	Cultural & Social Diversity in Health Care
			400774	Perspectives on Nursing	401168	Evidence-based Health Care
Students may exit with a Graduate Certificate in Nursing upon successful completion of the following 4 units: 400235, 400774, 401082 and 401168.						
Year 2	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
			Elective		400241	Supporting Aged Communities
			400837	Health and Socio-political Issues in Aged Care	Elective	
Year 3	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
			400846	Building Organisational Capacity in Health Care	Elective	

Chose one of the units below

401083 Capstone Experience in Health Care [20 cps year long]

OR

401084 Research Project in Health Care [20 cps year long]

OR chose both units below

401086 Writing for Publication

401085 Scholarship for Practice Change in Health Care

Postgraduate Specialisation – Aged Care

UWS Specialisation Code: ST4016.1

The Aged Care specialisation provides students with an opportunity to gain formal education in contemporary aged care to either enhance their existing clinical experience or provide skill development to facilitate nursing excellence in the provision of quality aged care. Graduates who complete this specialisation in Aged Care will be prepared to take on a leadership role in nursing within aged care services.

Specialisation Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 120 credit points including the units listed in the table opposite.

And **three elective units**.

Postgraduate Specialisation – Primary Health Care

UWS Specialisation Code: ST4017.1

The Primary Health Care specialisation provides students with an opportunity to gain formal education in primary health care to support them to develop an holistic approach to health care within an integrated, dynamic and complex health system. Graduates of the

Primary Health Care specialisation will be prepared to take on leadership roles in health care settings that promote health such as community health services, schools and medical centres.

Specialisation Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 120 credit points including the units listed below.

And **three elective units**.

Postgraduate Specialisation – Research Studies

UWS Specialisation Code: ST4018.1

The Research specialisation provides students with foundation level research training that will support them to increase their involvement in research within the clinical setting or seek admission to a research higher degree. Graduates who complete the Research Studies specialisation will be prepared to function as an active member of a research team or seek admission to a higher degree research program.

Specialisation Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 120 credit points including the units listed opposite.

And **three elective units**.

Graduate Diploma in Nursing 4723

The aim of the Graduate Diploma in Nursing is to provide Registered Nurses with the theoretical knowledge and critical thinking skills to prepare them for advanced practice in the clinical setting. Graduates will be able to synthesise and apply advanced nursing concepts in order to lead nursing practice and optimise health outcomes. Students who successfully complete this course may transfer into the Master of Nursing.

Study Mode

One year full time or two years part-time\Distance.

Admission

- Candidature for admission to the Graduate Diploma in Nursing is based on the following requirements
- Registered Nurse (currently registered to practice with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency – Nursing and Midwifery), or eligibility for same, or certificate of registration of nursing, within the last five years, in their own country

4722 – Master of Nursing (Primary Health Care)

There is no set structure in the handbook. Students complete nine core, 1 elective and a choice of units. Recommended electives are also listed in the handbook. <http://handbook.uws.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=4695.1>

Year 1 Grad Cert.	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
			400412	Primary Health Care and its Application	401082	Cultural & Social Diversity in Health Care
		400774	Perspectives on Nursing	401168	Evidence-based Health Care	
Year 2 Grad Dip.	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
			400836	Health Promotion: A Primary Health Care Approach	400856	Approaches to Epidemiology
		400238	Policy, Power & Politics in Health Care Provision	Elective		
Year 3 Master	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
			Elective		Elective	

Chose one of the units below

401083 Capstone Experience in Health Care [20 cps year long]

OR

401084 Research Project in Health Care [20 cps year long]

OR chose both units below

401086 Writing for Publication

401085 Scholarship for Practice Change in Health Care

4722 – Master of Nursing (Research Studies)

Year 1	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
			400235	Leadership in Clinical Practice	401082	Cultural & Social Diversity in Health Care
		400774	Perspectives on Nursing	401168	Evidence-based Health Care	
Students may exit with a Graduate Certificate in Nursing upon successful completion of the following 4 units: 400235, 400774, 401082 and 401168.						
Year 2	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
			401167	Applied Research in Health Care	400975	Ethics in Health Research
		400238	Policy, Power & Politics in Health Care Provision	Elective		
Students may exit with a Graduate Diploma in Nursing upon successful completion of the following 8 units: 400235, 400774, 401082, 401168, 401167, 400238, 400975 and one elective unit.						
Year 3	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
			Elective		Elective	
401084 Research Project in Health Care [20 cps year long]						

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And

- Completion of an undergraduate degree (AQF Level 7 or equivalent), in any discipline

And

- One year FTE professional work experience as a registered nurse within the last five years.
- Applicants seeking admission on the basis of work experience MUST support their application with a statement of service for all work experience listed on the application.
- Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas must be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).
- Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local and International applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to UWS should also use the information provided on the UAC website: uac.edu.au/postgraduate

- Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International – National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and UWS.

Graduate Certificate in Nursing 4724

The aim of the Graduate Certificate in Nursing is to provide Registered Nurses with the theoretical knowledge and associated skills to prepare them for autonomous practice in clinical settings. Graduates will be able to synthesise and apply advanced nursing concepts in order to lead nursing practice and optimise health outcomes. Students who successfully complete this course may transfer to the Graduate Diploma in Nursing.

Study Mode: Six months full time or one year part-time. Distance

Admission

- Candidature for admission to the Graduate Certificate in Nursing is based on the following requirements:

- Registered Nurse (currently registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency – Nursing and Midwifery), or eligibility for same, or certificate of registration of nursing, within the last five years, in their own country

And

- One year full-time equivalent work experience as a registered nurse within the last five years.
- Applicants seeking admission on the basis of work experience MUST support their application with a statement of service for all work experience listed on the application.
- Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas must be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).
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4694, 4695, 4696 – Master of Primary Health Care

Year 1	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
			400412	Primary Health Care and its Applications	400856	Approaches to Epidemiology
		400836	Health Promotion: A Primary Health Care Approach	401082	Cultural & Social Diversity in Health Care	
<p>Students may exit with a Graduate Certificate in Primary Health Care upon successful completion of the following 4 units: 400412, 400836, 400856 and 401082</p>						
Year 2	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
			400773	Mental Health for Communities	Elective	Any postgraduate unit relevant to your study offered by UWS
		400837	Health and Socio-political Issues in Aged Care	400838	Supporting Individuals and Communities in Crisis	
<p>Students may exit with a Graduate Diploma in Primary Health Care upon successful completion of the following 8 units: 400412, 401082, 400836, 400856, 400838, 400773, 400837 and one elective unit.</p>						
Year 3	Summer Semester		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
			400839	Collaborative Inquiry for Primary Health Care Action	400414	Leadership and Change

Choose one of the units below

401083 Capstone Experience in Health Care [20 cps year long]

OR

401084 Research Project in Health Care [20 cps year long]

OR choose both units below

401086 Writing for Publication

401085 Scholarship for Practice Change in Health Care

website. Local applicants applying directly to UWS should also use the information provided on the UAC website. uac.edu.au

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Master of Primary Health Care 4694

This course aims to provide the opportunity for health, and other professionals with primary health care responsibilities to gain knowledge and understanding of primary health care that will enable leadership in this field. The course provides a focus on the knowledge and behaviour required to be a primary health care provider in a changing community environment. Opportunities will be provided for students to undertake in-depth study into aspects of primary health care that are relevant to their specific areas of work/practice.

Study Mode: One and a half years full-time or three years part-time. Distance.

Inherent requirements

There are inherent requirements for this course that you must meet in order to complete your course and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the requirements for this course online.

Inherent Requirements

Admission

- Candidature for admission to the Master of Primary Health Care is based on the following requirements:
- Completion of an undergraduate degree in health-related sciences (AQF Level 7 or equivalent), such as medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, pathology, optometry, nutrition, human science, naturopathy, complementary medicine, nursing, psychology, health science, sports science or physiotherapy.

- Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas must be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).
- Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local and International applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to UWS should also use the information provided on the UAC website: uac.edu.au/postgraduate
- Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International – National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and UWS.

Course Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 120 credit points, including the units listed in the recommended sequence below.

And **one elective unit**.

Graduate Diploma in Primary Health Care 4695

This course aims to provide the opportunity for health, and other professionals with primary health care responsibilities to gain knowledge and understanding of primary health care that will enable leadership in this field. The course provides a focus on the knowledge and behaviour required to be a primary health care provider in a changing community environment. Key knowledge areas include primary health care principles and application, health promotion, and strategies to support individuals and communities. Students who successfully complete this course may transfer into the Master of Primary Health Care.

Study Mode: One year full-time or two years part-time. Distance.

Inherent requirements

There are inherent requirements for this course that you must meet in order to complete your course and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the requirements for this course online.

Inherent Requirements

Admission

- Candidature for admission to the Graduate Diploma in Primary Health Care is based on the following requirements:
- Completion of an undergraduate degree (AQF Level 7 or equivalent) in any discipline

AND

- 3 years FTE professional work experience in the health sector.
- Applicants seeking admission on the basis of work experience MUST support their application with a statement of service for all work experience listed on the application.

Statement of Service

- Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas must be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).
- Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local and International applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to UWS should also use the information provided on the UAC website: uac.edu.au/postgraduate
- Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International – National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and UWS.

4697 – Graduate Diploma in Midwifery

Year 1	Summer B		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
	401087	Midwifery as a Profession	401089	Childbirth in Australian Context	401091	Complex Care
	401088	Bioscience for Midwifery Practice	401090	Midwifery Practice 1	401092	Essentials of Best Practise in Midwifery
					401093	Midwifery Practise 2
Year 2	Quarter 1		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
	401094	Midwifery Practice 3				

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Graduate Certificate in Primary Health Care 4696

This course aims to provide the opportunity for health, and other professionals with primary health care responsibilities to gain knowledge and understanding of primary health care that will enable leadership in this field. The course provides a focus on the knowledge and behaviour required to be a primary health care provider in a changing community environment. Key knowledge areas include primary health care principles and application and health promotion. Students who successfully complete this course may transfer into the Graduate Diploma in Primary Health Care.

Study Mode: Six months full-time or one year part-time. Distance.

Admission

- Candidature for admission to the Graduate Certificate in Primary Health Care is based on the following requirements:
- Completion of a professional qualification in health (> AQF Level 6 or equivalent), such as an Advanced Diploma or higher qualification in a discipline
- such as medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, pathology, optometry, nutrition, human science, naturopathy, complementary medicine, nursing, psychology, health science, sports science or physiotherapy.

AND

- 3 years FTE professional work experience in the health sector.
- Applicants seeking admission on the basis of work experience MUST support their application with a statement of service for all work experience listed on the application.

Statement of Service

- Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas must be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).
- Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local and International applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to UWS should also use the information provided on the UAC website: uac.edu.au/postgraduate
- Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International – National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and UWS.

Graduate Diploma of Midwifery 4697

The Graduate Diploma in Midwifery is a course for registered nurses wishing to pursue a career in Midwifery. The course combines theory and practice with an emphasis on the art and science of midwifery, health promotion, communication skills, evidenced based practice and models of midwifery care within a primary health care approach. To be eligible for this course students are required to obtain a 12 month position of employment as a midwifery student in an affiliated NSW Health Local Health District hospital. The course will be offered over 15 months with the students completing the last unit in Quarter 1 of the second year.

Study Mode

1.25 months full-time. Parramatta.

Accreditation

The course is accredited with the Australian Health Practitioner's Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

Admission

- Registered Nurse (currently registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency – Nursing and Midwifery)
- A clinical placement is required to be secured in an approved maternity hospital. The student is responsible for the application and securing of a position as a midwifery student in one of the approved hospitals. Recruitment of student midwives occurs during July through a centralised online process
- though NSW Ministry of Health at health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/employment/Publications/namo_cifs_rm.pdf
- Applicants for clinical placements must be a registered nurse at the time of attending the interview.
- Applications from Australian citizens and holders of permanent resident visas must be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).
- Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local and International applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to UWS should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

4692 – Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry)

Year 1	Summer B		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
	401029	Foundations for Nursing Practice	401008	Professional Practice Experience 3	401012	Professional Practice Experience 4
		401009	Health in a Culturally Diverse Community	401013	Promoting Mental Health and Wellbeing 1	
		401010	Health Variations 1	401014	Health Variations 2	
		401011	Research Principles for Nursing and Midwifery	401015	Health Variation 3	
				401065	Professional Practise Experience A	
Year 2	Summer B		Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	
			401016	Professional Practice 5	401020	Professional Practice Experience 6
			401017	Promoting Mental Health and Wellbeing 2	401021	Being a Professional Nurse or Midwife
			401018	Health Variations 4	401022	Leadership in Nursing and Midwifery
			401019	Health Variations 5		

Course Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 100 credit points including the units listed in the recommended sequence below.

Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry) 4692

This course prepares graduates for eligibility to apply for registration throughout Australia as beginning professional generalist registered nurses. The focus of the course is on inquiry-based learning, critical thinking and reflective practice in relation to the theory and practice of nursing in health and health breakdown across the lifespan. Using a primary health care framework students study application of physical and behavioural sciences to nursing; inquiry and evidence-based practice principles and utilisation within nursing; nursing care of individuals, families and groups from diverse backgrounds across the lifespan. The acquisition of nursing knowledge and skills occurs initially in campus-based simulated clinical practice settings and consolidation occurs as students undertake clinical placements in a variety of health care settings.

The Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry) is offered as a two year course beginning with an intensive, fulltime unit of study that supports student transition into second year of the 4691 Bachelor Nursing program.

Prospective students should be aware that full disclosure of any issues of impairment or misconduct is a declaration requirement when applying for registration as a registered nurse. An English language skills registration standard is also applicable to all students applying for registration: nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au

Study Mode

Two years full time. Hawkesbury.

Advanced standing

Additional advanced standing is not normally granted.

Accreditation

The Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry) has accreditation and approval from the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) which is a partner board of the Australian Health Practitioners Registration Authority (AHPRA). Course accreditation can be checked on their website. nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Accreditation.aspx. Please note: as from 1 July 2010 practitioners applying for registration as a nurse for the first time in Australia are required to demonstrate English language proficiency as specified by the Nursing

and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA). These requirements include:

- the IELTS examination (academic module) with a minimum score of 7 in each of the four components (listening, reading, writing and speaking); or
- Completion and an overall pass in the Occupational English Test (OET) with grades A or B only in each of the four components. For further details, refer to the website. nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards.aspx

Admission

- Applicants must have successfully completed an (AEI-NOOSR equivalent) undergraduate degree in biological sciences OR arts/behavioural science OR 3 year post secondary qualification as a registered nurse (completed within the last 10 years).
- Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas must be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).
- Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local and International applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to UWS should also use the information provided on the UAC website: uac.edu.au/postgraduate
- International applicants must apply directly to the University of Western Sydney via UWS International.
- International students applying to UWS through UWS International can find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UWS International website: uws.edu.au/international
- Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International – National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and UWS.

Special Requirements

Prerequisites

Students will need to have completed all of the special requirements before commencement of any Professional Practice Experience unit. Units with special requirements will remain invalid until these requirements are met. At present special requirements include: Working with Children Check Student Declaration; National Police Certificate; Adult

Health Immunisation Schedule; and a Senior First Aid Certificate. International students also need to provide a Police Check (with English translation) from their home country and any other country where they have lived. Students who have not completed the special requirements prerequisites will not be able to enrol in Professional Practice Experience units and as a consequence are not permitted to attend professional practice placements.

Course Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 170 credit points including the units listed in the recommended sequence opposite.

Additional Core Unit for Students with an Exceptional Study Pattern:

To ensure currency of skill base, it is an accreditation requirement that students satisfactorily complete a minimum 4 week clinical practicum in the final session of their pre-registration Nursing program. Students within the Bachelor of Nursing Graduate Entry (BNGE) who vary their study sequence significantly from the normal progression may be required to study the additional unit listed below and should discuss this with the BNGE Academic Course Advisor (ACA).

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Professional Practice Experience

The Professional Practice Experience is the foundation for student learning in the course. It consists of three major learning contexts for students: professional practice, service learning, and simulation. Professional practice in the health care sector may take place in any level of the health service appropriate to the focus for the specific Professional Practice Experience unit, for example aged care facilities, hospitals, GP practices, community health teams. This environment is essential to provide students with the complexity of the nursing experience, the ability to apply learning in situations involving ill persons, and socialises students into the work domain.

Simulation is where aspects of the professional practice environment, such as a hospital ward or patient, are artificially created to enable students to learn in a safe, non-threatening environment. Clinical practice units, simulated professional practice environments, will be used that allow students to undertake learning activities, such as administering medications and oxygen therapy. The School has a wide range of simulation equipment and dedicated high fidelity simulation rooms on each campus.

Service learning contexts are facilities offered within the local community related to health and well-being, for example a fitness centre, local pharmacist, child care centre, or homeless shelter. Students will develop learning objectives in collaboration with teaching staff and apply knowledge and skills learnt to these environments. This context allows the student to explore other health related support services outside the acute care sector.

The percentage of time spent by students in each context will vary, depending on the stage of the student in the course, the theoretical knowledge acquisition, and ANMC competency development. For example at the beginning of the course more hours will be spent in the simulation and service learning context than in the health care sector. As the course progresses there is a scaling up of hours spent in the health care sector with fewer hours being spent in the service learning and simulation contexts. In the final session of third year a significant proportion of knowledge and skills consolidation will occur primarily in a clinical practice environment.

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Further information

Contact the Course Information Centre on 1300 897 669 or email postgraduatestudy@uws.edu.au

International students
call +61 2 9852 5499 or email
internationalstudy@uws.edu.au

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CRICOS provider code: 00917K

Recognition of prior learning

The University accepts that learning takes place in a broad range of contexts – formal study, in the workplace and from life experience. The granting of Advanced Standing for prior learning ensures that students commence study at a level that appropriately recognises their previous learning experiences, and are not required to repeat equivalent successful learning activities undertaken in another context. The University wishes to ensure that students gain an award in the least time possible while adhering to the requirements for the conferring of that award. However, at least 50% of the credit points required to gain a postgraduate award must be achieved through formal study at UWS.

Recognition of prior learning will be assessed on an individual basis and may be offered for the following:

- Clinical Experience
- Clinical Professional Development hours
- Continuing Professional Education
- Previous Postgraduate Studies

Study at home

Most courses are available for study at home if distance mode is selected.

Advanced standing

Students are advised to check eligibility of recognised prior learning by emailing postgraduatestudy@uws.edu.au

Commonwealth Supported Places

All Nursing and Midwifery courses offer Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) for domestic students, with the exception of the Master and Graduate Diploma in Primary Health Care.

How to apply

Postgraduate course applications are processed online through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) at uac.edu.au/postgraduate

Further information on postgraduate courses and the application procedure is available at myfuture.uws.edu.au

For international students

Part-time mode for these courses is not available to international students due to Australian student visa regulations. International students need to apply directly to the University. Application forms and information on admission are available at uws.edu.au/international/admissions

For information about studying at UWS, including courses, tuition fees, English requirements, intakes, assessment methods, accommodation options, and living in Australia, please visit uws.edu.au/international

English proficiency requirements

If you have undertaken studies overseas you may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof can be found on the Universities Admissions Centre website (UAC) at uac.edu.au/postgraduate

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