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Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery Cancer and Haematology Nursing

Why choose the University of Sydney?

The University of Sydney was founded in 1850 as the first university in Australia. For over 150 years we have maintained a national and international reputation for academic excellence. Today our reputation for quality courses and innovative research is stronger than ever.

The Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery

The Faculty offers excellent opportunities for postgraduate students. It has a strong commitment to teaching and research in many aspects of nursing and its practice. The Faculty's degrees are highly regarded. They prepare nurses for leadership in research, teaching, clinical practice and administration.

Cancer and Haematology Nursing - *improving outcomes for survival and optimal recovery for cancer patients*

The Cancer and Haematology Nursing program offered at the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery provides specialist education for nurses who work in all areas of cancer and haematology nursing, including care delivered in specialist units, community care, acute care, inpatient and home-based care.

Cancer is the single largest cause of premature death and represents nearly one-fifth of the total burden of disease in Australia. This is set to increase substantially over the next decade. In this context there is increasing recognition that specialist cancer services improve outcomes and benefit both survival and optimal recovery for cancer patients.

Nurses make up the largest group in the cancer workforce and the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery understands the importance of professional education to support their needs. Their specialized skills and knowledge, now and in the future, are essential to supporting patients and contributing to decision making about future trends in treatment, patient care and disease prevention.

Course Overview

The Cancer and Haematology Nursing coursework program is offered at the Graduate Certificate and Masters level.

Master of Cancer and Haematology Nursing

Credit points	60 credit points
Units of study	9 units
Full-time enrolment	1 ½ years
Part-time enrolment	2 ½ years
Intake	March

Graduate Certificate in Cancer and Haematology Nursing

Credit points	24 credit point
Units of study	4 units
Full-time enrolment	Not applicable
Part-time enrolment	1 year
Intake	March

All units offered by the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery for Cancer and Haematology Nursing (excluding the Capstone) have up to five study days. Students have the opportunity to undertake flexible and independent study that is supported by the University of Sydney's eLearning platform.



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How to apply

For local students, application is by direct entry to the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery. Application forms are available from the Faculty website: www.nursing.usyd.edu.au

For international students, application is made through the International Office:
www.usyd.edu.au/international

Application closing date is 1 December
Late applications will be considered.

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Graduate Capabilities

Graduates from this course will be recognised as having advanced knowledge relevant to cancer and haematology nursing.

While developing discipline-specific knowledge and skills, graduate certificate students will develop the skills required to explore the complexity of and uncertainty in practice and build a capacity for practice thinking. This will enable them to become highly knowledgeable and skilled in this specialty area.

Students studying at a Masters level will develop an advanced capacity for clinical judgement through engagement with the ambiguities and complexities of practice and discipline knowledge.

Masters students will be able to perform as autonomous learners capable of integrating prior learning while exploring professional contexts and the socio-political climate.

What will you study?

There are four specialty-specific units of study for the Cancer and Haematology Nursing program. Students studying Cancer and Haematology Nursing will complete:

- *A Scientific Basis for Practice*: A pre requisite for the fields of cancer and haematology nursing, this unit of study provides the scientific basis for cancer nursing practice. Biological concepts related to haemopoiesis, immunology, carcinogenesis, genetics and epigenetics will be examined, and synchronously connects with clinical assessment units of study.
- *Cancer and Haematology Nursing Practice*: explores interventions in cancer and haematology nursing practice throughout the malignant disease trajectory. The growing body of research in survivorship issues will be reviewed and critiqued.

- *Navigating the Cancer Experience*: The diagnosis and treatment of cancer as experienced by the patient and their family, within the context of a national and global perspective, will be explored.

Students studying at a Masters level will also complete:

- *Advanced Cancer and Haematology Practice*: Building on leadership and research units, this unit of study will critique the advanced specialist roles within the cancer and haematology specialties.

Capstone

Students will complete either a work based project or thesis in order to complete the master degree.

Who should apply?

Nurses from any clinical or speciality area are welcome to apply.

Recognition for previous study

Registered nurses who have completed graduate studies in cancer nursing at other institutions are welcome to apply for prior recognition towards the Masters degree. This can be discussed with Student Services.

Fees

The Graduate Certificate is a Commonwealth Supported course. The Masters degree is a full fee-paying course. For further information about fees visit the Faculty website: www.nursing.usyd.edu.au