



**The  
University  
of Sydney**



## Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery

# Master of Nursing – Graduate Entry

### Why choose nursing at the University of Sydney?

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

The Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery has a strong commitment to teaching and research in many aspects of nursing and its practice. We provide a greater experience for students, with a really stimulating and supportive environment. The Faculty's degrees are highly regarded. We have close affiliations with the health care sector for the clinical practice of nursing and research and the continuing education and professional preparation of nurses.

Students who choose to study with the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery also have the many advantages that a large and well-established university offers, including state-of-the-art facilities and a vibrant campus life in an inner city environment.

### Master of Nursing – Graduate Entry

The Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery at the University of Sydney offers a unique education path for students interested in nursing.

The Master of Nursing graduate entry program is a two year pre-registration program for students with a previous tertiary qualification and who are seeking a change in career.

The Master of Nursing is designed to introduce students to the profession of nursing through both clinical and theoretical components.

Now is a particularly exciting and challenging time for nursing and midwifery education, research and practice. Globally there are workforce shortages for skilled health professionals, increased patient acuity, decrease in patients' length of stay in acute facilities, greater need for community-based services and growing community concern and expectations for health care quality and safety.

The Master of Nursing graduate entry program delves into many of these important aspects of the changing nature of the healthcare system, from both theoretical and clinical perspectives.

### Course overview

The Master of Nursing program includes lectures, tutorials, laboratory work and clinical placements.

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| Credit points  | 96                 |
| Units of Study | 16                 |
| Full-time      | 2 years            |
| Part-time      | pro rata part-time |
| Intake         | March              |

Throughout the course students gain extensive nursing practice.

Approximately half of the nursing units of study involve clinical placements in health facilities, such as hospitals and community health centres, and practical training in the Faculty's own state-of-the-art nursing laboratories that simulate the nursing environment. Some students also choose to work on a project, known as *ROAM Communities*, to help homeless young people who have mental health issues.

At the end of the course graduates are eligible to apply for registration as a nurse with the Nurses and Midwives Board, NSW.

The program is conducted at the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery's Mallett Street Campus.



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## How to apply

For local students application is by direct entry to the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery (not UAC). Application forms are available from [www.nursing.usyd.edu.au](http://www.nursing.usyd.edu.au)

For international students, application is made through the University of Sydney International Office: [www.usyd.edu.au/international](http://www.usyd.edu.au/international)

## Fees

The Master of Nursing graduate entry program is available to Commonwealth supported students and international fee-paying students. More information about fees and scholarships is available at [www.nursing.usyd.edu.au](http://www.nursing.usyd.edu.au).

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## Units of Study

The units of study\* and the order in which students take them is predetermined.

Year 1, Semester 1:

- Introduction to Nursing Practice
- Human Bioscience in Health
- Developing Nursing Practice
- Social Contexts of Health

Year 1, Semester 2:

- Illness Experience and Nursing Care
- Drug Therapy, Disease and Nursing Practice
- Mental Health Nursing Practice
- Nursing the Acutely Ill Person

Year 2, Semester 1:

- High Acuity Nursing
- Care and Chronic Conditions
- Inquiry and Research in Nursing
- Nursing and the Politics of Health Care

Year 2, Semester 2:

- Community Health Nursing
- Nursing Practice (Options)
- Professional Practice
- Global Health and Nursing

In Year 2, Semester 2 students have the opportunity to extend and develop their interest in specialist areas of nursing practice, including mental health, paediatrics, acute care and clinical nursing.

\* Subject to relevant board approvals

## Clinical practice and simulation

Clinical practice is an important part of the Master of Nursing program. Students undertake more than 900 clinical hours (24 weeks), as per Nurses and Midwives Board, NSW requirements.

The Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery has clinical laboratories that function as simulated clinical environments,

with state-of-the-art equipment, including computerised mannequins, that enable students to develop and practise their skills in a safe environment.

## Great students study here!

Rebecca Bartlett enrolled in the Master of Nursing graduate entry program after completing a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in History/Anthropology, majoring in Genocide Studies.

*I knew I wanted to work in refugee camps, with populations who had survived conflict, in particular, genocide.*



*I knew if I could get a practical qualification I could do more than simply document experiences and write reports for the United Nations or non-government*

*organisations.*

*The Master of Nursing program at the University of Sydney has absolutely allowed me to explore, expand and act upon my passion to advocate for global health issues. It has also really challenged much of the preconceived notions I had about nursing in Australia. In the classroom we engage in debate and consider strategies for how we, as future nurses and members of the Australian public, can improve the healthcare of people both in Australia and internationally.*

## Who should apply?

The Master of Nursing program attracts students from a diverse range of academic disciplines and professions. This makes for an engaging and vibrant learning environment. If you have a tertiary qualification and are looking for a career change then we invite you to apply.