



SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS SEMESTER 2, 2010

Master of Nurse Practitioner Studies

The Master of Nurse Practitioner Studies (MNPractSt) program prepares experienced registered nurses for autonomous and collaborative practice in expanded and advanced clinical roles as Nurse Practitioners. Students select from six fields of specialization, including Chronic Disease Management, General Practice Nursing, Young People's Health, Rural & Remote Nursing and Aviation Nursing. The Master of Nurse Practitioner Studies is delivered externally. In the first year there are two residential study weeks on campus. The first week begins at the start of semester 1 and the second week commences late in semester 2. The program consists of 24 units which can be completed in 1.5 years full-time or the part-time equivalent. Credit for prior learning may be given for registered nurses with other previously gained postgraduate qualifications.

Research Higher Degrees

The School of Nursing and Midwifery research students have access to a wide range of multi-disciplinary advisory teams that are drawn from experts in other University of Queensland Schools, Faculties and Research Centres and the School of Nursing and Midwifery partner organisations. Research students have the opportunity to undertake either a Master of Philosophy program or a Doctor of Philosophy program. The School of Nursing and Midwifery provides Research Higher Degree Students with the opportunity to undertake a diverse range of research projects, many of which are supported by research scholarships.

Master of Nursing

The Master of Nursing program offers a flexible, external method of study. The program provides the opportunity for you to complete a Master of Nursing, after successful completion of 24 units. You are able to select from six fields of study for specialisation, including Children & Young People's Health, Primary Health Care Nursing, Chronic Disease Management and Palliative Care, Gastroenterological Nursing, Rural & Remote Nursing, or use the generic Advanced

Practice Nursing field designed to enable you to apply the principles to your own specialist practice setting.

Graduate Certificate in Nursing

As part of the Master of Nursing program, the School of Nursing and Midwifery offers a Graduate Certificate in Nursing. The Graduate Certificate in Nursing is ideal if you do not currently hold a Bachelor of Nursing, or the equivalent. Once successfully completed, you will then be eligible to enrol in the Graduate Diploma of Nursing, the Master of Nursing, or the Master of Nurse Practitioner Studies programs. The Graduate Certificate in Nursing consists of one core course, two field-specific courses and one elective course. As with the Master of Nursing, you will be able to select from six fields of study for specialisation, including Children & Young People's Health, Primary Health Care Nursing, Chronic Disease Management and Palliative Care, Gastroenterological Nursing, Rural & Remote Nursing, or use the generic Advanced Practice Nursing field tailored to suit your own specialist practice setting.

Graduate Diploma in Nursing

Within the Master of Nursing program, the School of Nursing and Midwifery also offers a Graduate Diploma in Nursing. If you currently hold a Bachelor of Nursing, you are able to apply for entry to the Graduate Diploma or Master of Nursing or Master of Nurse Practitioner Studies if you meet all the program requirements.

There are 16 units of study in the Graduate Diploma consisting of the courses that make up the Graduate Certificate plus one core course (Education in Nursing and Midwifery Practice), two field-specific courses and one elective course.

The flexibility of these programs allows you to maintain a work, study and family life balance as they are delivered externally, and all courses and course material are provided online via the UQ student internet application Blackboard. Some courses have a clinical practice requirement. This will need to be arranged by the student and approved by the course coordinator.



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PRIMARY HEALTH CARE NURSING

The Graduate Certificate in Nursing, Graduate Diploma in Nursing and the Master of Nursing programs in Primary Health Care Nursing have been developed to meet the increasing demand for nurses in primary health care environments. As students progress through the programs, advanced practice skills will be developed along with an increasing awareness of the social, economic, cultural and political determinants of health. The programs have been designed to align with current developments within the Australian health care system and aim to increase nurses' knowledge and skills in the areas of illness prevention, health promotion and community development. All courses will be taught online.

Graduate Certificate in Nursing

Primary Health Care Nursing

PUBH7650 Evidence Based Health Care

Evidence based health care involves integrating the best available clinical research with clinical experience and patient values and objectives in order to guide decision making in health care. Students learn to find the most relevant and highest quality evidence, critically appraise this evidence and apply and adapt the evidence to practice.

NURS7600 Foundations of Primary Health Care Nursing

This course will assist students develop advanced skills in primary health care activities such as health promotion and prevention. Areas such as screening strategies, smoking cessation, nutrition and healthy eating, alcohol management and physical exercise advice and management will be covered.

In addition, students will learn to apply the principles of health teaching and adult learning to health promotion.

NURS7601 Triage and acute care in the primary health care context

This course will assist students develop advanced skills in triaging patients in the primary health care context. Clinically based procedures and activities such as monitoring and assessing patients and providing emergency care will be covered. Students will also develop advanced skills in a range of health care practices such as ECG monitoring and wound management.

Elective

Students are able to choose any #2 course within the University in an area that will enhance their knowledge and skills in primary health care practice or fulfil a professional interest.

Graduate Diploma in Nursing

Primary Health Care Nursing

Graduate certificate courses plus

NURS7602

Primary health care, nursing, policy, politics and economics

This course will assist students develop skills in exploring the role of nursing in the health care system and in health policy development and political processes, with particular reference to primary health care settings. In addition students will examine health care financing and nursing's role in advancing health care quality and patient safety. Legislation and regulation affecting nursing practice will also be covered.

NURS7603

Chronic disease management in the primary health care context

This course will assist students develop knowledge of and apply the principles of self management of chronic illnesses and co-morbidities that make a major contribution to Australia's global burden of disease. Students will learn to assess clients with ongoing illness and to develop, implement and evaluate planned care and self management strategies in the primary health care sector in collaboration with other relevant health professionals.

HLTH7204

Education in Clinical Nursing and Midwifery

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This online core course will prepare nurses and midwives for educational leadership roles within their own specified area of practice; enable them to educate, support and develop their colleagues; provide health education to their clients and support beginning practitioners entering their profession.

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Graduate diploma plus

HLTH7225

Leadership and Management in Nursing and Midwifery

Understanding leadership and management is fundamental to ensuring future leaders can positively influence nursing or midwifery practice and health outcomes within their area of specialty practice.

This online core course provides students with the opportunity to critically analyse contemporary models and frameworks for leadership and management; examine leadership and management concepts, issues and challenges and their impact on nursing or midwifery practice with specific reference to an area of specialty; and examine the impact of political, economic, socio-cultural influences on contemporary management and leadership, and leadership/ management styles and behaviours.

Concepts and skills such as power, autonomy, and empowerment, clinical decision making, mentoring and coaching will also be examined.

Research focused #2 course

For example PUBH7003 Qualitative Research Methods in Health

NURS7006 or NURS7020 – #4

Research Project or Professional Practice Project in an area of personal professional interest.



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ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING

The Advanced Practice Nursing programs have been developed to provide Registered Nurses with the skills and knowledge to fulfil advanced practice roles within their own clinical setting. Advanced nursing practice will be explored from a clinical, professional, educational and leadership perspective. Graduates will develop advanced skills in health assessment and applying contemporary models of practice. They will also acquire an in-depth knowledge of professional nursing practice from a local and global perspective; develop their teaching and learning skills enabling them to assume an educational leadership role; and enhance their leadership and management skills and knowledge enabling them to influence nursing practice and health outcomes within the area of specialty. All courses are offered online.

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NURS7200 Health Assessment Skills for Specialist Nursing Practice

This is the first course in a specialty field of study that will assist students to enhance their health assessment skills; evaluate the impact of specific health related issues on the individual or family; and to undertake comprehensive clinical health assessments relevant to their area of specialty nursing practice.

NURS7201 Specialist Nursing Practice and Models of Care

This course focuses on the theoretical and philosophical models of nursing practice and their relevance to specified areas of nursing practice. This second specialist nursing course will assist the student to use theoretical principles and research findings in the provision of care for individuals/families within their respective area of specialty practice. Critical thinking, reflective practice and other related concepts and how they inform nursing practice will be examined.

Elective

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Graduate Diploma in Nursing

Advanced Practice Nursing

Graduate Certificate plus

NURS7202

Contemporary Specialist Nursing Practice

During this course the student will analyse the role of nursing practice and the profession within the global context; evaluate the impact of current political, economic, and socio cultural influences on nursing; and critique contemporary nursing practice and health within their specific contexts of practice. Regulation, education and practice and other professional concepts are analysed and their impact at local, national and international levels evaluated.

NURS7203

Advanced Specialist Nursing Practice

This course provides opportunities for the student to apply advanced knowledge and skills in the relevant specialty; to reflect and critically evaluate their own practice and to propose alternative nursing frameworks for their area of specialty nursing practice.

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