

Bachelor of Nursing – Enrolled Nurse Conversion Broome Campus

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NOTRE DAME BROOME CAMPUS

Notre Dame Broome is a unique place to study and learn. The small and friendly campus means students benefit from personal attention, a caring learning environment and dedicated staff. Admission to Notre Dame is a comprehensive process that takes into account all the characteristics, experience, knowledge and skills of a prospective student.

The township of Broome is well-known for its ideal climate, breathtaking natural beauty, historic sights and plenty of outdoor adventure. Experiencing university life in Broome is an ideal chance to study in an environment that tourists from around Australia and all over the world spend thousands of dollars to enjoy.

A key objective of the Broome Campus is to provide strong support for the process of reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians. The Campus provides a supportive environment and offers an opportunity for non-Aboriginal and Aboriginal people to live together and to learn about Aboriginal health, history and culture.

INTRODUCTION

The Bachelor of Nursing Enrolled Nurse Conversion program recognizes the relevant prior educational achievements of the Enrolled Nurse and offers a two year formal curriculum, which contains all of the subjects mandated for nursing accreditation in Western Australia, while placing strong emphasis on clinical experience. The course focuses on the nurse-patient relationship and is highly practical in its orientation. Nursing students undertake a comprehensive university program, including specialist nursing studies, behavioural and health science, professional development and the compulsory Core Curriculum units. Students also undertake 400 hours of clinical practice each year in a variety of hospital, community and health care settings, where they are mentored by experienced registered nurses and other health professionals.

Graduates of the course are capable of providing high quality care in a compassionate, respectful and just manner.

WHY STUDY AT NOTRE DAME?

At the cornerstone of the Bachelor of Nursing Enrolled Nurse Conversion degree at Notre Dame is a commitment to equipping students with the skills and confidence to work in a variety of health care settings upon graduation. This is facilitated by intensive practicum experiences totalling 800 hours throughout the degree.

The University of Notre Dame Australia accepts only a limited number of students into the Enrolled Nurse Conversion course each year which enables all students to be placed in an appropriate hospital or health care setting for the practicum experience. The extensive support received from the nursing profession in Western Australia has enabled the course to be developed to meet and in many cases, exceed professional standards.

COURSE OUTLINE

The Bachelor of Nursing Enrolled Nurse Conversion course has been designed to prepare students as beginning practitioners who are able to apply for registration to work in a variety of hospital and health care settings. The course provides a basis for future self-development and will enable students to continue to develop in all fields of health delivery.

The course has four broad study streams:

- Behavioural Science
- Health Science
- Nursing Care: Theory & Practice
- Personal & Professional Development

The course uses a problem solving and evidence based practice approach in teaching. Theoretical and practical components are integrated.

MODE OF STUDY & ASSESSMENT

Students will be admitted to the Bachelor of Nursing Enrolled Nurse Conversion for full time study only; part time will only be allowed under exceptional circumstances. The assessment in each unit consists of (for example) tutorial performance, a number of assignments or projects during the semester, tests, a final examination and demonstrated competencies whilst on clinical placement.

Consideration is currently being given to offer the Bachelor of Nursing Enrolled Nurse Conversion program in a blended delivery format which will incorporate off campus study using a synchronous virtual classroom and on campus delivery blocks. This will require approval from the Nurses and Midwives Board prior to commencement.

COURSE STRUCTURE

- Diseases, Disorders and Nursing Interventions
- Nursing Skills
- Developmental Psychology
- The Sociology of Health and Illness
- Introduction to Theology
- Clinical Practicum 3
- Maternal, family and child health
- Introductory Course to Microbiology / Epidemiology
- Ethical Issues in Nursing Care
- Perioperative Nursing Care
- Histories and Theories of Nursing
- Aboriginal People
- Clinical Practicum 4
- Counselling Skills for Nursing
- The Role of the Professional Nurse
- Contemporary Nursing Care in Mental Health
- Spirituality and Challenges of Reconciliation
- Clinical Practicum 5
- Aboriginal Health
- An Introduction to Research Methods in Clinical Nursing
- Nursing Management and leadership within the Australian Health Care System
- Nursing of the Critically Ill
- Clinical Practicum 6

SUCCESSFUL STUDY

At Notre Dame we emphasize the value of the human person and the importance of developing and maintaining an atmosphere of reconciliation. All students complete units in Theology, Aboriginal studies and The Spirituality of Reconciliation, units which deal with issues that go to the very heart of participation in Australian society.

These units comprise the core curriculum at Broome Campus.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The School of Nursing encourages applications from all ages. The comprehensive entry requirements include qualification as Enrolled Nurse, meeting RPL to Diploma HLT51607, as well as personal accomplishments and suitability to nursing at Notre Dame. Prospective students must be able to demonstrate good verbal and written skills. Further entry information is available through the Prospective Students/Admissions Office.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates will be eligible to apply to register with the Nurses and Midwives Board of Western Australia as a Registered Nurse capable of practising in any area of nursing as a beginning practitioner.

TUITION FEES

The Broome Campus offers Commonwealth Supported places under the Higher Education Support Act. Students with a Commonwealth Supported place are eligible to apply for HECS-HELP to assist in paying their contribution. For more information about Commonwealth Supported places go to www.goingtouni.gov.au or contact the Broome Campus.

Students also need to pay for uniforms, learning resources and text books as well as medical charges associated with required vaccinations and Federal Police and Criminal Record Screening.

ACCOMMODATION

The Broome Campus offers quality on-site accommodation in the Student Village. The Village is made up of the Student Hostel which provides short-term accommodation for students who attend 'block study' programs and the Student Housing which is made up of nine separate houses for students studying fulltime for at least one semester.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The information contained in this publication is designed as a basic course description. If you would like further information regarding the course, or information about admissions, fees or the University itself please contact the Broome Campus on telephone: (08) 9192 0600 or via email at broome@nd.edu.au

Visitors to the University are welcome at any time. If you would like to look around the University and the facilities please contact the Broome Campus.

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