

Bachelor of Nursing – 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.

NURSING AT NOTRE DAME BROOME

The three-year Bachelor of Nursing offers a formal curriculum, which contains all of the subjects mandated for nursing accreditation in Western Australia, while placing strong emphasis on clinical and hospital 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. They also undertake a significant amount of clinical practice each year in a variety of hospital and health care settings where they are mentored by experienced registered nurses.

Graduates of this course will be capable of providing high quality care in a compassionate, respectful and just manner.

WHY STUDY NURSING AT NOTRE DAME?

At the cornerstone of the Bachelor of Nursing 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 throughout the degree.

Notre Dame accepts a limited number of students into the Nursing course each year, which enables all students to be placed in a hospital or health care setting for the practicum experiences.

It also enables students to receive individual support from teaching staff, which aids their academic and personal development.

The extensive support received from the nursing industry in Western Australia has enabled the course to be developed to exceed, in many cases, industry expectations.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Graduates will be able to practice in the following fields.
- Aged Care/Rehabilitation
- Medical and/or surgical nursing
- Surgical Specialties–ENT, Eye, Urology, orthopaedics, etc.
- Operating Room nursing
- Maternal and Child Health
- Mental Health
- Community nursing/ Indigenous health care
- Critical care

COURSE OVERVIEW

The Bachelor of Nursing prepares students as beginning practitioners able 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 care delivery.

The course has been designed to meet the competency requirements of the Nurses Board of WA and is based on the following domains:

- Professional practice
- Critical thinking and analysis
- Provision and coordination of care
- Collaborative and therapeutic practice

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applications are encouraged from students of all ages. The comprehensive entry requirements consider past academic performance as well as personal accomplishments and suitability for the course. Prospective students must be able to demonstrate good verbal and written skills. Human Biology and English at TEE level would be valuable. All students are required to complete a Senior First Aid Certificate and meet immunisation requirements.

Examples of minimum entry requirements are:

- TER score of 60 or more or,
- A WA Certificate of Education demonstrating primarily “A” and /or “B” grade averages or,
- Mature age STAT score over 135, or
- Tertiary Enabling Program, credit average grades

COURSE STRUCTURE

The Bachelor of Nursing is a course of three years full-time duration, which prepares students to be registered with the Nurses Board of Western Australia.

The course has 4 broad study streams:

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

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

Some of the areas covered in the course include Aboriginal people, communications, developmental psychology, disease prevention, paediatric nursing, pharmacology, counselling skills, mental health, research methods, theology, community care, legal and ethical issues in nursing, Human body and histories and theories of nursing.

MAJOR IN ABORIGINAL HEALTH

Whilst the School of Nursing, Broome campus seeks to ensure all graduates are able to work culturally appropriately, effectively and ethically with Aboriginal people it is recognised that some students will have the desire to gain extra knowledge and experience both theoretically and clinically in the area of Aboriginal health. With this in mind the School of Nursing, Broome campus is pleased to offer a designed Major in Aboriginal health. Students choosing Bachelor of Nursing with a Major in Aboriginal Health will undertake theoretical units and clinical units that have a particular focus on Aboriginal health issues.

MAJOR IN MENTAL HEALTH

Mental Health is an area of nursing that has applications in all nursing settings. Every Undergraduate Curriculum has a component of Mental Health Nursing which enables graduates from these programs to function in Mental Health settings. In spite of this strategy there is a huge dearth of Mental Health Nurses. The School of Nursing is fortunate to be able to offer a Bachelor of Nursing with a Major in Mental Health. Students will undertake theoretical units and clinical units that have a particular focus on Mental Health Nursing.

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.

Students are also required to complete a foundation unit in communications, which will introduce the skills essential to successful university study and help you to adjust to your new learning environment

SKILLS RECOGNITION

If you are interested in applying for Skills Recognition for one or more Units of Competency within the Bachelor of Nursing please contact the School of Nursing.

MODE OF STUDY

The Bachelor of Nursing program is a three year full time program. Students are admitted to the Bachelor of Nursing in the first semester (February) intake. A limited number of places are offered in second semester for students to undertake core units prior to commencing the Bachelor of Nursing program.

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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