



Bachelor of Nursing

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WHY STUDY AT NOTRE DAME?

The University of Notre Dame Australia is proud of its small classes and caring community atmosphere as well as its commitment to excellence, pastoral care and social justice. The University is able to offer a uniquely personal approach to teaching and learning. As a consequence, Notre Dame can assist students to develop skills and confidence to enable them to succeed in their chosen field. Also, because Notre Dame is a town university, students have access to all the social, sporting and cultural activities Fremantle has to offer, making learning both an educational and a cultural experience.

The University emphasises the value of the human person and the importance of maintaining an ethical way of life. All students undertake studies in Ethics, Philosophy and Theology – dealing with issues that go to the very heart of participation in public life, while developing students with valuable life skills. These units are designed to broaden students' thinking, develop business values and develop the capability to think critically and act morally.

INTRODUCTION

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 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.

It is envisaged that graduates of this course are capable of providing high quality care in a compassionate, respectful and just manner.

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 totaling 1240 hours throughout the degree, which is substantially more than other nursing courses.

The University of Notre Dame Australia accepts only a limited number of students into the Nursing 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 has been designed to prepare students as beginning practitioners who are able to be registered 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.

Students are also required to complete a unit in Nursing Communications. This is a foundation unit that will introduce students to the skills essential to successful university study and help them to adjust to a new learning environment.

An Introduction to the Human Body 1
The Sociology of Health and Illness
Developmental Psychology
Nursing Communications
An Introduction to Nursing
Clinical Practicum 1
Introduction to the Human Body II
Introduction to Microbiology and Epidemiology
Legal Issues in Nursing Care
Histories and Theories of Nursing
Child and Maternal Nursing Care
Clinical Practicum 2
Understanding the Disease Process
Comprehensive Nursing Care
Clinical Pharmacology for Nurses
Ethics
Nursing Care 1
Clinical Practicum 3
Ethical Issues in Nursing Care
Nursing Care II
Perioperative Nursing Care
Nursing Aspects of Community Care
Clinical Practicum 4
Counselling Skills for Nursing
Introduction to Theology
Introduction to Philosophy
Contemporary Nursing Care in Mental Health
The Role of the Professional Nurse
Clinical Practicum 5
An Introduction to Research Methods in Clinical Nursing
Aboriginal Health
Nursing Management and Leadership within the Australian Health Care System
Nursing of the Critically Ill
Clinical Practicum 6

MODE OF STUDY & ASSESSMENT

Students will be admitted to the Bachelor of Nursing 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.

STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

The School of Nursing is developing links with Schools of Nursing in the United States and you may have the opportunity of completing part of your degree through the University exchange or study abroad program.

STUDY ON THE BROOME CAMPUS

Students may have the opportunity to undertake one or more semesters of their Nursing degree program on the Broome Campus.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The School of Nursing encourages applications from all ages. The comprehensive entry requirements consider academic performance as well as personal accomplishments and suitability to nursing. Prospective students must be able to demonstrate good verbal and written skills. A list of recommended subjects is available from the Prospective Students Office.

Students are expected to have completed a Senior First Aid course before commencing their nursing studies.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates will be eligible to register with the Nurses and Midwives Board of Western Australia registrar and become a practising registered nurse in any area of nursing as a beginning practitioner.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The information contained in this publication is designed as a basic course description. If you would like further information regarding the courses, or information pertaining to admissions, fees or the University itself, please consult the University Prospectus.

If you would like to view the University facilities please contact the Prospective Students Office on (08) 9433 0533 or at future@nd.edu.au.

Visit the web site at www.nd.edu.au

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS OFFICE

For further information on The University of Notre Dame Australia, contact the Prospective Students Office
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