“When you make the decision to become a nurse you are making the first step into a wonderful, varied and rewarding career. We at Sydney Nursing School welcome you to Open Day. We hope you enjoy your day!”

PROFESSOR JILL WHITE
DEAN
SYDNEY NURSING SCHOOL
We love Open Day at Sydney Nursing School! We enjoy welcoming you to the world of nursing, having the opportunity to show you around and tempting you to really think seriously about nursing as a rewarding, varied and challenging career.

Sydney Nursing School’s mission is to be the university of choice for high-achieving nursing students in Australia, and highly regarded nationally and internationally for our nursing programs, our teaching and our research. And as Dean of Sydney Nursing School I am proud to say that our mission is also the reality.

We hope today that you will discover the pathways to a career in nursing through our innovative nursing programs – whether it’s our new Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced Studies), combined degree programs or the Master of Nursing graduate entry program – each has been designed to reflect health care delivery now and in the future and to prepare you as an excellent registered nurse who will one day be a leader in health care.

Making the decision about your future studies and a future career is a big one. So use days like today to help you make the right decision. You can do this by being well-informed. Attend our mini-lectures, talk to our academic staff and take a tour of our clinical simulation facilities. Our student ambassadors are here to meet you too. Ask them about their nursing experiences and find out the real story about studying nursing at Sydney Nursing School.

Enjoy Open Day and I look forward to meeting you.

PROFESSOR JILL WHITE
DEAN, SYDNEY NURSING SCHOOL
We hope you enjoy Open Day. From mini-lectures and clinical lab tours at Sydney Nursing School to Info Booths in the Great Hall and MacLaurin Hall and live entertainment and food in the Quadrangle, there are heaps of things to keep you busy all day!

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Take the free shuttle bus from Camperdown Campus to Mallett Street (Sydney Nursing School) and back. Running every 30 minutes from 9.35am to 2.35pm.
YOUR PASSPORT TO A HEALTHY CAREER
There are so many things you can do with a nursing degree. First of all, nursing is a passport to a great profession with so many interesting, varied and rewarding opportunities open to you.

Through nursing you’ll make a real difference to people’s lives. It’s an intelligent, caring and valued profession. And it’s also a great stepping stone to many other careers in health care and beyond.

Once you finish your nursing degree you’ll be eligible to register as a nurse in Australia and also, if you wish, take your knowledge and skills to work internationally. Most probably, you’ll start your nursing career with a graduate transition placement in an Australian hospital where you’ll spend up to a year becoming fully acquainted with nursing and the health care profession. Like some of our students, you might take the community and family health nursing path, or take up a remote position working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, or go into aged care or rehabilitation, defence, international public health or take on further study.

SO MANY CHOICES
As you get more experienced as a registered nurse you will also start to specialise. You can develop expertise in emergency or intensive care nursing, mental health nursing, work with children and adolescents, care for cancer patients and provide palliative care. You can also become a nurse practitioner and establish your own nursing practice. Your opportunities are endless.

LIFE-LONG LEARNING
As nursing is a knowledge profession within a complex and fast-changing environment life-long learning will be part of your nursing journey.

As a nurse your clinical decisions will be informed by evidence and you will need to stay on top of the latest research and developments in health care.

Right now you probably don’t like the thought of having to do research. But by studying at a research-intensive university like the University of Sydney you will find that you will have developed good analytical and research skills that will help you in your career. Later, you might also come back to university and develop more sophisticated research and specialist knowledge and skills and see how the research we do at Sydney Nursing School can really improve health outcomes and improve patient care.

WHAT WILL YOU EARN?
The starting salary for a registered nurse in NSW in 2013 is $54,234. There are also shift allowances to consider. That’s not bad for a first year graduate.

Of course, you’ll earn more as you progress each year. The starting salary for a Nurse Practitioner is $104,994 and a Level 1 Nurse Unit Manager $95,539.
After a number of years of dreaming, lobbying and planning Sydney Nursing School was proud to welcome the first group of students into the new Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced Studies) program in 2012. The very healthy number of students who have enrolled in the program speaks for itself. And so far, our students are loving the program!

Sydney Nursing School’s new Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced Studies) program is certainly a nursing degree with a difference. In addition to the essential clinical and theoretical skills for nursing, the program has a focus on leadership, evidence-based practice and research and international health. This means that you will learn to provide the best care for people, no matter who or where they are, and be confident to contribute to important decisions about health and wellness.

This year we welcomed more than 100 students into the program, including a number of students from overseas. So far, feedback from students has been overwhelmingly positive!

Lillian Dellar is one such student. Lillian took a gap year in 2011, undertaking the Australian Army’s Gap Year Scheme. It was during this year that she met some inspiring nurses and medics, all who had unique experiences to share and who encouraged her to consider a career in nursing.

Lillian also has four generations of nurses in her family, with her grandmother being a particularly positive role model. But, as Lillian says, “Ultimately it was my choice to pursue nursing because it’s a positive profession and the prospects it can bring makes it all very exciting to me.”

“I’m really enjoying the Bachelor of Nursing (AS) program as it has challenged me in ways I didn’t expect. I really enjoy the practical side to this degree with the clinical labs and clinical placements my favourite,” Lillian said.

STOP PRESS: EARLY OFFER YEAR 12
The expected ATAR for the Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced Studies) is 84.0.

However, if you’re currently a Year 12 student from a low socio-economic background or you’ve experienced financial hardship you can apply for an early conditional offer with lots of benefits.
Through the University of Sydney’s Early Offer Year 12 scheme (E12) you can reserve a place, as long as you meet the special ATAR cut-offs and subject bands for your preferred course, which also includes the Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced Studies). You can nominate yourself or be nominated by your school principal for this scheme.

Closing date: 6 September 2012

E12 BN (Advanced Studies) ATAR 75

SELECTION CRITERIA:
Student interview
Band 4 or above in any two of the following: HSC Advanced English, HSC Mathematics (2 unit or Extension), HSC Biology, HSC Chemistry and HSC Physics

Make sure you meet the eligibility criteria by visiting the E12 website:
sydney.edu.au/e12

Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced Studies) student Lillian Dellar is loving the first year of her nursing program.
EXPERIENCE THE VARIETY IN NURSING
When you study nursing at Sydney Nursing School you’ll have more than 900 hours of clinical practice in a variety of health care settings. This is well above the hours required for registration as a nurse by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. This is good news because it means you’ll be well prepared for when you finish your nursing degree and ready for the real world of nursing.

On Open Day you can find out more about clinical placements which you’ll undertake in Sydney’s largest teaching hospitals, mental health and community health care settings, rural and remote communities and opportunities for optional clinical placements overseas.

CLINICAL PLACEMENT INFO BOOTH
Staff from our Clinical Placement Office will be on hand on the ground floor of our Mallett Street Campus on Open Day to talk to you about all the things you need to get ready for clinical placements. You’ll get details about when you start your clinical placements, documentation, health checks and criminal record checks, uniforms, procedures to book and allocate placements, rosters, and clinical record log books. There are more details about clinical placements at: sydney.edu.au/nursing/current_students/clinical_placements.shtml

RURAL, REMOTE AND INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL OPPORTUNITIES
We encourage our students to undertake clinical placements in rural and regional health care settings as it’s a very tangible way for students to build relationships and really see what nursing is like in other places.

“An amazing experience” was how recent nursing graduate Fiona Mallon described her
rural and remote clinical placement at Dubbo and Wilcannia hospitals last year. “It was possible to interact widely with the community and the local nurses were supportive and welcoming. The experience helped me understand the difficulties and issues faced by people living in remote areas, particularly with access to health care services,” Fiona said.

Fiona enjoyed her rural clinical placement so much that she said she would consider pursuing a rural or remote nursing position in the future. “It was fantastic to see the vital role the nurses play in a small community,” Fiona said.

**STOP PRESS:** NSW Health offers rural placement grants to assist nursing students with travel and accommodation costs associated with rural placements. There are also a range of other Australian Government scholarships available, including clinical practice in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

**MEET MIRANDA**

At Open Day our students will be very happy to talk to you about their clinical placement experiences – the good, the bad (and the ugly!). It’s not just the clinical skills they enjoy developing in real health settings, but also the opportunity to build therapeutic relationships with their patients, following them from admission to discharge, working alongside other health professional students and also gaining inspiration from experienced facilitators and registered nurses who are so passionate about their work.

You can meet students like Miranda Agyemang, a combined degree student who reckons she’s been lucky with all her placements, each being special in its own way. “Of course it’s important to have good theoretical knowledge, but being able to apply what you’ve learned in the real clinical environment gives you a unique and unrivalled learning experience to see how you’re developing and progressing into a valued health care professional,” Miranda said.
“The nurse-patient relationship is not a uniform, professionalised blueprint, but rather a kaleidoscope of intimacy and distance in some of the most dramatic, poignant, and mundane moments of life.”

(Patricia Benner, 1984)

“Nursing is caring. Nursing is helping and guiding people through what can be the most difficult time in their lives. Nursing means life-long learning - intellectually and emotionally. Being a nurse is a calling. It is challenging, extremely rewarding, and the best career decision I ever made.”

(Associate Professor Kate Curtis)

“Cold hands warm heart!”

“Constant attention by a good nurse may be just as important as a major operation by a surgeon.”

(Dag Hammarskjold)

“...not that ready and correct observation will, by itself, make us useful nurses, but without it we shall be useless with all our devotion...if you cannot get the habit of observation one way or other, you had better give up the being a nurse, for it is not your calling, however kind and anxious you may be.”

Florence Nightingale (1859) “Notes on Nursing: What it is and what it is not”

“For me, nursing is the very stuff of life: its passion, its pain, its joys and sorrows. Nursing is the routines and practices that give purpose and meaning to the chaotic and inchoate. Nursing is an enterprise where primal myths are continually evoked and classical dramas enacted on a daily basis. Individual nurses participate as players in these dramas, help move them along to resolution or reprieve, often silent witness to the manifold variability of human responses to suffering.

(Professor Judith Parker, “A body of work”)

“All doctors’ orders are conditional”

(Florence Nightingale)
IT’S THE HEALTH CARE TEAM CHALLENGE!

At Sydney Nursing School we encourage our students to experience nursing as part of interdisciplinary health care teams to get ready for the real world of nursing where health professional teams must increasingly work together to provide comprehensive care for their patients.

That’s why the Health Care Team Challenge is such a perfect fit. It’s a cross-faculty interprofessional event for students designed to promote and recognise excellence in health care management. In this year’s Challenge, four teams from Nursing and Health Sciences prepared and presented a multidisciplinary health care plan based on a case study about a 65-year-old woman who was an inpatient in a Sydney rehabilitation hospital and had been diagnosed with a left middle cerebral artery stroke.

According to Dr Christopher Gordon, who is the Sydney Nursing School challenge organiser and mentor and Senior Lecturer and Director Postgraduate Advanced Studies, “The Health Care Team Challenge is a fantastic event for health professional students to learn in an interdisciplinary manner. They get to do active team work as health professionals before they get into the work place.”

On Open Day you might get to meet one of our nursing students, Christina Ha, who participated in the Health Care Team Challenge. “The Challenge was more than just another case study we see in class,” Christina said. “We were given full artistic license to be as creative as possible when presenting our management plan. This culminated in a night of costumes and props, acting and pre-recorded videos. I would recommend it to anyone thinking about it because it is more fun than it is work.”

The Dynamic Paracetamols won the Challenge with Team Unity taking out second place. Master of Nursing student Morgan Snow was on the winning team. The Dynamic Paracetamols will now go on to compete at the HealthFusion Team Challenge in Brisbane later this year. Good luck Morgan!

“The Health Care Team Challenge was a fantastic way for meeting other students in different health disciplines. It was interesting to see different approaches to a case study and how collaborating and integrating our ideas could change a person’s whole experience with the health care system”.

CHRISTINA HA
COMBINED DEGREE STUDENT
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DR CHRISTOPHER GORDON
**MEN IN NURSING MINI-LECTURE**
**SYDNEY NURSING SCHOOL, LEVEL 2, 2–3PM**

Why is Sydney Nursing School hosting a mini-lecture on the topic of Men in Nursing on Open Day?

Great question!

Basically, we want men who might be thinking about a career in nursing to know that they can have extremely rewarding careers in health care.

At our Men in Nursing mini-lecture (open of course to both men and women) you’ll meet some of the men at Sydney Nursing School, both academic staff, students and graduates alike, who are helping to shape the future of health care.

You’ll meet Associate Professor Murray Fisher who has undertaken considerable research into men’s experiences within the nursing profession. He knows about the obstacles men might face when considering nursing as a profession and also some of the obstacles men can experience within the profession. But he’s also keen to share with you the many rewards.

“There are some barriers you may have to overcome but the first step is to pursue the career you really want. Everything else becomes easier from here,” Murray says.

Dr Tom Buckley, Course Coordinator of the Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) program, will share with you how and why he came to nursing, his inspiring journey from Ireland to Australia and his career as a critical care nurse, nurse practitioner, lecturer, researcher and more.

You’ll also meet Tom Schrader, one of our final year students in the combined degree program, who was motivated to set up a men in nursing society at Sydney Nursing School (now part of the Sydney University Nursing Society) to encourage men to share their perspectives and experiences of nursing and to be confident knowing that a diverse workplace is a healthy workplace. One of our recent nursing graduates, Aaron O’Grady, will talk about his start to his nursing career, having just commenced his graduate transition position at St Vincent’s Hospital this year.

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**STOP PRESS:**
Did you know that men make up nearly 10% of registered nurses in Australia? At Sydney Nursing School 16% of our student population are men.

**SOME FACTS ABOUT MEN IN NURSING:**
Brett Holmes is the General Secretary of the NSW Nurses’ Association.

James Derham was an African American man who worked as a nurse in New Orleans in 1783. He was able to save enough money to buy his freedom from slavery. He went on to become the first African American physician in the United States.

Walt Whitman (1819-1892), poet and writer, served as a volunteer hospital nurse in Washington, DC during the Civil War. He recorded his experiences in a collection of poems called “DRUMTAPS” and in his diary, “SPECIMEN DAYS and COLLECT”.

18 percent of Sydney Nursing School’s PhD (higher research degree) students are men.
“Diversity is important for any profession, including nursing. There’s no reason why there shouldn’t be more men in nursing – I’m not sure why there aren’t. It’s such a versatile profession.”

IGNAT KOSLOV
BACHELOR OF ARTS/
MASTER OF NURSING
TAKE A TOUR
On Open Day you’ll get to tour Sydney Nursing School’s clinical simulation laboratories where our nursing students practise their clinical skills to help prepare them for their clinical placements and the real world of nursing.

MEET SIM MAN® (AND HIS FRIENDS)
Sometimes known as “Mr Davies” SimMan is one of our high fidelity manikins who can talk, groan and imitate a range of symptoms to test our students on their clinical knowledge and ability to respond.

“No, I feel really bad,” he answers as our student feels his pulse and then calls for urgent help. Behind the glass walls our clinical simulation experts are filming the entire incident to help students evaluate their response.

On Open Day you’ll meet Evelyn Dalton, our Clinical Simulation Lab Manager, who loves to show prospective students the scope of clinical simulation practice at Sydney Nursing School.

“I really enjoy working with all of these manikins as they have the capabilities to simulate patients within many medical and surgical disciplines,” Evelyn says. “Our students are also very enthusiastic about the facilities too as they recognise it provides them with a realistic environment and a safe place to connect theory with clinical practice. Students find the more they practise their skills the better they do in their clinical practice assessments and the more confident they feel when they go out on clinical placements,” Evelyn said.

On Open Day you’ll discover that Sydney Nursing School’s clinical simulation laboratories are equipped with the latest electronic clinical equipment, similar to hospitals. There are four 4-bed laboratories, one SimMan laboratory with one electronic high fidelity SimMan manikin and one SimBaby manikin, two practice laboratories, 16 electronic medium fidelity manikins and more.
Sydney Nursing School occupies two main buildings – Buildings A and C – within Mallett Street Campus. This is within short walking distance of the Camperdown and Darlington campuses of the University of Sydney.

The University of Sydney is easily accessible by train, bus, car and bicycle and is committed to ensuring a safe campus.
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