



**The
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Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery

Research Degrees

Why choose the University of Sydney?

The University of Sydney was founded in 1850 as the first university in Australia. For over 150 years we have maintained a national and international reputation for academic excellence. Today our reputation for quality courses and innovative research is stronger than ever.

The Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery

The Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery offers excellent opportunities for research students. It has a strong commitment to teaching and research in many aspects of nursing and midwifery and their practice. The Faculty's research degrees are highly regarded. They prepare nurses and midwives for leadership in research and teaching.

Research degrees

The Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery boasts a strong group of academics and clinical experts, many of whom are renowned both nationally and internationally as practicing nurses and midwives, teachers and researchers. We are committed to excellence in postgraduate research education.

The Faculty provides first class student resources, including an on-site nursing library, computer facilities as well as access to all the resources of the University of Sydney.

Research degrees offered:

- Bachelor of Nursing (Honours)
- Master of Nursing (Honours)
- Master of Philosophy (Nursing)
- Doctor of Philosophy

Why enrol in a research degree at the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery?

The University of Sydney is a research intensive university, positioned second only to the Australian National University in international rankings. The Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery offers excellent opportunities for research students and its reputation in research continues to grow.

The Faculty offers students a supported research experience that focuses on our research strengths.

The Faculty's major research areas are:

- Cancer and palliative care
- Chronic diseases and co-morbidities
- Intensive care, trauma and emergency
- Maternal, perinatal and women's health
- Mental health

Students wishing to undertake a research degree at the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery have the opportunity to work with staff across these and other research areas in patient outcomes, the illness experience, health systems, services and policy, primary health care and the study and development of the disciplines of nursing and midwifery.

Bachelor of Nursing (Honours)

Students who have completed a Bachelor of Nursing are invited to apply for the honours program. This involves two units relating to research methods and the preparation of a thesis. Students undertake research work independently under the guidance of a supervisor. The course can be studied one year full-time or two years part-time.

Admission to the Bachelor of Nursing (Honours) is open to students who are considered by the Faculty to have the requisite knowledge and aptitude to undertake this course.



Master of Nursing (Honours)

The Master of Nursing (Honours) is an additional option for students who have completed a postgraduate masters degree. This option may be attractive to clinicians who have an interest in research. It will allow them to develop a formal and detailed proposal for higher degree study or to conduct in-depth exploration of a topic of professional relevance. The degree may be taken as one semester full-time or two semesters part-time.

Admission to the MN (Honours) requires an appropriate graduate course with a credit average or above, or qualifications deemed by the Dean to be equivalent. Students are also required to have current registration to practice nursing in an Australian state or territory (or in their country of origin) and have relevant post-registration clinical experience as a registered nurse.

Master of Philosophy (Nursing)

The Master of Philosophy (Nursing) is a research degree awarded for a thesis focusing on research into aspects of nursing practice. Some coursework in research techniques will be required but this is not a major component of the degree.

Candidates work individually on a research project under the direction of faculty-appointed supervisors. The thesis is approximately 60,000 words.

This course can be taken over two years full-time or four years part-time.

Students seeking admission require a bachelor's degree with first or upper second class honours (2nd Class, Division 1) or a master's degree from the University of Sydney, or equivalent qualifications from another university or institution. They must also be registered or eligible to register to practice nursing in Australia. Post-registration clinical experience as a registered nurse is also required.

Doctor of Philosophy

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy is a research degree awarded for a thesis considered to be a substantially original contribution to knowledge within the disciplines of nursing and midwifery. Some coursework may be required as part of the degree but it is not a major component. The length of the doctoral thesis varies, but would not be expected to exceed 100,000 words.

The minimum full-time candidature is normally 3 years, pro-rata for part-time. PhD students are expected to work individually and under the direction of their supervisor and one or more associate supervisors on advanced study and research in their chosen area of research.

Admission to the Doctor of Philosophy requires candidates to hold a bachelor's degree with first or upper second class honours (2nd Class, Division 1) or a masters degree.

How to apply?

Intending applicants should contact the Faculty well in advance for advice concerning their proposed study and research.

General enquiries and applications forms should be addressed to:

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International Students

The Faculty welcomes international students to study with us.

International students are required to meet the Faculty's English language requirements of IELTS 7 in each band and 7 overall. International students may only enrol on a full-time basis.

More information for international students is available from the University of Sydney International office:
www.usyd.edu.au/international

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