

YOUR GUIDE TO NURSING AT SYDNEY NURSING SCHOOL 2012



THE UNIVERSITY OF
SYDNEY



“If you’re thinking of becoming a nurse, I would strongly recommend it. Nursing is a profession with endless boundaries. Nursing is global and political. You can both travel and change the world. For me, nursing is about making a difference, taking a challenge and working as part of a strong team.”

LAUREN WHALAN
HEALTH SCIENCES/
MASTER OF NURSING

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IMPORTANT DATES

2011

SATURDAY 27 AUGUST
OPEN DAY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER
CLOSE OF ON-TIME APPLICATIONS THROUGH UAC

CLOSE OF APPLICATIONS FOR MOST UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY SCHOLARSHIPS

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2012

WEDNESDAY 4 JANUARY
INFO DAY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

THURSDAY 5 JANUARY
CLOSE OF CHANGE OF PREFERENCES THROUGH UAC FOR MAIN ROUND

WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY
MAIN ROUND OFFERS RELEASED ONLINE

2012

WEDNESDAY 29 FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 2 MARCH
ORIENTATION WEEK (DATE TO BE CONFIRMED)

MONDAY 5 MARCH
SEMESTER ONE BEGINS

DEAN'S WELCOME

“When you make the decision to become a nurse you are making the first step into a wonderful and rewarding career. Nursing is a profession where you use your head, your hands and your heart. ”



It really is true that nurses make a difference. Nurses and midwives are in a position of real privilege to help people in times of incredible joy and healing, and also in times of sadness and difficulty.

When you choose nursing you will discover that nurses walk with individuals, their families and friends, in an intimate place and at crucial times in their lives. This is an experience that few other jobs can offer. And, you need to be smart. Nurses and midwives have the knowledge and skills to translate complex issues to help patients and their families to make important decisions about their health care and their lives.

I am extremely proud that students have the opportunity to study nursing at the University of Sydney. This is the only university in Australia to offer students access to teaching and research across all the health professions, including medicine, nursing, pharmacy, dentistry, public health and the health sciences. Learning from world experts and studying alongside students from other health professions gives you unique educational perspectives and inter-disciplinary practice that help prepare you for the complexities, challenges and rewards of health care.

If you are interested in pursuing a career in nursing Sydney Nursing School offers you a number of pathways to becoming a registered nurse.

In 2012 Sydney Nursing School is introducing a new three-year undergraduate Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced Studies). This program will introduce you to the profession of nursing through

clinical practice and theory, focusing on leadership, evidence-based practice and research and developing your capabilities as an enquiring, globally-aware health care professional.

Our combined degree nursing program combines a Master of Nursing with a choice of a Bachelor of Arts, Science or Health Sciences. This is a great opportunity for you to experience the real University of Sydney undergraduate life of thinking and reading broadly in Arts, Science and Health Sciences, and then enjoying the different perspectives of your fellow nursing students to learn, debate and discuss how you will shape the future of health care.

Our Master of Nursing graduate entry program, the first of its kind in Australia, is an intellectually stimulating and challenging program for students who already hold a tertiary qualification.

As a registered nurse and midwife I have personally valued the opportunity throughout my career to care for people, to teach and undertake research and influence change locally and internationally. I am very confident that our nursing programs will similarly prepare you to become a well-educated, caring and compassionate nurse and ready to become a future leader of health care.

There are so many fabulous things you can do as a nurse and I urge you to explore every avenue. Sydney Nursing School is a great place to study and we welcome you.

**Professor Jill White AM,
Dean, Sydney Nursing School**

WHY CHOOSE SYDNEY NURSING SCHOOL?

Sydney Nursing School produces world-class graduates with the core skills and knowledge to provide the best care for people and contribute to important decisions about future trends in treatment, patient care and disease prevention.



The world is opening up to different possibilities in health care. Our nursing programs give you the practical experience and academic knowledge to become engaged, enquiring and globally aware health care professionals.

When you join us you'll be joining a nursing school that opens the way for you to experience the multiple aspects of the Australian healthcare system and nursing within a global context. This is because the University of Sydney is the only university in Australia to offer nursing students access to teaching and research across all the health disciplines, including medicine, nursing, pharmacy, dentistry, public health and the health sciences.

You'll enjoy interdisciplinary practice by learning from leading clinical experts and academics, many who are writing key health textbooks and driving health policy both locally and internationally. Many are working at front-line health care services and engaging in research, making real differences to the health care landscape and bringing innovation to your learning experience.

At Sydney Nursing School we work with you to succeed in your course and your career. We will prepare you for the challenges of higher learning, providing you with skills and versatility for professional employment and help you rise to the responsibility of leadership.

Your course will draw you in, requiring you to contribute, analyse and challenge your own ideas and those of others. Your lecturers and fellow students will become your sounding boards as you explore the world around you.

You'll benefit from our close affiliations with the health care sector, including clinical schools of Sydney Medical School and our collaborative nursing research units, all of which will prepare you for professional practice through evidence-based clinical practice and inquiry. And as a part of a global university, our degrees have a strong international emphasis.

Importantly, you'll get all the practical hands-on experience you need, both in our state-of-the-art clinical simulation laboratories and through clinical placements in a wide variety of health facilities.

You'll also learn plenty outside the classroom. Our student life is vibrant, active and dynamic. You can contribute to University decision-making, join community volunteering programs or meet people from across the University through the 200 clubs and societies run by the student union.

YOUR CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

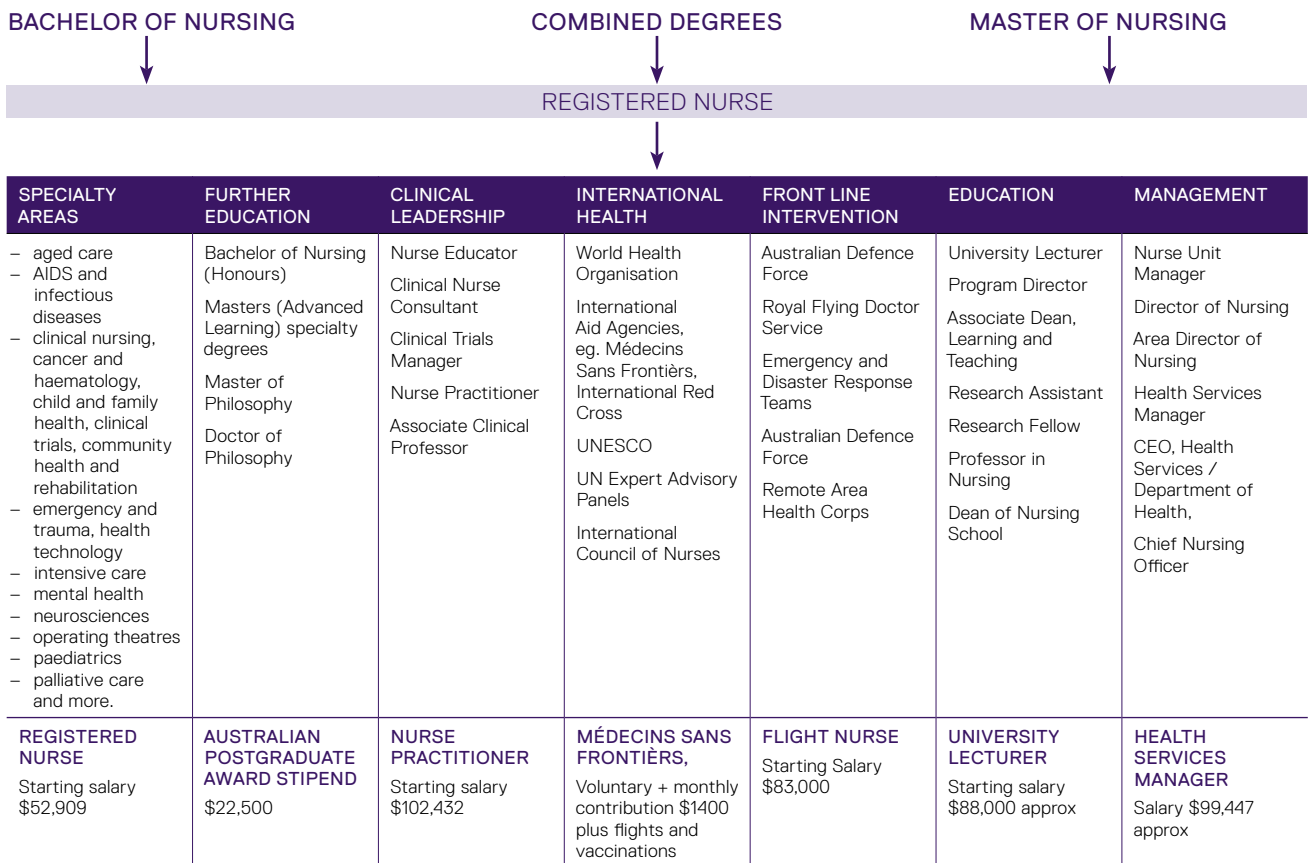
Nursing is a passport to a great profession with many opportunities for interesting, varied and rewarding careers.

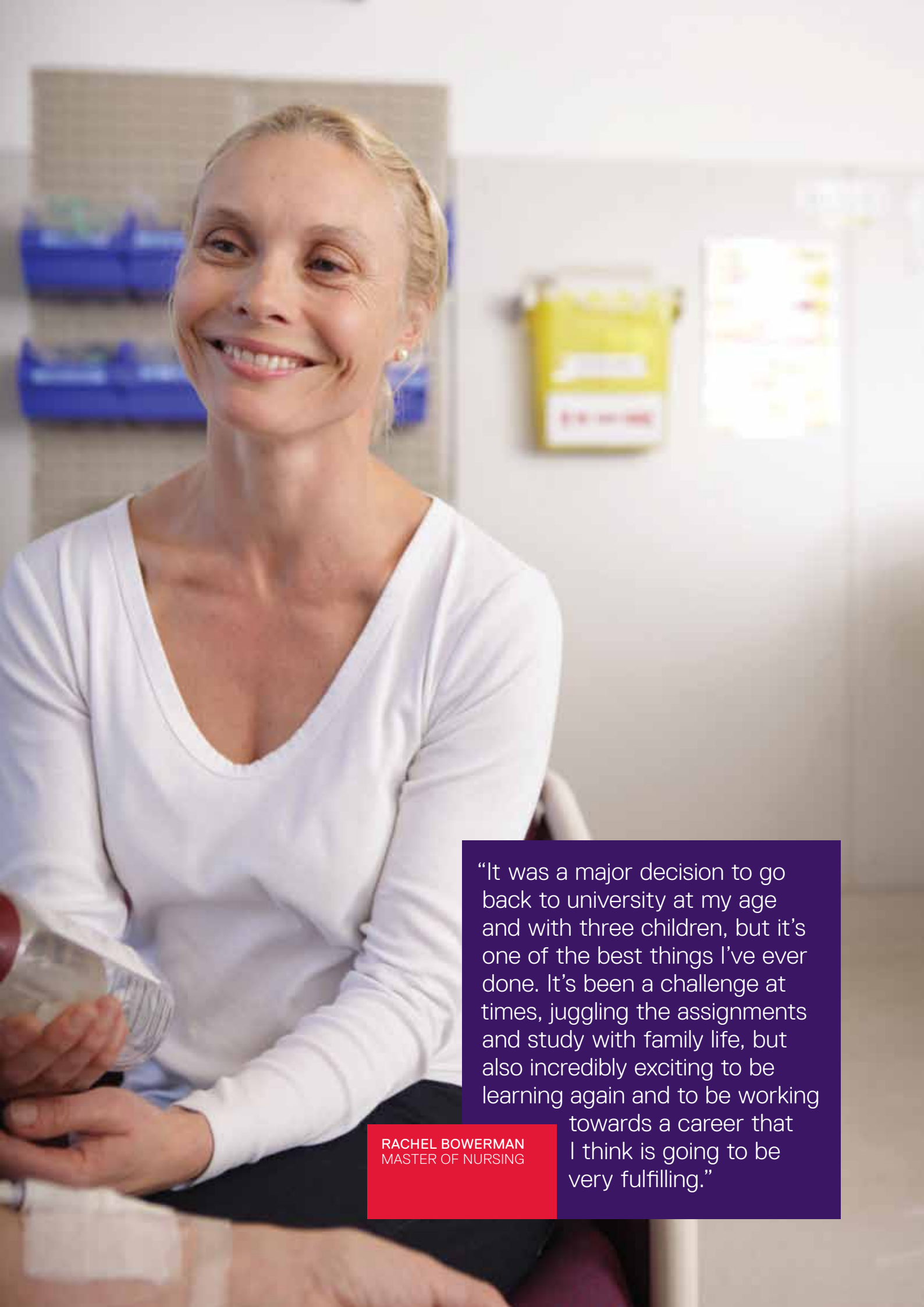
Through nursing you'll make a difference to people's lives. In its own right nursing is an intelligent and valued profession, in demand and with great career opportunities all over the world. It's also a great stepping stone to many other careers. In fact, you'd be amazed where you find nurses working.

Nurses care for their patients in both community-based and hospital settings, including emergency departments,

intensive care units, neo-natal units, children's hospitals, community-based health centres, aboriginal health services, hospices, aged care facilities, in people's homes, in rural and remote communities, in places of conflict and much, much more.

Your opportunities are endless. A registered nurse has a passport to travel and to move into other careers like health system management, health informatics, health journalism and public relations. Nurses also work in industries such as health insurance, clinical trials, pharmaceuticals and bioethics, and can influence and innovate in areas like policy development and government, teaching and research.





“It was a major decision to go back to university at my age and with three children, but it’s one of the best things I’ve ever done. It’s been a challenge at times, juggling the assignments and study with family life, but also incredibly exciting to be learning again and to be working towards a career that I think is going to be very fulfilling.”

RACHEL BOWERMAN
MASTER OF NURSING

COURSE OVERVIEW

Sydney Nursing School offers three pathways for students interested in a career in nursing.

In 2012 we are offering a new three-year undergraduate Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced Studies) degree, giving students a strong foundation for professional nursing practice. With a focus on leadership, evidence-based practice, research and international health you will learn how to care for people within both community and hospital settings. You will get practical experience through clinical placements and have the opportunity to undertake a rural, remote or international placement as part of the program.

We also offer a Master of Nursing as either a two-year graduate entry program for those with a previous tertiary qualification or as a four-year combined degree program with a bachelor degree in Arts, Health Sciences or Science for undergraduate students. Combining two degrees is a great way to explore and enjoy an undergraduate degree while taking a more career-specific path through a masters degree.

Whichever pathway you choose our programs are designed to prepare you to become the future leaders in health care. You will gain all the skills and knowledge to apply for registration as a nurse in Australia with many career and professional opportunities a certainty.

BACHELOR OF NURSING (ADVANCED STUDIES)

Credit Points	144
Units of Study	24
Study Mode	Full-time: 3 years Part-time: pro rata part-time
Intake	March

This exciting new program is designed for students attracted to nursing as a career and specifically to a course

which emphasizes leadership, research, international health and engagement with other health professions. The Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced Studies) takes three years to complete (refer to page 8). The units of study and the order in which you take them are predetermined.

This program will prepare you to work in a range of local, national and international health care settings. You will be able to respond to and thrive in health care environments that are evolving and changing, from a reliance on hospital-based care to an integrated health system which focuses on the person as the patient and the support they need in managing their health and healthcare.

The Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced Studies) is to be accredited by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council with approval by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

COMBINED DEGREES

Credit Points	96 in bachelor's degree 96 in Masters of Nursing
Units of Study	32
Study Mode	Full-time: 4 years Part-time: pro rata part-time
Intake	March

The combined degree program takes four years to complete (refer to page 10).

Year 1 of the four-year combined degree program is fully focused on your undergraduate degree – either Arts, Health Sciences or Science.

Years 2 and 3 are split equally between both degrees.

Year 4 is entirely Nursing.

All students must complete their bachelor's component before they continue to the fourth and final year of the combined degree program.

Students should consult the faculties of Arts and Social Sciences, Health Sciences or Science to choose their units of study for the bachelor component of the course.

The units of study for the nursing component of the combined degree program, and the order in which you take them, are predetermined.

MASTER OF NURSING GRADUATE ENTRY

Credit Points	96
Units of Study	16
Study Mode	Full-time: 2 years Part-time: pro rata part-time
Intake	March

The Master of Nursing graduate entry program (refer to page 12) is specifically designed for students who already have a degree and who are seeking a change in career. The program takes two years to complete (see page 12).

In the second year of the Master of Nursing program you will spend a total of 13.6 weeks full-time equivalent (spread over 18 weeks) in one of the University of Sydney's clinical schools which are based at Royal Prince Alfred, Royal North Shore, Nepean, Concord and Westmead hospitals. During this time you will undertake units of study directly related to your clinical work in the clinical school. This gives you the opportunity to gain your clinical experience working alongside medical students and students from other health disciplines who are studying at the University of Sydney.

The units of study and the order in which you take them are predetermined.

The Master of Nursing, studied alone as a graduate entry program or as a part of a combined degree, is accredited by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, giving you eligibility to register as a nurse and work anywhere in Australia.



“I loved studying nursing at the University of Sydney. We were so well prepared for the real world of nursing. The lecturers are fantastic and there are so many opportunities to get involved in student life and take on leadership positions. When I finished my degree I landed my dream job at the Children’s Hospital at Westmead.”

MARICEL MARIANO
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
AND MASTER OF
NURSING

BACHELOR OF NURSING (ADVANCED STUDIES)

BACHELOR OF NURSING (ADVANCED STUDIES)	
UAC Code	511925
ATAR	80.0 (approx)
Duration	3 years
IELTS requirement	7.0



The Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced Studies) is a new degree especially tailored to give future nurses the knowledge and skills they'll use to thrive as practising health care professionals in health care environments that are evolving and changing.

You will be introduced to the profession of nursing through the integration of both clinical practice and theory. A philosophy of care focusing on people and their individual health needs in both community and acute care settings will underpin your learning.

Clinical practice is an important part of your program. You will develop your clinical skills by practising in our own sophisticated clinical simulation laboratories and undertake clinical placements in real health settings. Clinical placements are offered in hospitals, mental health and community health facilities, and in metropolitan, regional and rural settings. In your final year you will also have the opportunity to experience nursing in an international context if you choose a professional practice experience in another country.

With a focus on leadership, evidence-based practice and international health care you can expect to be ready to take

on interesting and challenging nursing roles in a variety of health care settings when you graduate. You will be able to select from a wide and growing choice of practice areas in the public and private health care sectors, including acute care hospitals, community nursing, children's hospitals, trauma and emergency care, mental health nursing, aged care, palliative care, operating rooms and other surgical settings.

Rural and remote communities will welcome you with open arms and your knowledge and skills will be essential in countries affected by conflict or natural disasters. Nurses also work in the pharmaceutical industry, clinical research trials and other health and education-related fields. With more experience, you will progress to specialist roles and take on leadership positions. You might also decide to practice independently as a nurse practitioner.

The Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced Studies) is to be accredited by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council and approved by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, enabling you to apply for registration as a nurse in Australia.

YEAR 1

SEMESTER 1

HEALTH AND HUMAN BIOLOGY
HEALTH ASSESSMENT
POPULATION HEALTH TO PERSONAL CARE
NURSING KNOWLEDGE, PRACTICE AND POLICY

YEAR 1

SEMESTER 2

INTERRUPTIONS TO NORMAL PHYSIOLOGY
UNDERSTANDING EXPERIENCES OF ILLNESS
HEALTH RESEARCH
ACUTE CARE NURSING PRACTICE

YEAR 2

SEMESTER 1

INTRODUCTION TO PHARMACOLOGY
CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH AND CARE
CONTEXTS OF HEALTH AND DISEASE
UNDERSTANDING MENTAL HEALTH AND ILLNESS

YEAR 2

SEMESTER 2

PHARMACOLOGY, PEOPLE AND PRACTICE
AGEING, HEALTH AND CARE
HEALTH AND INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS
CLINICAL PRACTICE IN MENTAL HEALTH

YEAR 3

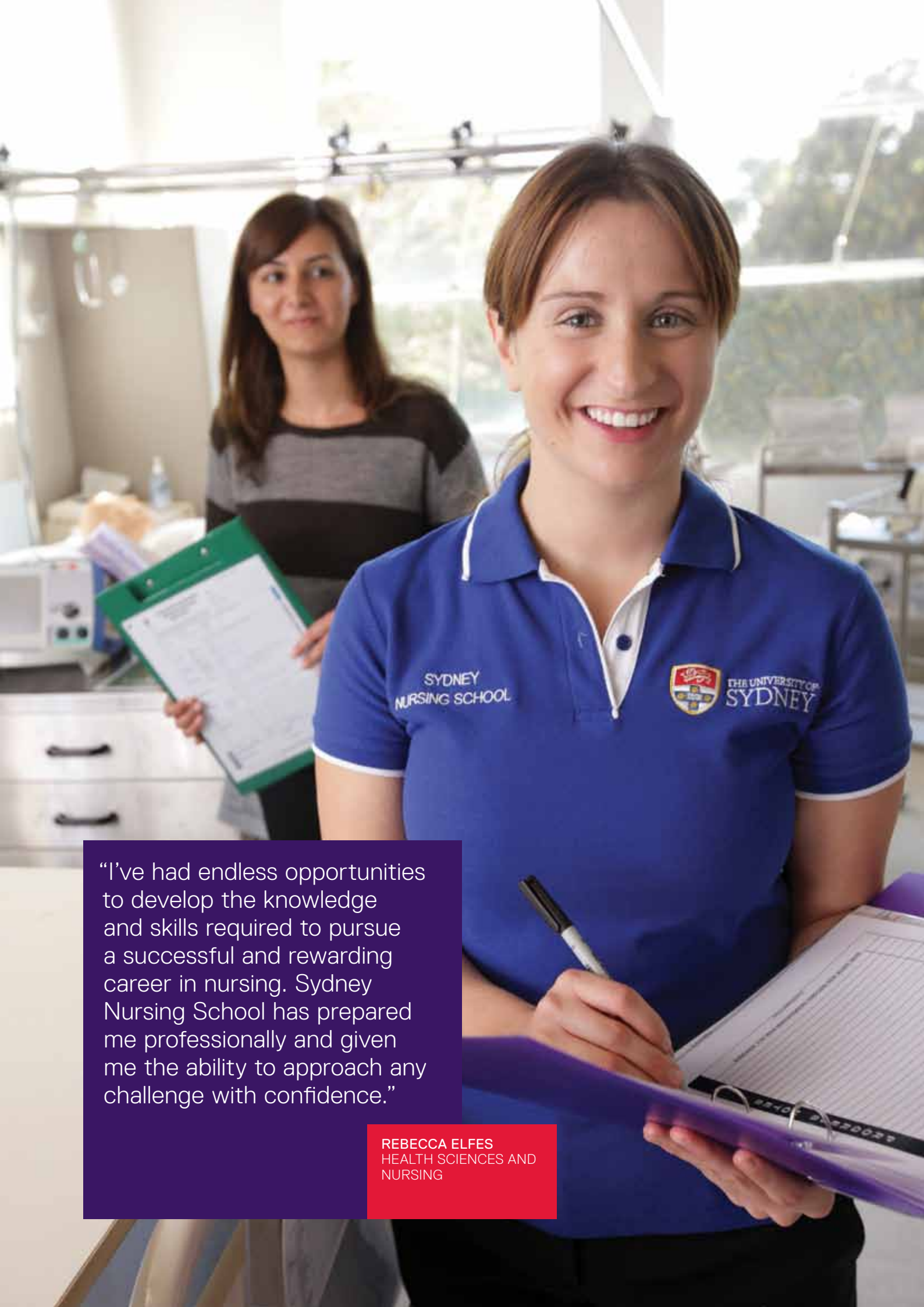
SEMESTER 1

NURSING THE CRITICALLY ILL PERSON
LIFE-LIMITING CONDITIONS AND PALLIATION
LEADERSHIP IN HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE
MANAGING CHRONIC CONDITIONS

YEAR 3

SEMESTER 2

FIRST LINE INTERVENTION
COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING
POLITICS, POLICY AND HEALTH
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE



“I’ve had endless opportunities to develop the knowledge and skills required to pursue a successful and rewarding career in nursing. Sydney Nursing School has prepared me professionally and given me the ability to approach any challenge with confidence.”

REBECCA ELFES
HEALTH SCIENCES AND
NURSING

COMBINED DEGREES

BACHELOR OF ARTS/ MASTER OF NURSING

UAC code	511913
2010 ATAR	84.35
Assumed knowledge	Refer to Arts
Duration	4 years
IELTS requirement	7.0

Joining the workforce with two degrees is a great way to start to your career. The Bachelor of Arts/Master of Nursing program gives students the knowledge and skills required to become a registered nurse together with a broader knowledge of the humanities in an area of interest such as languages, sociology, history or cultural studies.

You can select from over 40 humanities and social sciences subject areas in the Bachelor of Arts component of the program. You can choose to study languages and psychology, or subject areas like Performance Studies, Social Policy, Government and International Relations, Art History, Indigenous Australian Studies, Film Studies and more.

When you graduate you will be eligible to apply for registration to practice as a nurse in Australia. You will be highly employable in clinical settings such as acute care hospitals, children's hospitals, mental health and community health facilities, and non-clinical settings such as media and communications, government, community and international aid organisations, management, teaching and research.

BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCES/ MASTER OF NURSING

UAC code	511916
2010 ATAR	84.25
Assumed knowledge	Refer to Health Sciences
Duration	4 years
IELTS requirement	7.0

The Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Nursing program allows you to develop expertise in nursing and allied health and apply knowledge about health and health systems in your nursing career.

When you graduate you will be eligible to apply for registration to practise as a nurse in Australia. You will be highly employable in clinical settings such as acute care hospitals, children's hospitals, and mental health and community health facilities. In addition to nursing you will be ideally placed to work in other areas of health, including health promotion and prevention, project management, health administration and health technology. You could also go on to further study for a specialist qualification or research degree.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE/ MASTER OF NURSING

UAC code	511914
2010 ATAR	84.55
Assumed knowledge	Mathematics or HSC Mathematics Extension 1, Refer to Science
Duration	4 years
IELTS requirement	7.0

The Bachelor of Science/Master of Nursing program is designed for students who want to develop a deeper understanding in an area of science.

You can choose from over 29 areas of science in the Bachelor of Science component of the program, including Biology, Chemistry, Neuroscience, Pharmacology, Psychology and more.

When you graduate you will be eligible to apply for registration to practise as a nurse in Australia. You will be highly employable in both clinical and non-clinical settings. In addition to nursing you will have many other career choices, such as working in clinical trials design, management or research

and fields such as biotechnology and treatments that shape health care, research in microbiology and epidemiology, product development and pharmaceuticals, forensic science and environmental science.

YEAR 1

48 CREDIT POINTS OF ARTS, HEALTH SCIENCES OR SCIENCE UNITS.

YEAR 2

INTRODUCTION TO NURSING PRACTICE

HUMAN BIOSCIENCE IN HEALTH*

DRUG THERAPY, DISEASE AND NURSING PRACTICE

ILLNESS EXPERIENCE AND NURSING CARE

* STUDENTS CHOOSING THE HEALTH SCIENCES COMBINED DEGREE OPTION TAKE HUMAN BIOLOGY IN YEAR 1

24 CREDIT POINTS OF ARTS, HEALTH SCIENCES OR SCIENCE UNITS

YEAR 3

DEVELOPING NURSING PRACTICE

SOCIAL CONTEXTS OF HEALTH

MENTAL HEALTH NURSING PRACTICE

NURSING THE ACUTELY ILL PERSON

24 CREDIT POINTS OF ARTS, HEALTH SCIENCES OR SCIENCE UNITS

YEAR 4

INQUIRY AND RESEARCH IN NURSING

NURSING AND THE POLITICS OF HEALTH CARE

HIGH ACUITY NURSING

CARE AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING

NURSING PRACTICE OPTIONS (MENTAL HEALTH, PAEDIATRICS, HIGH ACUITY OR CLINICAL NURSING)

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE OF NURSING

GLOBAL HEALTH AND NURSING



“The combined degree program gives you two options to pursue. I chose nursing and archaeology which allows me to take a break from one while studying the other. I enjoy both equally. One day I hope to combine them professionally. ”

TOM SCHRADER
BACHELOR OF ARTS
AND MASTER OF
NURSING

MASTER OF NURSING GRADUATE ENTRY

MASTER OF NURSING GRADUATE ENTRY	
Credit points	96
Units of Study	16
Full-time	2 years
Part-time	pro rate part-time
Intake	March
IELTS Requirement	7.0

LOOKING FOR A CAREER CHANGE?

The Master of Nursing graduate entry program is a two-year nursing program for students with a previous tertiary qualification who want to become registered nurses.

The Master of Nursing graduate entry program is designed to introduce students to the profession of nursing through both clinical and theoretical components.

The course is presented at a master's qualification level. It is envisaged that when you graduate you will have obtained the knowledge and skills, along with your personal motivation and general ability, to progress well in your clinical, management or educational careers.

The University of Sydney is a research intensive university. At Sydney Nursing School we are also committed to developing our research, which informs our education processes and in turn leads to improved patient experience. Our reputation in research is growing significantly and we encourage our Master of Nursing students who have an interest in pursuing research to go on to further study.

The Master of Nursing graduate entry program delves into many of the important aspects of the changing nature of the health care system. Nurses, along with other skilled health professionals, are required to consider their profession within both local and



global contexts, dealing with workforce and professional practice issues, increased patient acuity, equity and access issues, concepts of illness and health, and community expectations for health care quality and safety.

As the program attracts students from a diverse range of academic disciplines you will be engaging in debate about these issues within a vibrant learning environment.

The Master of Nursing, studied alone as a graduate entry program or as part of a combined degree, is accredited by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

CLINICAL PRACTICE

Throughout the course you will gain extensive nursing practice. Approximately half of the nursing units of study involve clinical placements in health facilities, both public and private, and practical training in the School's own state-of-the-art nursing laboratories that simulate the nursing environment. In your final semester you will have the opportunity to extend and develop your interest in specialist areas of nursing practice, including mental health, paediatrics, acute care and clinical nursing. There is also the opportunity to undertake a clinical placement overseas.

YEAR 1

INTRODUCTION TO NURSING PRACTICE
DEVELOPING NURSING PRACTICE
HUMAN BIOSCIENCE IN HEALTH
SOCIAL CONTEXTS OF HEALTH
ILLNESS EXPERIENCE AND NURSING CARE
NURSING THE ACUTELY ILL PERSON
MENTAL HEALTH NURSING PRACTICE
DRUG THERAPY, DISEASE AND NURSING PRACTICE

YEAR 2

INQUIRY AND RESEARCH IN NURSING
HIGH ACUITY NURSING
CARE AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS
NURSING AND THE POLITICS OF HEALTH CARE
COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE OF NURSING
GLOBAL HEALTH AND NURSING
NURSING PRACTICE OPTIONS (MENTAL HEALTH, PAEDIATRICS, HIGH ACUITY OR CLINICAL NURSING)



“The Master of Nursing graduate entry program appealed to me because it is designed for people who have already studied, who have some life experience and know that nursing is what they want to do. Also, you are learning from people who are changing the face of nursing and at the cutting edge of what’s happening in the nursing profession.”

ERIN LAW
MASTER OF NURSING

CLINICAL SIMULATION



CLINICAL SIMULATION LABORATORIES

Sydney Nursing School has fantastic clinical simulation laboratories that operate as simulated clinical environments.

Our clinical simulation laboratories provide students with a safe environment in which to practice and improve their clinical competence and confidence.

Simulation underpins the development of professional knowledge – it's the "practical know-how" needed to practise nursing.

Our nursing laboratories contain state-of-the-art equipment, including computerised manikins, that enable students to develop and practise their skills in a safe environment. These skills include attending to an individual patient's needs by assessing their physical and psychological status, such as taking a pulse and blood

pressure, listening to breath, heart and bowel sounds, performing a wound dressing, preparing and administering medications, interviewing, charting and documenting patient information.

Within the clinical simulation environment you will develop problem-solving skills, analyse information, and devise, plan and deliver more complex care using high fidelity (advanced technology) manikins, known as SimMan® and SimBaby®.

Case studies, taken from real clinical settings, are programmed into the manikins to develop patient scenarios. As a nursing student you will be required to respond to these series of events and their responses can be recorded to allow you to reflect on and review your performance.

Clinical practice within the clinical simulation laboratories prepares you well for your clinical placements in real health care settings.

CLINICAL EQUIPMENT

Our clinical simulation laboratories provide a medium and high fidelity simulation facility for nursing students.

- Medium fidelity manikins - MegaCode Kelleys Vital Sim® and Nursing Anne Vital Sim® - are full body life-like manikins designed for the practice of all clinical skills.
- High fidelity manikins, SimMan® and SimBaby® - are both interactive and technologically advanced to provide simulation-based education to challenge and test students' clinical and decision-making skills during realistic patient-care scenarios.
- Additional electronic/training equipment includes AED biphasic assisted electronic defibrillator, monophasic defibrillators, cardiac monitors, ECG machines, pain control intravenous pumps, pulse oximeters, airway trainers.

CLINICAL PLACEMENTS



PUTTING THEORY INTO PRACTICE

Clinical practice enables students to put theory into practice in a hospital or community-based setting. It is an important part of your nursing program.

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia requires all nursing students wanting to become registered nurses to undertake approximately 800 hours of clinical placements in health care facilities. With us you'll have more than 900 hours clinical practice.

Before each clinical placement, you practise your skills in the School's clinical labs and high fidelity simulation wards.

All clinical nursing subjects have clinical placement experiences in a wide variety of health care settings to give you hands-on nursing experience in real-world settings. These take place in city hospitals and/or regional or rural settings, including emergency departments, intensive care units, paediatric units, mental health facilities and community health centres. Students also undertake their practical training in Sydney Nursing School's own state-of-the-art clinical laboratories that

simulate the nursing environment.

In the final year of the combined degree/Master of Nursing programs you will be placed within a clinical school and undertake units of study and your clinical placements alongside Sydney Medical School medical students.

The majority of clinical placements occur within the Sydney metropolitan area. You may also elect to undertake some clinical placements in rural NSW or interstate. NSW Health offers rural placement grants to assist nursing students with travel and accommodation costs associated with rural placements.

You may also have the opportunity in your final year to undertake an international clinical placement.

Students are supported by a clinical facilitator and they work alongside health care professionals.

Clinical practice is also a really good chance for students to meet nurses and midwives and be inspired by how passionate they can be about their work.

LOUISE'S EXPERIENCE

"I enjoyed chatting to patients and learning about their health histories. It's also a chance to experience some of the more confronting aspects of the job and challenge yourself as to how to cope with them.

As students we are sometimes challenged with things we hadn't expected from nursing and this has been an integral part in moving forward and learning more about the profession.

It can be a challenge to move past these fears and realise that nursing holds so many different job opportunities. Although we might not enjoy one aspect of clinical placements we learn that there is a lot more out there for us."

LOUISE HEATHER
MASTER OF NURSING

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sydney Nursing School's programs are designed to produce nursing graduates who will become the future leaders in health care.

During your course, you will develop leadership capabilities in both clinical and theoretical units of study and which you can apply to your beginning level practice when you graduate.

You'll be capable and confident as a beginning practitioner, engaging in enquiry-oriented activities and be involved in the therapeutic care of patients and the advancement of nursing as a discipline.

You'll be highly literate in the use and management of information and knowledge. You'll be able to demonstrate personal, professional, intellectual and creative autonomy and have personal values and beliefs consistent with your role as a responsible member of local, national, international and professional communities.

You will recognise and value communication as a tool for negotiating and creating new understandings, interacting with others and furthering your own learning.

Outside the classroom you'll find many opportunities to get involved in activities where you'll develop leadership skills.

At Sydney Nursing School you can represent your class group at regular student representative meetings with faculty staff. You can get involved in and develop skills through the Sydney University Nursing Society or Society for Men in Nursing.

Some nursing students put their knowledge and skills to the test alongside their colleagues from the University of Sydney's health faculties through the HealthFusion Health Care Team Challenge. This gives them the chance to prepare and present an interprofessional management plan to an audience of local practitioners, interstate university representatives, academic staff, registration boards and students and compete with health students from all over Australia.

You can become a student ambassador and represent Sydney Nursing School where you'll take on a range of leadership responsibilities including hosting international student delegations and developing skills like public speaking.

Some of our students attend nursing and health related conferences and others take on all the challenges of clinical practice in a developing country with a scholarship through the Hoc Mai Australia Vietnam Medical Foundation.



ELLIOTT'S EXPERIENCE

Thanks to the Hoc Mai Australia-Vietnam Medical Foundation Elliott Ventress was one of three nursing students who travelled to Vietnam in 2010 to undertake an additional clinical placement. It was an opportunity to experience nursing in the context of a health care system and culture very different to how nursing students can expect to nurse in Australia.

"I felt a deep sense of humility and gratitude toward the Vietnamese nurses and hospital staff who guided me to perform the nursing procedures with more efficiency and precision as I practiced with them. We often enjoyed meals with staff after work and I enjoyed getting to know about their culture and their lives. I highly recommend this opportunity to any student with a passion for nursing".

ELLIOTT VENTRESS
BACHELOR OF ARTS/
MASTER OF NURSING STUDENT
HOC MAI SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENT

OUR FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Most programs for nursing students are conducted at Sydney Nursing School's Mallett Street Campus in Camperdown or at the University's Camperdown and Darlington campuses which are just a short walk from Sydney Nursing School. In the final year of either your combined program or the Master of Nursing graduate entry program you will spend time in a clinical school within a large public health setting.

Sydney Nursing School is equipped with a range of facilities and services to provide the very best experience for students, including:

- student services
- nursing library
- computer facilities
- clinical simulation facilities
- Nursing History Research Unit
- student common room
- cafe and outdoor areas
- WiFi access

NURSING STUDENT SERVICES

Nursing Student Services is located on the ground floor, Building C of Mallett Street Campus. Nursing Student Services provides information about course-specific enquiries, admissions, enrolment, examinations, student records, HECS-HELP and FEE-HELP. The office is open Monday to Friday, from 9am–5pm, with counter hours Monday to Thursday, from 10am–4pm and Friday 10am–1pm.

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NURSING LIBRARY

The University of Sydney Library is a network of many libraries across several campuses with access to electronic services available from the University of Sydney library website:
sydney.edu.au/library



The library provides high quality information services and resources to support students and staff in all academic and research programs and service units of the University.

Located at Sydney Nursing School, the Nursing Library's collection includes online and print collections of books, dvds, and journals covering nursing and allied health subject areas. It houses reference materials, online databases and journal articles, and reserve collections. The library holds regular information skills classes to help you learn about how to use databases and find electronic journals.

Located on Level 2 of the Mallett Street Campus of the University of Sydney, the Nursing Library supports Sydney Nursing School.

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CALD PROGRAM

Anyone from a culturally and or linguistically diverse background is invited to join the CALD program. CALD is designed to support, assist and

encourage students, and to provide a place to form a social network during your time at Sydney Nursing School. Attendance is voluntary. Staff responsible for this program were recognised in 2009 with the Australian Learning and Teaching Council Citation for outstanding contributions to student learning.

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY SERVICES

Nursing students have access to all the services for students provided by the University of Sydney, including:

- Accommodation Service
- Careers Centre
- Sydney Talent
- Disability Services
- Financial Assistance Office
- Learning Centre
- Koori Centre
- Childcare Information Office
- Sydney Uni Sport and Fitness
- International Student Support.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
[sydney.edu.au/future_students/
 services_accomodation.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/services_accomodation.shtml)

HOW TO APPLY



LOCAL STUDENTS

If you have completed Year 12 in Australia, and you are applying for either the Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced Studies) or combined degree program, you must apply through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) in the year before you wish to commence study.

You can apply through UAC if you are an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen, or a permanent resident of Australia (including a holder of an Australian permanent humanitarian visa). When you apply through UAC you apply as either a Year 12 applicant or a non-Year 12 applicant.

If you are applying for the Master of Nursing graduate entry program, you can apply online: <https://sydneystudent.sydney.edu.au/sitsvision/courses/dmanursn09000-0.htm>

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

If you have completed Year 12 in Australia and you are applying for either the Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced Studies) or combined degree program, you must apply through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) in the year before you wish to commence study.

International students who have not completed Year 12 in Australia should contact the University of Sydney International Office for application advice: sydney.edu.au/international

FEES

All three pre-registration programs at Sydney Nursing School are available to Commonwealth supported students and international fee-paying students.

Local

Most of the students who study at the University of Sydney are Commonwealth supported. This means most of the cost of your education is paid by the Government but you must also contribute towards this cost. Each student has a seven-year full-time period during which they can remain Commonwealth supported. This seven-year period is called your "learning entitlement".

Some courses are more expensive to teach than others, so the amount you contribute depends on the courses and subjects you choose to study.

Students enrolling for the first time at the University of Sydney in 2011 should consult the Commonwealth Supported Places table at: sydney.edu.au/future_students/domestic_undergraduate/costs_scholarships/commonwealth_supported_places.shtml

International

If you are an international student you must pay full tuition fees, unless you are in receipt of a scholarship. Information about fees is available in the University of Sydney International undergraduate and postgraduate prospectuses and from the International Office website: sydney.edu.au/international

HECS-HELP

Commonwealth supported students who are Australian citizens or holders of a Permanent Humanitarian Visa can choose to pay their contributions upfront or obtain a HECS-HELP loan from the Commonwealth. A HECS-HELP loan is repaid through the tax system once you are working and your income reaches a threshold. If you choose to pay your student contribution upfront you receive a 20 per cent discount. Your contribution is calculated twice a year (before each semester).

SPECIAL ADMISSION

Special admission schemes are available for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people, applicants who have experienced severe educational disadvantage, mature-age applicants and elite athletes and performers. Contact the Special Admissions Office: sydney.edu.au/future_students/domestic_undergraduate/admissions/special_entry_schemes/special_consideration.shtml

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

DO I NEED TO HAVE STUDIED ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR BEFORE I BEGIN MY NURSING STUDIES?

Generally, no prior knowledge is necessary. However, to be eligible for the combined degree program there are a few subject areas that may require a particular HSC standard. For example students in the Bachelor of Science/Master of Nursing program are recommended to have completed HSC Mathematics.

To be eligible for the Master of Nursing graduate entry program you must have an Australian level bachelor's degree (or equivalent) that is not older than 10 years. If your degree is older than 10 years you may be able to apply if you can demonstrate further education.

Whether you are a local or an international student, if English is not your first language, you are required to provide evidence of English language proficiency by completing an IELTS academic exam. You must achieve a score of 7.0 in each band and have an overall score of 7.0. You need to complete your IELTS exam no more than two years before you apply for your degree.

WHAT IF I DON'T GET THE ENTRY SCORE I NEED FOR THE BACHELOR OF NURSING (ADVANCED STUDIES) AND COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAM?

Flexible entry is available to local Year 12 applicants whose ATAR falls no more than five points below the normal cut-off. You won't need to apply as we look at each individual and consider your application depending on your HSC subjects and results and availability of places. There are certain criteria for Arts, Health Sciences and Science. For more information refer to:

sydney.edu.au/future_students/flexible_entry

WILL I NEED TO KNOW MATHEMATICS?

Maths is an important component in Nursing but you're not required to have studied HSC level Maths. We provide excellent information and support for those students who haven't studied Maths.

WHEN DO I START THE NURSING COMPONENT OF THE COMBINED DEGREE?

Year 1 of the combined degree is fully focused on the undergraduate degree – Arts, Science or Health Sciences. Years 2 and 3 are split equally between both degrees and Year 4 is entirely Nursing. Before you start your nursing subjects you will need to have obtained a credit average in the first year of your bachelor's degree.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

Sydney Nursing School scholarships are, in the main, based on merit. All students will be eligible for consideration, and your academic results will be accessed at the beginning of Semester 1 each year, to determine the successful scholarship recipients. There are also a number of conference bursaries for students to attend conferences.

The University of Sydney offers a large number of scholarships to undergraduate and postgraduate students, to Indigenous Australians and international students.

Sydney Nursing School recognises that many nursing students are interested in nursing in Australian Indigenous communities, developing countries and in communities affected by conflict. We continue to explore opportunities for students to gain experience in these places.

Since 2009 a number of nursing students have gained scholarships through the Hoc Mai Australia Vietnam Medical Foundation to enable them to undertake a one-month clinical placement in Vietnam. There are currently ongoing opportunities for nursing students to obtain these scholarships.

OTHER THAN COURSE FEES, ARE THERE OTHER COSTS?

Students should also factor additional funds for textbooks and additional reading materials. You will also be required to purchase a uniform which you must wear on all clinical placements.

HOW DO I REGISTER WITH THE NURSING AND MIDWIFERY BOARD OF AUSTRALIA AFTER COMPLETING MY COURSE?

Towards the end of your course you will receive an email informing you of the necessary steps to obtain registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

WHAT ARE MY CAREER OPPORTUNITIES?

As a registered nurse finding a job is a near certainty and your career opportunities are many and varied. Many of our graduates start their nursing careers through the NSW Graduate Transition program offered by many public, private and aged care facilities.

According to the 2009 Australian Graduate Survey, 96.3% of nursing graduates who were available for full-time work reported that they were employed full-time at the time of the survey. In 2009 the median annual salary for nursing graduates was \$47,000. The starting salary for a Year 1 registered nurse in NSW is \$52,909.

WHERE TO FIND US



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.



So what are you
waiting for?

Come and join us!

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