



## About the Bachelor of Nursing at QUT

**The Bachelor of Nursing provides a strong balance of theory and practice in a range of health facilities. Graduates of the course are capable of delivering safe and competent nursing care in a variety of contexts. They demonstrate nursing care that is informed, responsible and respectful.**

The teaching team consists of academic and clinical staff, considered leaders in the nursing field. Approximately half of the learning experiences are clinically based to ensure you gain extensive practical experience as a nurse. Clinical placements are available in a range of public and private hospitals and community services throughout Brisbane and in regional and rural areas of Queensland.

Highly regarded by the health care industry, this course has a 98 per cent employment rate (including four per cent of people who study full-time). From the first year of the program, students are allocated clinical placements and spend time in the Faculty's advanced nursing laboratories. Variety and choice is available to students through the clinical specialty electives offered in the final year.

### Clinical practice/industry experience

All undergraduate nursing courses at QUT include extensive nursing practice, which is a compulsory component of the course. From the first year of the program, students are allocated placements in health facilities and also spend time in the on-campus nursing laboratories that simulate the clinical environment. Clinical learning continues every semester of the course and is supervised by Faculty staff and qualified health professionals. During the final semester of the program, students spend a significant amount of time in the clinical setting undertaking a capstone learning experience which prepares them for transition to practice as professional registered nurses.

### Resources and facilities

QUT's School of Nursing is one of the largest and most established centers in Australia, with state-of-the-art facilities and the most current technology available. The School offers a nursing clinical practice unit with operational hospital rooms and a clinical suite where students can practise with real equipment in a simulated environment. Students also have access to student computer laboratories with the latest in general and health-related software, and multimedia lecture theatres and tutorial rooms.





## Flexible study opportunities

In addition to the three-year Bachelor of Nursing course, QUT offers students a wide range of entry points and additional study options for studying nursing.

QUT recognises that alternate pathways to university can prepare 'mature-age' students for success at university and uses a variety of schedules to allocate ranks based on previous study, life and work experience. Applicants must have completed a bachelor degree (or equivalent) in the past 10 years. Applicants with degrees (or equivalent) completed more than 10 years ago must provide evidence of graduate work experience and/or further studies since course completion with their QTAC application to receive further consideration.

Double degree study options combine nursing with studies in a second discipline area, to prepare graduates as a multiskilled professional with greater flexibility in the workforce.

## Current double degree courses

- Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Applied Science (in Human Movement Studies)
- Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Health Science (Public Health)
- Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery
- Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Psychology)\*
- Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedic)\*

\* The offering of this double degree in 2009 is subject to accreditation by the Queensland Nursing Council.

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## Career options

As one of the most diverse of all health professions, nursing provides opportunities for employment in many different areas of health care, including and beyond the traditional hospital ward.

Nursing offers a broad range of general and specialist areas for those seeking a challenging and rewarding career.

## Industry and overseas links

The School of Nursing maintains close links with the community and with research and aged-care facilities through collaborative projects, industry consultation and practical placements of students.

Nurses are in demand all over the world and as such, students have the opportunity to undertake clinical placements overseas, in the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Norway and the United States.

This course is recognised by the Royal College of Nursing, Australia and is an accredited nursing pre-registration course with the Queensland Nursing Council.

## Further Information

For more information about this course, please contact the School of Nursing on phone **07 3138 3824** or email [nursing.enquiries@qut.edu.au](mailto:nursing.enquiries@qut.edu.au)