

**LUCY FLYNN
GRADUATE,
BACHELOR OF
NURSING/
GRADUATE
DIPLOMA IN
MIDWIFERY**

"I'm a midwife and registered nurse at the Mater Mother's Hospital in Brisbane, and studying at ACU really helped me get a foot in the door.

As well as having a great reputation, the lecturers are experts in their field and the course content is innovative and well-structured.

To be successful today you have to have the best foundation you can, and ACU health graduates are known for being practical, hard-working and clinically sound.

My job is wonderful and every day I get to help women and their families in what can be a very sad, stressful or happy time in their life. I recently helped deliver a set of twins and being a twin myself, this was a wonderful experience for me."



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**HEALTH
SCIENCES**
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KNOWLEDGE:

ACU staff are actively involved in scholarship and research, and many are leading experts in their field. Health sciences at ACU has partnerships with key organisations and two dedicated research centres - the Centre of Physical Activity Across the Lifespan (CoPAAL) and the National Centre for Clinical Outcomes Research, Australia (NaCCOR).

FACILITIES:

Health sciences students at ACU benefit from state-of-the-art facilities and equipment, including nursing, anatomy, neurological and biomechanics laboratories.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE:

ACU provides its students with a range of clinical experiences with placements in hospitals and private practice in both urban and rural settings, as well as in specialist research centres affiliated with the University. Students also have the opportunity to take part in a diverse range of overseas study opportunities.

STAFF-STUDENT RATIO:

With approximately 6,000 students and 300 staff across six campuses, students work closely with the academics in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

DIVERSITY:

ACU offers a broad suite of programs in health sciences, from paramedicine and physiotherapy, to exercise science and midwifery. About a third of students enrolled in health sciences are from overseas, providing a culturally diverse learning environment.

BACHELOR OF EXERCISE AND HEALTH SCIENCE

Campus: Brisbane, Melbourne, Strathfield

Duration: 3 yrs FT (or equivalent PT)

The Bachelor of Exercise and Health Science focuses on the role and benefits of exercise and healthy lifestyles.

Qualify with a strong academic base in the exercise and health science disciplines of exercise physiology and nutrition, biomechanics, motor control and skill acquisition, and psychology of sport and exercise. Students have the opportunity to specialise in a range of elective choices including: coaching science, sports studies, health promotion, outdoor recreation and sports management.

Professional experience

You will undertake at least two units of compulsory professional experience throughout the duration of the course. In New South Wales, six professional experience units are prescribed by the state authority responsible for the registration of teachers. In Victoria and Queensland, students will undertake two

units that will cover all requirements of the state teacher registration authorities.

Accreditation

You will be eligible for membership with the Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (ACHPER).

Career options

Graduates can teach personal development, health and physical education in secondary schools*, work as a fitness assessor or trainer, in health promotion, or as a health and fitness consultant in the public or corporate sector.

* After completing a postgraduate diploma in education (secondary).

Recommended studies NSW

English advanced, personal development, health and physical education, mathematics plus one of biology, chemistry or physics.

Entry requirements

Qld: English (4,SA); one of maths A,B or C, physics, chemistry, biology or physical education (4,SA).

Victoria: units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or 25 in any other English, and a study score of at least 25 in one of mathematics (any), biology, chemistry, outdoor and environmental studies, psychology, physical education, health or physics.

Honours

BACHELOR OF EXERCISE AND HEALTH SCIENCE (HONOURS)

Campus: Brisbane, Melbourne, Strathfield

Duration: 1 yrs FT (or equivalent PT)

The Honours course is an in-depth academic program that will enable you to undertake an independent research project in exercise and health and physical activity across the lifespan using the knowledge and skills gained in the undergraduate program. You will have the opportunity to develop skills in research and prepare for higher degree studies at Masters and Doctoral level.

SAMPLE PROGRAM MAP - BACHELOR OF EXERCISE AND SPORTS SCIENCE

(Units vary between campuses and from year to year)

Year 1				
Semester 1	Health, Fitness and Performance	Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity	Human Biological Sciences 1	Growth, Motor Development and Ageing
Semester 2	Foundations of Exercise Science	Programming Resistance Training	Mechanical Bases of Exercise	Our World: Community and Vulnerability
Year 2				
Semester 1	Functional Anatomy	Research and Ethics in Exercise Science	Biomechanics	Exercise Physiology
Semester 2	Health and Exercise Psychology	Exercise Testing and Prescription	Nutrition and Exercise	Neural Bases of Human Movement
Hurdle ¹	Professional Experience Preparation			
Year 3				
Semester 1	Understanding Self and Society: Contemporary Perspectives	Advanced Motor Control & Learning	Elective 1	Elective 2
Semester 2	Professional Experience	Advanced Exercise Physiology	Exercise, Health and Disease	Elective 3

The Bachelors of Exercise and Health Science, and Exercise and Sports Science share a common first year. Subsequently in second and third years, the two degrees have some units and electives in common.

¹Hurdle requirement - 0 credit point unit

BACHELOR OF EXERCISE AND SPORTS SCIENCE

Campus: Brisbane, Melbourne, Strathfield

Duration: 3 yrs FT (or equivalent PT)

The Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science focuses on the roles and benefits of exercise and healthy lifestyles. These are explored in the contexts of elite sport and recreational physical activity as well as community health and wellbeing.

Qualify with a strong academic base in exercise prescription, sports performance analysis and physical activity across the lifespan, in the context of the scientific principles of fitness and health and their application.

Professional experience

You will undertake two units of compulsory industry experience.

Accreditation

ACU is currently seeking accreditation for the Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science from Exercise and Sports Science Australia (ESSA).

Career options

Graduates can work as health and fitness consultants, exercise scientists, sports scientists, sports coaches, and exercise physiologists*.

* After completing a postgraduate qualification in exercise physiology.

Honours

BACHELOR OF EXERCISE AND SPORTS SCIENCE (HONOURS)

Campus: Brisbane, Melbourne, Strathfield

Duration: 1 yr FT (or equivalent PT)

The Honours course is an in-depth academic program that will enable you to undertake an independent research project in exercise science and human performance in elite athletic, healthy, and clinical populations across the lifespan. You will have the opportunity to develop skills in research and prepare for higher degree studies at Masters and Doctoral level.

BACHELOR OF MIDWIFERY

Campus: Brisbane, Melbourne

Duration: 3 yrs FT (or equivalent PT)

Midwifery goes beyond the birth of babies. This course will enable you to be eligible for endorsement as an entry-level midwife according to the internationally defined role of the midwife. You will acquire the skills and knowledge to manage normal pregnancy and childbirth and provide effective postnatal maternal and newborn care in any maternity setting.

Professional experience

You will undertake a variety of clinical units throughout the course in maternity hospitals and community facilities. You will also have the opportunity to study a number of women during their pregnancies and undertake approved study overseas.

Accreditation

Graduates of the course will be eligible to apply for registration as a midwife with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia under the auspices of the Australian Health Practitioners Registering Authority (AHPRA).

Career options

Graduates can pursue a range of careers including: midwife, consultant midwife, clinical specialist, pre-natal educator, researcher, family care unit or child health centre professional.

Entry requirements

Qld: English (4, SA).

Victoria: units 3 and 4 - a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or 25 in any other English.

* Admission rules apply, visit www.acu.edu.au/courses

Honours

BACHELOR OF MIDWIFERY (HONOURS)

Campus: Brisbane, Melbourne

Duration: 1 yr FT (or equivalent PT)

This course is designed to enhance your ability to interpret midwifery evidence as a basis to inform practice, policy, guidelines and decision-making. You will also develop skills in undertaking research and prepare for higher degree studies at Masters and Doctoral level.

SAMPLE PROGRAM MAP - BACHELOR OF MIDWIFERY

(Units vary between campuses and from year to year)

Year 1				
Semester 1	Beginning Professional Practice	Human Biological Science 1	Inquiry in Health Care	Beginning the Journey
Semester 2	Human Biological Science 2	Our World: Community and Vulnerability	The Childbearing Journey	Clinical Midwifery Practice 1
Year 2				
Semester 1	Society Culture and Health	Therapeutics in Midwifery	Being with Birthing Women	Clinical Midwifery Practice 2
Semester 2	Health Care Ethics	Perinatal Mental Health	Care of Women with Complex Needs	Clinical Midwifery Practice 3
Year 3				
Semester 1	Understanding Self and Society: Contemporary Perspectives	Feeding Babies	Babies Needing Extra Care	Caring for Babies
Semester 2	Transition to Midwifery Practice	Global Perspectives on Midwifery	Clinical Midwifery Practice 4	

BACHELOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Campus: Melbourne, Sydney*

Duration: 4 yrs FT (or equivalent PT)

Occupational therapists promote health and wellbeing through engagement and re-engagement in an occupation. You will gain the skills and knowledge to enhance the ability of people with impairments to body structure or function, and who experience physical, emotional or social disability, to adapt to and cope with, the demands, tasks and activities of their daily lives.

Professional experience

It is embedded throughout the course.

Accreditation

ACU's Bachelor of Occupational Therapy course is being developed in line with requirements for accreditation through Occupational Therapy Australia and for recognition by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists.

Career options

Work in hospitals, community health centres, rehabilitation centres or private practice, mental health centres, work and accident rehabilitation, schools or early

intervention centres for children, nursing homes and aged care facilities, government policy units or in consultative services.

Entry requirements

Victoria: a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or 25 in any other English; and a study score of at least 25 in one of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physical Education or Health and Human Development.

NSW: English advanced and at least one of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or Personal Development, Health & Physical Education.

* Subject to approval

SAMPLE PROGRAM MAP - BACHELOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Year 1				
Semester 1	The Person, Health, and Wellbeing	Human Biological Science 1	Foundations of Occupational Therapy (F)	Health and Occupation (F)
Semester 2	Musculoskeletal Structure and Function	Our World: Community and Vulnerability	Pathophysiology for Occupational Therapists	Measurement in Occupational Therapy (CP)
Year 2				
Semester 1	Neurodevelopment	Contextual Determinants of Health, Illness and Disability (F)	Ergonomics and Safety Science 1 (F)	Physical Rehabilitation
Semester 2	Environment Health and Disability (F)	Neuropsychiatry 1	Ergonomics and Safety Science 2 (F)	Orthoses and Rehabilitation Science
Year 3				
Semester 1	Neuroscience for Occupational Therapists 1 (F)	Neuropsychiatry 2 (F)	Paediatrics	Clinical Education 1 (CP)
Semester 2	Neuroscience for Occupational Therapists 2 (F)	Research Design for Occupational Therapists	Clinical Counselling and Group Work	Clinical Education 2 (CP)
Year 4				
Semester 1	Gerontology (F)	Clinical Education 3 (CP)		
Semester 2	Allied Health Management and Leadership	Community-based Rehabilitation and Development	Advanced Occupational Therapy Practice	Clinical Education 4 (CP)

(F) - contains fieldwork (CP) - clinical placements

BACHELOR OF PARAMEDICINE

Campus: Melbourne

Duration: 3 yrs FT (or equivalent PT)

The demands placed on paramedics providing pre-hospital care provision have increased dramatically in recent years. This course will equip you with the skills to be able to analyse situations using the appropriate assessment techniques, and to examine patients whilst considering their particular needs. Reasoning and problem-solving skills will also be taught, enabling students to cope in high-pressure environments.

Professional experience

Students are required to undertake eight units of paramedic practice in a variety of health care settings.

Students will be required to satisfy the Ambulance Victoria medical and physical capacity assessment prior to undertaking clinical placement in an emergency pre-hospital care setting.

Accreditation

Graduates will be eligible for employment as a paramedic in ambulance services in Australia and in some international ambulance or health organisations. With further study, qualified paramedics may go on to become intensive-care paramedics (ICPs), team leaders, clinical instructors, ambulance service managers, specialist educators, flight paramedics or special operations team (SOT) rescue paramedics.

Career options

Graduates work generally outside the hospital environment, providing appropriate health care following a medical or trauma emergency. They can work with an emergency ambulance service in Australia, and in some international ambulance or health organisations.

Entry requirements

Victoria: units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or 25 in any other English.

SAMPLE PROGRAM MAP - BACHELOR OF PARAMEDICINE

Year 1				
Semester 1	Beginning Professional Practice	The Person, Health and Wellbeing	Human Biological Science 1	Foundations of Paramedic Practice
Semester 2	Human Biological Science 2	Health Assessment	Our World: Community and Vulnerability	Paramedic Practice: Respiratory Emergencies
Year 2				
Semester 1	Inquiry in Health Care	Society Culture and Health	Paramedic Practice: Cardiovascular	Paramedic Practice: Neurological Emergencies
Semester 2	Mental Health and Illness	Traumatology in Paramedicine	Paramedicine Practice: Traumatology	Paramedic Practice Mental Health
Year 3				
Semester 1	Paramedic Practitioner Health	Environmental and Endocrine Emergencies	Synergy in Paramedic Practice	Paramedic Practice: Gastroenterology and Renal Emergencies
Semester 2	Health Care Ethics	Pre-Hospital Major Incident Management	Paramedic Practice: Emergency Department	Paramedic Practice: Obstetric and Paediatric Emergencies

BACHELOR OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY*

Campus: Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney
Duration: 4 yrs FT (or equivalent PT)

Speech pathologists are trained to assess and manage disorders of communication. The Bachelor of Speech Pathology encompasses all aspects of communication including speech, writing, reading, signs, symbols and gestures. Speech pathologists study the theoretical and practical aspects of speech, hearing, language, voice and difficulties in swallowing and feeding. The ACU course is designed to expose

students to speech pathology practice from the first year of the degree.

Professional experience

Clinical placement commences in the first year. In the fourth and final year, it is a major component of the course.

Accreditation

Graduates will be eligible for membership of Speech Pathology Australia (SPA).

Career options

Graduates will work with people of all ages and in a range of settings including in public and private hospitals, in acute

care and outpatient facilities, schools and community health centres.

Entry requirements

Victoria: a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or 25 in any other English; and a study score of at least 25 in one of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physical Education or Health and Human Development.

NSW: English advanced and at least one of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or Personal Development, Health & Physical Education.

Qld: English (4, SA), and one of Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Health and Physical Education (4, SA)

* Subject to approval

SAMPLE PROGRAM MAP - BACHELOR OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY

(Units vary between campuses and from year to year)

Year 1				
Semester 1	Human Biological Science	The Person Health & Wellbeing	Development & Communication Across the Lifespan	Introduction to Speech Pathology Practice
Semester 2	Our World: Community and Vulnerability	Anatomy and Physiology for Speech Pathology	Linguistics & Phonetics for Speech Pathology Practice	Evidence Based Speech Pathology Practice
Year 2				
Semester 1	Neuroscience for Speech Pathology	Language Disorders 1 (Developmental)	Language Disorders 2 (Acquired)	Beginning Speech Pathology Practice
Semester 2	Speech Disorders 1 (Developmental)	Speech Disorders 2 (Acquired)	Multimodal Communication	Assessment in Speech Pathology Practice
Year 3				
Semester 1	Society Culture and Health	Voice Disorders	Swallowing and feeding across the lifespan	Challenges in Speech Pathology Practice
Semester 2	Health Care Ethics	Audiology & Aural Rehabilitation for Speech Pathology	Disorders of Fluency	Special Populations in Speech Pathology Practice
Year 4				
Semester 1	Understanding Self and Society: Contemporary Perspectives		Transcultural Speech Pathology Practice	
Semester 2	Transition to Professional Speech Pathology Practice		Consolidating Speech Pathology Practice	



JAMES SIKKEMA
BACHELOR OF PHYSIOTHERAPY

“ACU was my choice because of its established reputation in the health sciences, strong industry links, and high graduate employment rate. We go on clinical placements in our very first year, and the facilities are brand new and state-of-the-art.”

BACHELOR OF PHYSIOTHERAPY

Campus: Brisbane, North Sydney
Duration: 4 yrs FT (or equivalent PT)

Play a part in the prevention of injury and disability, and rehabilitate injured patients. As a physiotherapist you will be involved in the identification, assessment and treatment of individuals with musculoskeletal, cardiorespiratory, orthopaedic and neurological conditions across the lifespan from paediatrics to gerontology, including gender specific health issues. This course will equip you with the skills to practise as a competent physiotherapist, in a variety of settings from hospitals and community facilities to private practice. You will acquire

knowledge and skills in areas that include manual therapy, exercise prescription, pain and self-management strategies.

Professional experience

Students are required to undertake clinical placements to develop skills and competencies within a clinical setting.

Accreditation

Graduates will be eligible for registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). Graduates will also be eligible for membership of the Australian Physiotherapy Association.

Career options

Work in a variety of areas including rehabilitation, paediatrics, women’s

health, sports physiotherapy, cardiorespiratory, orthopaedics, gerontology and ergonomics, hospitals and rehabilitation units, community health centres and/or private practice.

Graduates can also work as consultants in educational, government and industrial institutions, and conduct research that contributes to the knowledge base of the profession.

Entry requirements

Qld: English (4, SA); plus one of biology, chemistry or physics (4, SA).

NSW: English (any); plus one of biology, chemistry or physics.

SAMPLE PROGRAM MAP - BACHELOR OF PHYSIOTHERAPY

Year 1				
Semester 1	Physiotherapy Anatomy 1	Human Biological Science 1	The Person, Health and Wellbeing	Foundations of Physiotherapy Practice 1
Semester 2	Physiotherapy Anatomy 2	Human Biological Science 2	Society, Culture and Health	Foundations of Physiotherapy Practice 2
Year 2				
Semester 1	Physiotherapy Pathophysiology 1	Physiotherapy Pathophysiology 2	Movement Science and Practice 1	Musculoskeletal Science and Practice 1
Semester 2	Clinical Exercise Physiology for Physiotherapists	Cardiorespiratory Science and Practice 1	Movement Science and Practice 2	Musculoskeletal Science and Practice 2
Year 3				
Semester 1	Cardiorespiratory Science and Practice 2	Neurological Science and Practice 1	Musculoskeletal Science and Practice 3	Physiotherapy Practice 1
Semester 2	Health Care Ethics	Neurological Science and Practice 2	Paediatric Physiotherapy Practice	Physiotherapy Practice 2
Year 4				
Semester 1	Physiotherapy Clinic 1	Physiotherapy Clinic 2	Physiotherapy Clinic 3	Physiotherapy Practice 3
Semester 2	Physiotherapy Clinic 4	Physiotherapy Clinic 5	Physiotherapy Clinic 6	Physiotherapy Practice 4

BACHELOR OF APPLIED PUBLIC HEALTH

Campus: Brisbane, Melbourne, North Sydney

Duration: 3 yrs FT (or equivalent PT)

Public health is the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health via sustainable improvements to social and political systems. Over the past century, the practice of public health has made significant incremental advances to health on a grand scale. It comprises a set of comprehensive and collaborative activities, ecological in perspective and intersectoral in scope, including environmental, economic, technical, educational and legislative measures. The Bachelor of Applied Public Health is an entry qualification giving graduates the skills and insight to improve population health, to a handful of people or across several continents, by applying a rigorous evidence-based approach to understand disease determinants and plan effective solutions through policy and legislation, advocacy, and the development and management of health programs for populations, communities and individuals.

Professional experience

The course incorporates up to 300 hours of professional placements, concentrated in the third year of the course. Some placements will be available during summer recess, and there are opportunities for interstate or international experience.

Career options

Graduates can work in roles including public health officer, community development worker, epidemiologist, policy analyst, program evaluator, health educator, project officer and consumer advocate.

Such roles exist in both the public and private sectors including state and federal health departments, population health units, community health centres, and divisions of general practice, local government, non-governmental health organisations (NGOs), advocacy groups and international health agencies.

The Bachelor of Applied Public Health is an entry-level qualification, and graduates from such programs often pursue postgraduate study and training to enable specialisation and advanced practice.

Entry requirements

NSW: 2 units of English (any).

Qld: English (4, SA).

Victoria: units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or 25 in any other English.

SAMPLE PROGRAM MAP - BACHELOR OF APPLIED PUBLIC HEALTH

Year 1				
Semester 1	Foundations of Applied Public Health	Principles of Evidence-Based Health Care	The Person, Health and Wellbeing	Effective Communication
Semester 2	Understanding Statistics	Foundations of Health Promotion	Globalisation, Environment and Health	Our World: Community and Vulnerability
Year 2				
Semester 1	Social and Economic Determinants of Health	Epidemiology and Applied Statistics	Public Health Ethics	Public Health Policy
Semester 2	Project Management	Health Program Planning	Public Health Economics	Understanding Self and Society: Contemporary Perspectives
Year 3				
Semester 1	Public Health Law	Community Engagement	Research Transfer in Public Health Practice	Applying Public Health in Practice
Semester 2	Communication in Public Health	Leadership in Public Health	Public Health Research Project (Integration Project)	

BACHELOR OF NURSING

Campus: Ballarat, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, North Sydney
Duration: 3 yrs FT (or equivalent PT)

ACU is the largest provider of graduate nurses in Australia. With increased emphasis on national and state health priorities, you will be well-prepared to meet current and future health needs of the community. As a professional you will be proactive and adaptable, a competent, safe and ethical clinician, a creative and critical thinker, an informed consumer of practice evidence and an independent lifelong learner. Learner-centred approaches, including enquiry and situation-based learning, will enhance your learning experience and readiness for the workplace.

You will choose a clinical nursing specialty in your final semester that is linked with industry in an area of workforce need, such as medical/surgical nursing, perioperative nursing, high

dependency nursing, palliative care, aged care, paediatrics, maternal and infant care, mental health or community nursing. The on-campus nursing laboratories for student clinical learning are widely recognised as state-of-the-art nursing simulation laboratories.

Professional experience

You will undertake six clinical placements in a variety of health care environments.

Accreditation

Graduates are eligible to apply for registration as a nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

Career options

As a registered nurse graduates can pursue a career in a range of settings including medical/surgical nursing, paediatric nursing, aged care, community care, developmental and disability care, maternal and infant care, emergency and critical care, operating theatres, nursing education and administration.

Entry requirements

Qld: English (4, SA).

Victoria: units 3 and 4 - a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or 25 in any other English.

Assumed knowledge NSW and ACT: nil.

Honours

BACHELOR OF NURSING (HONOURS)

Campus: Ballarat, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, North Sydney
Duration: 1 yr FT (or equivalent PT)

This course will prepare you with research training to make a contribution to scholarship and evidence-based nursing practice. You will have the opportunity to interact in, explore and analyse critically a specialist area of nursing or related topics from the theoretical and professional perspective, and conduct and report on a creative and analytical study in the form of a thesis.

SAMPLE PROGRAM MAP - BACHELOR OF NURSING

(Units vary between campuses and from year to year)

Year 1				
Semester 1	Beginning Professional Practice	The Person, Health and Wellbeing	Human Biological Science 1	Inquiry in Health Care
Semester 2	Human Biological Science 2	Health Assessment	Our World: Community and Vulnerability	Introduction to Nursing Practice
Year 2				
Semester 1	Society Culture and Health	Mental Health and Illness	Child, Adolescent, and Family Nursing	Clinical Integration: Mental Health
Semester 2	Health Care Ethics	Acute Care Nursing 1	Promoting Health in Extended Care	Clinical Integration: Acute Care
Year 3				
Semester 1	Understanding Self and Society: Contemporary Perspectives	Acute Care Nursing 2	Partnerships in Chronicity	Clinical Integration: Complex Care
Semester 2	Transition to Professional Nursing	Nursing Clinical Specialty Practice Elective	Clinical Integration: Towards Professional Practice	

BACHELOR OF NURSING (PRACTICE LEADERSHIP)

Campus: Ballarat, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, North Sydney
Duration: 3 yrs FT (or equivalent PT)

The Practice Leadership stream is designed to extend the Bachelor of Nursing course outcomes for students with outstanding academic ability and leadership potential through additional learning opportunities including mentoring in scholarship and practice

leadership. In addition, graduates of the Bachelor of Nursing (Practice Leadership) stream will be able to:

- demonstrate enhanced leadership skills in nursing practice
- promote evidence based practice in changing health care contexts
- actively contribute to practice development and innovation.

The Practice Leadership stream has the same structure as the Bachelor of Nursing, with eight units in the Nursing Theory and Clinical Practice strands extended with additional learning outcomes and associated required learning activities. These units are in the second and third years of the course.

BACHELOR OF NURSING (MENTAL HEALTH)

Campus: Ballarat, Brisbane, Canberra,
Melbourne, North Sydney

Duration: 3 yrs FT (or equivalent PT)

Under the national nursing registration scheme which came into effect in 2010, there is no longer mental health endorsement for registered nurses. While the Bachelor of Nursing prepares graduates to work in a range of health settings including

mental health, the health industry is seeking graduates who have received additional preparation for mental health nursing for entry to practice. Students undertaking the Mental Health specialisation will focus their theory and clinical placement in the area of mental health nursing without an increase in the total number of hours required to complete the Bachelor of Nursing degree. The Mental Health stream is designed to provide such graduates and consists of 70 credit points (6 units) of

mental health specialisations including 3 mental health units in third year to provide a strong mental health focus.

Dual degrees

BACHELOR OF NURSING/ BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION*

Campus: Brisbane, Melbourne,
Strathfield

Duration: 4.5 yrs FT (or equivalent PT)

The Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Business Administration will prepare graduates to meet the evolving business management expectations of our health services. The health industry is changing at a great pace and the role of the registered nurse with it. Registered nurses are increasingly moving from bedside practice into middle management roles early in their careers and are expected to take leadership roles in multi-disciplinary teams. In the wide range of practice settings, from hospitals to aged care, general practice, private practice and the community, health is increasingly seen as a business, and nurses are required to contribute to the success of that business through effective management of staff and financial resources.

Students will complete 360 credit points, consisting of 210 credit points of Bachelor of Nursing units and 150 credit points of Bachelor of Business Administration units.

Professional experience

Students will undertake six clinical placements in a variety of health care environments.

Accreditation

Graduates will be eligible to apply for registration as a nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia under the auspices of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

Career options

Graduates will find careers in government and/or private hospitals, management, education and research, health promotion, and a wide range of occupations that require an understanding of business processes.

BACHELOR OF NURSING/ BACHELOR OF PARAMEDICINE

Campus: Ballarat, Brisbane, Canberra
Duration: 4 yrs FT (or equivalent PT)

As a professional nurse and paramedic, you will be proactive and adaptable, a competent and ethical clinician, a creative and critical thinker and an independent lifelong learner. Learner-centred approaches, including enquiry and situation-based learning, will enhance your learning experience and readiness for the workplace. With an increased emphasis on national and state health priorities, graduates will be well prepared to meet current and future health needs of the community in both nursing and paramedical settings.

Professional experience

You will undertake six units of nursing practice and three units of paramedicine

practice in a variety of health care environments.

Students will be required to satisfy the relevant State Ambulance Authority medical and physical capacity assessment prior to undertaking clinical placement in an emergency pre-hospital care setting.

Accreditation

Graduates are eligible to apply for registration as a Registered Nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia and work as an accredited paramedic. With further study, qualified paramedics may progress to become intensive-care paramedics (ICPs), team leaders, clinical instructors, ambulance service managers, specialist educators, flight paramedics or special operations team (SOT) rescue paramedics.

Career options

Graduates can pursue a range of careers in Australia and overseas as a registered nurse, maternal and infant carer, medical dispatcher, medical/surgical nurse, mental health nurse, paediatric nurse, paramedic nurse, accident and emergency nurse, aged carer, clinical supervisor, community carer, developmental disability carer, and trainer.

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