Bachelor of Nursing
School of Nursing & Midwifery, Fremantle Campus

Completed in three years of full-time study our Bachelor of Nursing places a strong focus on the nurse-patient relationship and is highly practical. You will undertake 1,120 hours of practical nursing experience during the program – more than any other nursing program in Western Australia. The program will give you the skills and confidence to work in a variety of healthcare settings when you graduate. The program is accredited by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council.

Why study this degree?
Providing high-quality, compassionate and respectful care is the benchmark for any world-class healthcare system and this Bachelor of Nursing program is designed to do just that. Taken over three years this well-balanced program offers a perfect combination of classroom learning and hands-on experience in appropriate healthcare settings.
The program is divided into four broad study streams: Behavioural Science, Health Science, Nursing Care: Theory and Practice, and Personal and Professional Development. This degree uses problem-solving and an evidence-based approach to teaching - integrating theoretical and practical components. Subjects covered include anatomy, physiology, microbiology, pharmacology, ethics, health communications, paediatrics and adolescent health. Students also choose two electives – options include Rural and Remote Health, Global Health, Maternal Care, Advanced Mental Health and Advanced Wound Care.

Our Bachelor of Nursing program places a high value on the nurse-patient relationship and will require you to complete intensive clinical practice each year. The university accepts only a limited number of students into this nursing program each year to ensure that you will be placed into an appropriate hospital or health care setting for your practical experience components. When you graduate, you will be eligible to register with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Nursing) and become a practising Registered Nurse in any area of nursing.

**Program summary**

**The Bachelor of Nursing has four broad study streams:**

- Behavioural Science
- Health Science
- Nursing Care: Theory and Practice
• Personal and Professional Development

In addition to the University’s Core Curriculum, you must complete the Health Communications, Research and Informatics course which will introduce you to the skills essential for successful university study, helping you adjust to a new learning environment.

• Anatomy and Physiology 1
• Nursing Care 1 – Foundations
• Developmental Psychology – Nursing
• Health Communications, Research and Informatics 1
• Social and Cultural Diversity
• Professional Practice 1
• Anatomy and Physiology 2
• Pathophysiology and Pharmacology 1
• Nursing Care 2 – Fundamentals
• Health Research and Informatics 2
• Public Health and Microbiology
• Professional Practice 2
• Nursing Care 3 – Medical and Surgical
• Pathophysiology and Pharmacology 2
• Health Assessment in Nursing
• Mental Health 1
• Introduction to Philosophy
• Professional Practice 3
• Nursing Care 4 – Perioperative
• Pathophysiology and Pharmacology 3
• Transition to Practice 1 – self-care and professional development
• Mental Health 2
• Ethics
• Professional Practice 4
• Clinical Reasoning and Judgement
• Transition to Practice 2 – contemporary nursing
• Paediatrics and Adolescent Health
• Introduction to Theology
• Aboriginal Health
• Professional Practice 5
• Nursing Care 5 – Critical Care
• Transition to Practice 3 – leadership and management
• Primary Health Care
• Professional Practice 6

You will also select two elective courses from the following:

• Rural and Remote Health
• Global Health
• Maternal Care
• Advanced Mental Health
• Advanced Wound Care

More information about the courses can be found at the course descriptions (https://www.notredame.edu.au/about/schools/fremantle/nursing-and-midwifery/course-descriptions) page.

Full details of the program requirements are contained in the Program Regulations (https://www.notredame.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0018/406)
Real-world experience
You will learn from academics who are industry leaders and, through our practicum placements and internship programs, you will gain real professional experience and make valuable contacts with potential employers.

Study Abroad
You will have the opportunity to complete part of your degree at one of our partner institutions through our exchange program. Get in touch with the Study Abroad Office (https://www.notredame.edu.au/international/study-abroad) to find out more about studying in Asia, Europe and North America.

Entry requirements
Academic requirements for this program are outlined below. In addition, to be eligible for admission, all applicants need to satisfy minimum requirements outlined at admission requirements (https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/admission-requirements). These include those relating to age and English Language Proficiency (https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/admission-requirements/english-language-proficiency-requirements). We also consider your application more broadly – your non-academic achievements (such as any previous leadership roles, volunteering, work, church
and/or community involvement) as well as personal qualities - your aspirations and interests and your capacity to complete your chosen program.

**Applicants with recent Secondary Education:**

- Indicative ATAR of 70 with a score of 50+ in ATAR English, ATAR Literature or ATAR English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD)
  
  OR

- Minimum International Baccalaureate (IB) score of 24

**Applicants with Higher Education Study**

- Other university studies completed at undergraduate level or higher, a minimum of 4 successfully completed subjects;
  
  OR

- Successful completion of the Notre Dame Tertiary Pathway Program or of another Enabling Program at a level deemed sufficient by the University.

Applicants who have successfully completed subjects at another University, which are relevant to the selected program of study, may be eligible for Advanced Standing [Advanced Standing](https://www.notredame.edu.au/current-students/your-enrolment/admin-and-fees/fremantle/advanced-standing).

**Applicants with Vocational Education and Training (VET) study**

- Completed AQF Certificate IV or higher in a relevant discipline, from an accredited provider such as TAFE or a Registered Training Organisation (RTO).
Applicants with Work and Life Experience

Applicants who left secondary education more than two years previously and who have not undertaken VET or higher education study since then, but with relevant work and life experience. Such experience may include, but is not limited to:

- STAT scores of at least 135 in the Multiple Choice section and 140 in the Written English section are required
- Mature-age completion of two Year 12 WACE or HSC exams with a resulting ATAR of 70 or above
- Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) or equivalent results if these have been completed within the last 5 years.

Please note: all applicants must be of school leaving age or older to apply.

Prerequisites for Nursing

You will need to complete:

- HLTAID003 Provide First Aid course
- National Criminal Record check (domestic students) and Federal Police Check (international students) and
- Complete all immunisation requirements as set out by the West Australian Department of Health

Further information is available in the School of Nursing Clinical Pack (https://www.notredame.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0024/337 Practice-Brochure-2018.pdf)
English Language Requirements

You must be able to demonstrate two years of full-time secondary, vocational or tertiary level of study in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom or the United States of America. If you do not meet these requirements you will need to sit the Academic IELTS exam and achieve a score of at least 7.0 overall and 7.0 in each sub-section (reading, writing, listening and speaking) to qualify for entry into the Bachelor of Nursing and Bachelor of Nursing (EN Articulation Pathway). This applies to Permanent Residents and Australian citizens whose first language is not English and have not complete two years full-time academic study in Australia. IELTS results will need to be verified by the Admissions Office before an offer of a place can be made. The Admissions Office reserves the right to ask for IELTS results from any applicant. For more information please visit www.ielts.org (https://www.ielts.org/)

Fees and costs

This Program has the following loan scheme(s) available for eligible students:

HECS-HELP
HECS-HELP is a loan scheme intended for students enrolled in Commonwealth Supported Places. The scheme will pay your student contribution amounts, but not additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. Although there is no interest charged on HECS-HELP loans, your debt will be indexed each year in line with the Consumer Price Index.
For further information, or for indicative fees for domestic or international students, please visit our Fees Page (https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees).

**FEE-HELP**
The FEE-HELP loan scheme assists eligible fee-paying students with the payment of all, or part, of their tuition fees, not including additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. Your FEE-HELP debt will be indexed each year in line with the Consumer Price Index. Please note, from 1 January 2019, students studying an undergraduate program at the University of Notre Dame will no longer be charged the 25% FEE-HELP loan fee.

For further information, or for indicative fees for domestic or international students, please visit our Fees page (https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees).

The Commonwealth Government has allocated a number of Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) for our Nursing program. Please contact the Prospective Students Office for more detailed information on tuition fees and fee-replacement options.

**Additional program related expenses**

In addition to tuition fees and living expenses, you will also need to budget for the following items:

- Uniform from $220
- Textbooks $300 average each semester
- Immunisation $50-$500 (as required)
- Police check approximately $52
- Provide First Aid Course (HLTAID003) approximately $120
Career opportunities
The following careers are open to graduates of this program:

- Aged care
- Community nursing
- Critical care
- Mental health
- Medical and surgical nursing
- Perioperative Nursing

Professional accreditation
A graduate will be eligible to register with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and become a practising Registered Nurse in any area of nursing as a beginning practitioner.

Student profile data
Table 2 below gives an indication of the likely peer cohort for new students in this Program. It provides data on all students who commenced in this Program in the most relevant recent intake period, including those admitted through all offer rounds and international students studying in Australia.

TABLE 2a – Bachelor of Nursing BASIS OF ADMISSION IN SEMESTER 1, 2019 INTAKE

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<td><strong>(B) Vocational education and training (VET) study</strong></td>
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<td><strong>(C) Work and life experience</strong> (Admitted on the basis of previous achievement not in the other three categories)</td>
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<td>- Admitted solely on the basis of ATAR (regardless of whether this includes the consideration of adjustment factors such as equity or subject bonus points)</td>
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<td>- Admitted where both ATAR and additional criteria were considered (e.g. portfolio, audition, interview, extra test, early offer conditional on minimum ATAR)</td>
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factor (e.g. special consideration, audition alone, interview, school marks & recommendation with no minimum ATAR requirement)

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<td><strong>245</strong></td>
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**TABLE 2b - Bachelor of Nursing ATAR PROFILE DATA FOR APPLICANTS ENTERING ON THE BASIS OF RECENT SECONDARY EDUCATION IN SEMESTER 1, 2019 INTAKE**

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<th>RECENT SECONDARY EDUCATION - ATAR-based offers</th>
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**Notes:**

“<5” – the number of students is less than 5
N/A – Students not accepted in this category
N/P – Not published: the number is hidden to prevent calculation of numbers in cells with less than 5 students
More information
For more information on the Bachelor of Nursing, please call our Prospective Students Office on +61 8 9433 0533 or email future@nd.edu.au (mailto:future@nd.edu.au).

All International enquiries should contact the International Students Office on international@nd.edu.au (mailto:international@nd.edu.au).

Need help? Ask Notre Dame

(08) 9433 0533

Duration: 3 years full-time

Campus: Fremantle

Practical Component: 1120 hours

Loan Scheme: FEE-HELP, HECS-HELP

Study mode: On Campus

Code: Program Code 3536, CRICOS Code 032049G

Commencement: Semester 1 or Semester 2