Bachelor of Nursing

School of Nursing, Sydney Campus

At The University of Notre Dame Australia, our highly-respected Bachelor of Nursing degree is the foundation for a rewarding career in nursing. The on-Campus experience, including state-of-the-art simulation learning spaces, prepares students for practice as a registered nurse. Importantly, the program includes 27 weeks (1,026 hours) of full-time professional workplace experience where students are immersed in the practice of nursing and have opportunities to apply theory to practice.

Why study this degree?

Nursing, an essential part of every modern healthcare system, is a dynamic and constantly evolving profession. Our graduates are regarded as some of the best in Australia and are in demand. In fact, according to the current QILT (Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching) survey of academic institutions, 88.4 per cent of our students found full-time employment after graduation, which is well above the national average.
At Notre Dame, you will be given not only the knowledge and skills necessary to work as a registered nurse, but you will also acquire the ability to think critically that will help you tackle every challenge you confront. You will also learn to speak up and advocate for people in your care, and adhere to the highest ethical standards. These are all highly prized attributes in the nursing profession.

In addition to your classes, you are expected to complete 27 weeks (ranging from six to eleven weeks per year) of full-time professional workplace experience so that you can put your studies into practice. The Bachelor of Nursing is fully accredited by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) and as a graduate you will be eligible to register with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and work in a wide range of clinical settings.

**Program summary**

**Year One**

- Nursing Practice 1
- Primary Health Care 1
- Communication for Nurses
- Professional Practice in Nursing
- Human Body 1
- Professional Practice 1 (3 weeks)
- Nursing Practice 2
- Ethics and Law in Nursing
- Sociology for Nurses
- Human Body 2
- Logos I
- Professional Practice 2 (3 weeks)
Year Two

- Acute Care Nursing Practice 1
- Clinical Therapeutics 1
- Primary Health Care 2
- Research for Practice
- Professional Practice 3 (5 weeks)
- Acute care Nursing Practice 2
- Clinical Therapeutics 2
- Mental Health Care
- Logos II
- Professional Practice 4 (5 weeks)

Year Three

- Chronic Illness, Rehabilitation and Palliation
- Assessing and Managing the Deteriorating Patient
- Mental Health Nursing
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Health
- Professional Practice 5 (6 weeks)
- Leadership and Governance
- Transition to Practice
- Logos III
- Professional Practice 6 (5 weeks)
- ONE elective to be chosen from:
  - Advanced Mental Health Nursing Practice*
  - Critical Care Nursing
  - Maternal and Newborn Nursing
  - Paediatric and Adolescent Nursing
  - Palliative Care Nursing
  - Perioperative Nursing
If you select this subject you are able to graduate with a Minor in Mental Health.


**Real-world experience**
You will learn from academics who are industry leaders and, through our professional workplace experiences, you will gain real-world experience and make valuable contacts with potential employers.

**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:**

- HSC Performance Band Results with a Band 4 in English, a minimum average of Bands 4s and an
overall minimum average HSC mark of 75% in HSC Category A Courses (or Interstate equivalent). Applicants must be eligible for an ATAR or OP; or

- Minimum International Baccalaureate (IB) score of 24.

**Applicants with Higher Education Study**

- Other University Studies completed at undergraduate level or higher. A minimum number of 4 successfully completed subjects
- 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 (https://www.notredame.edu.au/current-students/your-enrolment/admin-and-fees/sydney/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 with relevant work and life experience who left secondary education more than two years ago and have not undertaken VET or higher education study since then may seek admission on the basis of:

- Their experience. ‘Experience’ could include a
combination of factors sufficient to demonstrate readiness for higher education such as Mature Age entry, relevant professional experience, community involvement or work experience. Applicants may have undertaken non-formal programs that have helped prepare them for tertiary education or are relevant to the proposed higher education field of study. Evidence must be provided as to the type and duration or employment (minimum of two years) in a relevant industry. The Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) may be required.

- STAT – Scores of 150 in the Multiple Choice and Written English sections are required.
- Higher School Certificate (HSC) (or equivalent) results if these have been completed within the last 5 years.

**Fees and costs**

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

**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).

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).

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
- Primary health care
- Community nursing
- Critical care
- Mental health
- Medical and surgical nursing
- Palliative care
- Perioperative nursing
- Nursing speciality areas

**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, 2018 INTAKE**

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<th>Applicant background</th>
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<td><strong>(C) Work and life experience</strong></td>
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<td><strong>(D) Recent secondary education:</strong></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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TABLE 2b - Bachelor of Nursing ATAR PROFILE DATA FOR APPLICANTS ENTERING ON THE BASIS OF RECENT SECONDARY EDUCATION IN SEMESTER 1, 2018 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 Student Officers on +61 2 8204 4404 or email sydney@nd.edu.au (mailto:sydney@nd.edu.au).
Need help? Ask Notre Dame

(02) 8204 4400

**Duration**: 3 years full-time, or equivalent part-time

**Campus**: Sydney

**Practical Component**: 27 weeks (1026 hours)

**Loan Scheme**: HECS-HELP, FEE-HELP

**Study mode**: On Campus

**Code**: Program Code 3492, CRICOS Code 083619M

**Commencement**: Semester 1 or Semester 2