# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## The program

### 1. When does the program start?

The Bachelor of Nursing Graduate Entry (BNGE) Commences with a My Course Planning day on Friday 3 January 2014 (compulsory attendance required). Classes begin on 6 January 2014. (See [www.uws.edu.au](http://www.uws.edu.au)).

### 2. How can I enter the Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry) Undergraduate program?

Three pathways:

1. As an overseas registered nurse (must be currently registered in own country).
2. Bachelor’s degree in human bioscience (Degree gained not greater than 10 years ago).
3. Bachelor’s degree in human behavioural and social sciences, (Degree gained not greater than 10 years ago).

**Local students**

Apply through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) on line only application.

**International students**

Apply through the UWS International Office: [internationalstudy@uws.edu.au](mailto:internationalstudy@uws.edu.au)

**Inherent Requirements**

Potential students are advised to access the Inherent Requirements at: [www.uws.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements](http://www.uws.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements) to ensure they understand the course requirements.

### 3. How long is the program?

The program takes two years and six weeks to complete.

### 4. Will I receive any Advanced Standing (recognition of prior learning)?

No additional Advanced Standing is awarded as this has been addressed as a part of the initial entry criteria and recognition of prior learning has been applied.

### 5. How many units will I need to complete the program?

There are 17 core units that complete the BNGE.

**Short Summer/Q1 – year one**

- 401029.1 Foundations for Nursing Practice

**Autumn session – year one**

- 401008.1 Professional Practice Experience A
- 401009.1 Health in a Culturally Diverse Community
- 401010.1 Health Variations 1
- 401011.1 Research Principles for Nursing and Midwifery

**Quarter 3 – year one**

- 401065.1 Professional Practice Experience B

**Spring session – year one**

- 401012.1 Professional Practice Experience 4
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6. Do I get to do an elective?  
No, this program does not have an elective component.

7. How much clinical placement do I do and when?  
Practical experience is in a range of health care settings – usually day or afternoon (8 hour) shifts:  
Second year – 400 hours  
Third year – 400 hours

8. How much time do I need to attend on campus?  
This will vary according to your timetable and session of study.

9. Can I do the program part time?  
No, this program is only offered in full time mode. Please see your Academic Course Advisor if this becomes an issue and a reduced load may be considered.

10. How much study do I need to do?  
Each unit is equivalent to 10 credit points. This equals 10 hours of unit related activities per week e.g. attending and preparing for lectures/tutorials/skill classes/clinical placement/assignments and self-directed study.  
The Short Summer and Q1 session comprises one x 10 credit point unit each so the expectation is a minimum of 10 hours study per week, per session.  
After the Short Summer/Q1 session a full time enrolment load requires an undertaking to study four units, and a commitment of 40 hours per week.

11. When will I receive my timetable  
UWS students select a personal timetable through a UWS computer program called PlatformWeb after acceptance to study the course and enrolment.  
http://platformweb.uws.edu.au

12. Will I be able to work?  
During the Short Summer/Q1 session the strong recommendation would be no, as the session is every day and the study expectations are high due to the condensed nature of the program.  
After the Short Summer and Q1 session, the School would only recommend part time work (a maximum of 16 hours at the most or in accordance with Visa requirements), if you are enrolled as a full time student. The reason for this recommendation is that your study load is a 40 hours per week (combination of classes, assessments and study). An increased part time work load may place an increased pressure on your study load and may place you at risk of failing your units and this will increase the cost of your university education and extend the course completion date.

13. Is there anything else I need to obtain to undertake this course?  
To undertake clinical placement you will require the following special requirements:  
- Current First Aid Certificate  
- A Working with Children Check  
- An Australian National Police Check (overseas students also require a police
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<th>14. What happens if I fail?</th>
<th>You should seek academic advice from the Unit Coordinator in the first instance to determine why you failed and then an Academic Course Advisor for course progression advice. The University has an Assessment Policy that you should make yourself familiar with. You can access the assessment policy through the following link: <a href="http://www.uws.edu.au/policy">www.uws.edu.au/policy</a> (under A in the policy list) If you fail a unit and are an International student, this may necessitate an extension of your completion date and/or your visa. You’re SEIS International Liaison Officer will need to be notified and the request for a visa extension initiated by them on your behalf.</th>
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<td>Nursing as a career pathway is very diverse in the range of local, national and international settings that nurses are employed in for example: public and private hospitals, community, mental health, occupational health and safety, TAFE and university teaching, aged care facilities, defence forces, general practice, private schools, hotel resorts and cruise ships.</td>
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<td>This program is offered at the Hawkesbury campus only.</td>
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<td>No, the program is officially scheduled for offer on the Hawkesbury campus only. If you experience issues, during your study, please speak with the BN (GE) Academic Course Advisor.</td>
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