



Promote your nursing and midwifery career with UWS

The School of Nursing and Midwifery suite of postgraduate courses encourages critical examination of key issues such as existing nursing knowledge, the evidence-based perspective of practice, the measurement of outcomes and the consumer movement.

Each course prepares nurses with leadership skills to plan, implement, coordinate and evaluate health care, as well as formulate policy for a diverse and multicultural society.

The University of Western Sydney (UWS) makes use of flexible teaching delivery options developed by experienced teaching staff, and provides for a range of individual career pathways including nursing or management

positions within industry, government or independent professional practice. Collaborative relationships and partnerships between nurses, multidisciplinary colleagues and stakeholders in the nursing care service are highly valued elements of these UWS courses.

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POSTGRADUATE NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

Practise nursing and midwifery skilfully, within ethical and legal boundaries.

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Students are challenged to conceptualise and articulate their unique contribution to nursing and midwifery in health care settings, to ask difficult questions and actively seek answers.

COURSE SUMMARY

UAC CODE AUTUMN	UAC CODE SPRING	COURSE NAME	STUDY MODE	CAMPUS
952490	955490	Master of Nursing (Clinical Teaching Specialisation or Research Specialisation or No Specialisation)	1F/2P	Distance
952492	955492	Graduate Diploma in Nursing (Mental Health)	2P	Distance
952507	955507	Master of Child and Family Health (Karitane)	2P	Distance
952510	955510	Master of Mental Health Nursing (Nurse Practitioner)	4P	Distance
952551	955551	Master of Nursing (Clinical Leadership)	1F	Parramatta
952550	955550	Master of Nursing (Clinical Leadership)	2P	Distance
951536	954536	Graduate Diploma in Midwifery	1F	Parramatta
951540		Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry)	2F	Hawkesbury
952542		Master of Primary Health Care	2P	Distance
952544		Graduate Diploma in Primary Health Care	1.5P	Distance



Nick Cockrell – Graduate

Nick Cockrell found studying the Master of Nursing (Clinical Leadership) at UWS cemented his leadership and management skills.

‘At the same time it uncovered the theory behind my practice,’ he says.

Nick chose to study at UWS for a number of reasons. ‘Firstly, it was relevant to my current practice and position; it was also competitively priced, recognised prior learning and study was available online and via distance.’

While studying at UWS, Nick enjoyed the challenging topics and the fact that studies were ‘based on reality with ‘real life’ practical problems and solutions explored.

‘Also, I had an excellent course facilitator with obvious experience and knowledge of current problems and challenges in the workplace.’

Career Opportunities

Many students enrol in postgraduate nursing and midwifery studies to enhance professional status and career opportunities in their chosen fields with their current employers or to enhance mobility within their sectors.

Master of Nursing (Clinical Teaching Specialisation or Research Specialisation or No Specialisation)

The aim of the Master of Nursing is to provide Registered Nurses with the theoretical knowledge and critical thinking skills to prepare them for advanced practice in the clinical setting. Graduates will be able to synthesise and apply advanced nursing concepts in order to lead nursing practice and optimise health outcomes.

The course structure has four core units, two major areas of study and a range of electives. Students may choose to exit the course with a Graduate Diploma in Nursing after the completion of 60 credit points.

The course offers a generic Master of Nursing major that provides the student with a flexible choice of elective units to suit their own interests or the potential to gain advanced standing for previous study. The Clinical Teaching major provides students with an opportunity to gain formal education in clinical teaching to either enhance their existing teaching experience or provide skill development in this area. The Research major provides students with foundation level research training that will support them to increase their involvement in research within the clinical setting or seek admission to a research higher degree.

Graduates from the Master of Nursing will be prepared to assume advanced practice within the clinical environment. Graduates who complete the Clinical Teaching major will be prepared to take on a leadership role in clinical teaching in roles such as clinical educator, clinical nurse specialist and undergraduate placement facilitator.

Graduates who complete the Research major will be prepared to function as an active member of a research team or seek admission to a higher degree research program.

Professional certification or registration of nurses with this award is not required by the Nurses and Midwives Board of NSW.

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points, including the units listed in the study sequence on page 3.

Admission requirements:

Applicants must have:
Registration or eligibility for registration as a nurse in Australia
AND
an undergraduate degree in Nursing or Health Science (Nursing)
OR
a minimum of 5 years full-time equivalent recent work experience (within the last 10 years) in nursing
AND
1 year full-time equivalent work experience as a professional registered nurse within the last five years.

The study mode for the Master of Nursing is Distance, therefore this course is not available to international students.

Pathways

Master of Nursing students may exit the program with a Graduate Diploma in Nursing.

To satisfy the requirements for the award of Graduate Diploma in Nursing, students will have to successfully complete the following three core units, plus a specialist core unit and two elective units:

- Policy, Power and Politics in Health Care Provision
- Leadership in Clinical Practice
- Evidence-Based Nursing
- Perspectives in Nursing OR Health Promotion and the Nurse
- Two electives

STUDY SEQUENCE

Master of Nursing (No Specialisation) 1F/2P	
AUTUMN	SPRING
Policy, Power and Politics in Health Care Provision ●	Evidence-Based Nursing ●
Leadership in Clinical Practice ●	Health Promotion and the Nurse ●
Perspectives in Nursing ●	Transforming Nursing Practice ●
One Elective ●	One Elective ●

Master of Nursing (Clinical Teaching Specialisation) 1F/2P	
AUTUMN	SPRING
Policy, Power and Politics in Health Care Provision ●	Evidence-Based Nursing ●
Leadership in Clinical Practice ●	Clinical Teaching and Professional Development ●
Clinical Teaching for Learning ●	Transforming Nursing Practice ●
One Elective ●	One Elective ●

Master of Nursing (Research Specialisation) 1F/2P	
AUTUMN	SPRING
Leadership in Clinical Practice ●	Ethics in Health Research ●
Policy, Power and Politics in Health Care Provision ●	Evidenced-Based Nursing ●
Applied Nursing Research ●	Transforming Nursing Practice ●
One Elective ●	One Elective ●

Master of Child and Family Health (Karitane) 2P	
AUTUMN - YEAR 1	SPRING - YEAR 1
Child & Family Health: Professional Practice and Frameworks ●	Evidence-Based Nursing ●
Child & Family Health Practice: Supporting Growth and Development ●	Health Promotion and the Nurse ●
AUTUMN - YEAR 2	SPRING - YEAR 2
Partnership in Practice ●	Evidence-Based Nursing ●
Perinatal Mental Health ●	One Elective ●

Master of Child and Family Health (Karitane)

This course provides registered nurses and registered midwives with the theoretical knowledge and associated skills to prepare them for autonomous work across a variety of clinical settings.

UWS and Karitane recognise the complexity and diversity of the role of the child and family health nurse. In that role it is essential to be educationally prepared at a Masters level. Course content reflects the NSW Department of Health's recent policy directives 'Supporting Families Early' and 'SAFE START'. The NSW Child and Family Health Nursing Practice Standards framework auspiced by the Nursing and Midwifery Office (NaMO) and the Child and Family Health Nurses Association (CAFHNA) competencies have played an integral part in course development.

This course is conducted mainly by distance, with a five-day face-to-face workshop. The course includes family partnership training, which is usually undertaken after employment.

This meets the requirements for employment as a child and family health nurse in NSW, making UWS graduates more practice-ready.

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points, with study of eight key units as listed in the study sequence on this page.

Admission requirements:

Registration as a nurse or midwife in Australia, or eligibility for same

AND

successful completion of a Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Midwifery or Bachelor of Health Science (Nursing)

OR

5 years full-time equivalent recent (within the last 10 years) professional work experience.

Pathways

Students of the Master of Child and Family Health (Karitane) may exit with a Graduate Certificate in Child and Family Health (Karitane) after the completion of four units.

Master of Mental Health Nursing (Nurse Practitioner)

Nurse practitioners must be able to work autonomously, instigate diagnostic investigations, prescribe medication within an approved formulary and refer judiciously.

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 160 credit points, comprising the units in the study sequence on page 5.

You will be required to undertake supervised, advanced clinical practice in your workplace, as approved by the Head of Program, in order to successfully complete the clinical practice units.

Admission requirements:

Registration as a nurse in Australia

AND

an undergraduate degree in Nursing or Health Science (Nursing)

OR

minimum of 5 years full-time equivalent work experience in mental health nursing

AND

a Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing

AND

3 years full-time equivalent work experience as a registered nurse, of which 12 months full-time equivalent is in an advanced clinical role in mental health.

Successful applicants will need to arrange the following:

Submission to the University of evidence of current clinical practice in an advanced clinical role in mental health, confirmed via two referee reports

AND

access to complete clinical experience in a mental health setting (as approved by the School of Nursing and Midwifery)

AND

contract with a University approved primary supervisor/mentor/assessor (PSMA) to meet the requirements of the course.

Graduate Diploma in Nursing (Mental Health)

The Graduate Diploma in Nursing (Mental Health) produces graduates who practise the increasingly essential skills associated with mental health nursing, offering critical thinking and leadership skills.

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 60 credit points, including the units listed in the study sequence on page 5.

Admission requirements:

Registration as a nurse or midwife in an Australian jurisdiction and currently working in regular full-time, part-time or casual employment in a recognised mental health setting

AND

successful completion of a Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Midwifery or Bachelor of Health Science (Nursing)

OR

5 years full-time equivalent recent (within the last 10 years) professional nursing work experience.

Pathways

Students of the Graduate Diploma in Nursing (Mental Health) may exit with a Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Mental Health) following the completion of an elective plus:

- Mental Health Assessment and Application
- Mental Health Nursing Practice 1
- Mental Health Nursing Practice 2.

Master of Nursing (Clinical Leadership)

The Master of Nursing (Clinical Leadership) provides opportunities for clinical nursing and midwifery leaders (expert clinicians, nursing and midwifery managers and leaders at all levels of health care) to enable them to implement change while maintaining nursing excellence within the clinical practice environment.

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points, comprising the units listed in the study sequence on page 5.

Admission requirements:

Registration as a nurse or midwife in Australia or eligibility for same

AND

Bachelor of Nursing or Bachelor of Health Science (Nursing)

OR

5 years full-time equivalent recent (within the last 10 years) professional work experience in nursing or health care.

Pathways

Students of the Master of Nursing (Clinical Leadership) may exit with a Graduate Diploma in Nursing (Clinical Leadership) following successful completion of the four mandatory core units and two elective units.

STUDY SEQUENCE

Master of Mental Health Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) 2F/4P	
AUTUMN - YEAR 1	SPRING - YEAR 1
Contemporary Professional Practice in Mental Health Nursing	Leadership in Clinical Practice
Evidenced-Based Nursing	One Elective
AUTUMN - YEAR 2	SPRING - YEAR 2
Policy, Power and Politics in Health Care Provision	Leadership for Quality and Safety in Health Care
One Elective	Biological Considerations in Mental Health and Mental Illness for Advanced Practice
AUTUMN - YEAR 3	SPRING - YEAR 3
Assessment for Advanced Practice Mental Health Nurses	Psychopharmacology for Advanced Practice Mental Health Nurses
One Elective	One Elective
AUTUMN - YEAR 4	SPRING - YEAR 4
Advanced Mental Health Nursing - Clinical Practice 1	Advanced Mental Health Nursing - Clinical Practice 2

Graduate Diploma in Nursing (Mental Health) 2P	
AUTUMN - YEAR 1	SPRING - YEAR 1
Mental Health Assessment and Application	Mental Health Nursing Practice 2
Mental Health Nursing Practice 1	One Elective
AUTUMN - YEAR 2	SPRING - YEAR 2
Contemporary Professional Practice in Mental Health Nursing	Biological Considerations in Mental Health and Mental Illness for Advanced Practice

Master of Nursing (Clinical Leadership) 1F/2P	
AUTUMN	SPRING
Leadership in Clinical Practice	Leadership and the Development of Organisational Capacity
Policy, Power and Politics in Health Care Provision	Leadership for Quality and Safety in Health Care
Two Electives	Two Electives



Ana Zotelo
Clinical Care Coordinator,
Fairfield Community Mental Health Service

Ana gained her Mental Health Nurse Practitioner qualification at UWS because she felt welcomed as a mature student and valued for her experience and skills.

'UWS considered my previous education and accredited me for a range of subjects that I had done before. Its course admission requirements are flexible and its fees are affordable. Moreover, UWS has a number of campuses which are located in areas accessible to people like me who live and work in the west of Sydney.

'Staff and students have a special focus on nursing to overcome the many challenges faced by modern society. The staff have always been willing to assist and provide me with support when I needed it.

'My studies at UWS have provided me with opportunities to acquire knowledge and skills at graduate level across a range of subjects, especially when contemporary trends and developments in the delivery of health care have brought about an expansion of the nurse's role and responsibilities. They have also facilitated a reflection on my beliefs, values and attitudes about nursing.

'I would recommend study at UWS without hesitation.'

Graduate Diploma in Midwifery

The Graduate Diploma in Midwifery is for registered nurses (authorised to practise in Australia) wishing to pursue a career in midwifery – the art and science of providing holistic care to the woman and family throughout the childbearing process. This course enables you to gain a recognised tertiary qualification and registration to practise midwifery.

The course is presented in conjunction with public hospitals in Sydney and is approved and recognised by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council (ANMC). There are two intakes per year in January and June.

A clinical placement is required to be secured in an approved maternity hospital. The student is responsible for the application and securing of a position as a student midwife in one of the approved hospitals. Recruitment of student midwives occurs during July through a centralised online process (www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/employment/index.asp). Applicants for clinical placements must be a registered nurse at the time of attending the interview.

Clinical experience and mastery of specific criteria are critical to achieving competency in midwifery.

Qualification of this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points, comprising the units listed in the study sequence on page 7.

Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry)

The Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry) course is only offered at the Hawkesbury campus. It is a nursing program designed for applicants who hold a relevant undergraduate award or are an overseas registered nurse. The numerous career opportunities that exist in Australia and overseas are key factors attracting women and men to the nursing profession.

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 170 credit points, including the units listed in the study sequence on page 7.

Admission requirements:

Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree in biological sciences: human biological sciences, anatomy and physiology, chemistry, physics, biology, natural science, microbiology, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, human science, naturopathy, complementary medicine

OR

an undergraduate degree in arts/behavioural sciences: human behavioural and social sciences, psychology, sociology, human communications, human behaviour

OR

an overseas three-year post-secondary qualification as a registered nurse and hold registration in their own country.

The Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry) is not available to Year 12 students. Applicants must have completed an undergraduate degree. This course is applied for through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC), the same as other nursing postgraduate courses.

In line with UWS policy, all international students must meet English language requirements with a demonstrated achievement of an overall IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 in each subtest.

Special requirements:

All applicants are required to meet the current special requirements as identified by NSW Health and UWS. This will include Criminal Record checks/Declarations/Vaccinations and Senior First Aid certificate. Guidance on how these requirements are to be complied with will be provided on commencement of your program. These requirements apply to any course containing scheduled clinical placements.

All applicants must demonstrate currency of qualifications consistent with UWS policy at time of admission for recognition of prior learning to apply, and for fast tracking into Year 2 of the Bachelor of Nursing course.

Master and Graduate Diploma in Primary Health Care

The Master of Primary Health Care and Graduate Diploma in Primary Health Care are for health-related professionals who have completed a Bachelor degree. These courses will enable you to develop a balanced and holistic approach to your professional role within an integrated, dynamic and complex health system.

Both the Master and Graduate Diploma support the development of visionary and proactive professionals capable of providing leadership in the health care industry and the creation of the supportive milieu that promotes health.

Master Of Primary Health Care

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points, comprising the units listed in the study sequence.

Admission requirements:

Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree in biological sciences: human biological sciences, anatomy and physiology, chemistry, physics, biology, natural science, microbiology, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, human science, naturopathy, complementary medicine

OR

a degree in arts/behavioural sciences: human behavioural and social sciences, psychology, sociology, human communications, human behaviour.

Graduate Diploma in Primary Health Care

The Graduate Diploma in Primary Health Care offers a postgraduate qualification to those of you working in health and allied areas who wish to further your understanding of health and inform your ways of working with individuals, groups and communities.

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 60 credit points, comprising the units listed in the study sequence.

Admission requirements:

Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree in biological sciences: human biological sciences, anatomy and physiology, chemistry, physics, biology, natural science, microbiology, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, human science, naturopathy, complementary medicine

OR

a degree in arts/behavioural sciences: human behavioural and social sciences, psychology, sociology, human communications, human behaviour

OR

3 years full-time equivalent work experience in the health sector.

STUDY SEQUENCE

Graduate Diploma in Midwifery 1F	
QUARTER 1	QUARTER 3
Introduction to Midwifery 1	• Complex Midwifery 2 •
Introduction to Midwifery 2	• Essentials for Best Practice in Midwifery •
QUARTER 2	QUARTER 4
Complex Midwifery 1	• Midwifery Knowledge and Practice 2 •
Midwifery Knowledge and Practice 1	•

Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry) 2F	
QUARTER 1	
Introduction to Nursing Practice	•
AUTUMN - YEAR 1	SPRING - YEAR 1
Medical-Surgical Nursing 1	• Medical-Surgical Nursing 2 •
Alterations in Nutrition, Elimination and Sexuality	• Alterations in Breathing, Work/Leisure and Mobility •
Evidence-Based Nursing 1	• Mental Health Nursing 1 •
Family Health Care: Health Issues and Australian Indigenous People	• Family Health Care: Child and Adolescent Nursing •
AUTUMN - YEAR 2	SPRING - YEAR 2
Family Health Care: High Acuity Nursing	• Transition to Graduate Practice •
Mental Health Nursing 2	• Evidence-Based Nursing 2 •
Family Health Care: Chronicity and Palliative Care Nursing	• Leadership in Graduate Practice •
	• Family Health Care: Older Adult Nursing •

Primary Health Care	Masters 2P	Graduate Diploma 1.5P
YEAR 1 - AUTUMN		
Primary Health Care and its Applications	•	•
Health Promotion: A Primary Health Care Approach	•	•
YEAR 1 - SPRING		
Approaches to Epidemiology	•	•
Supporting Individuals and Communities in Crisis	•	•
YEAR 2 - AUTUMN		
Mental Health for Communities	•	•
Health and Socio-political Issues in Aged Care	•	•
YEAR 2 - SPRING		
Leadership and Change	•	
Collaborative Inquiry for Primary Health Care Action	•	

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Further information

Contact the Course Information Centre on 1300 897 669 or email postgraduatestudy@uws.edu.au

International students call +612 9852 5499 or email internationalstudy@uws.edu.au

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Study at home

Most courses are available for study at home if distance mode is selected.

Advanced standing

Students are advised to check eligibility of recognised prior learning by emailing postgraduatestudy@uws.edu.au

Commonwealth Supported Places

All Nursing and Midwifery courses offer Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) for domestic students, with the exception of the Master and Graduate Diploma in Primary Health Care.

How to apply

Postgraduate course applications are processed online through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) at www.uac.edu.au/postgraduate

Further information on postgraduate courses and the application procedure is available at myfuture.uws.edu.au

For international students

Part-time mode for these courses is not available to international students due to Australian student visa regulations. International students need to apply directly to the University. Application forms and information on admission are available at www.uws.edu.au/international/admissions

For information about studying at UWS, including courses, tuition fees, English requirements, intakes, assessment methods, accommodation options, and living in Australia, please visit www.uws.edu.au/international

English proficiency requirements

If you have undertaken studies overseas you may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof can be found on the Universities Admissions Centre website (UAC) at www.uac.edu.au

Overseas qualifications must be deemed equivalent by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) in order to be considered by UAC and UWS.