



# Bachelor of Nursing - Graduate Entry (NS40)

**CRICOS code:** 046054F

**Course duration (full-time):** 2 Years

**Domestic fees (per credit point):** Commonwealth Supported Place (*subject to annual review*)

**Domestic fees (indicative):** 2006:\$5154

**International Fees (per semester):** 2005: A\$8,000; 2006: A\$8,000 (*subject to annual review*)

**Domestic Entry:** February and July

**International Entry:** February

**QTAC code:** 425252

**Past rank cut-off:** 93. Admission to course is based on prior study entry requirements in addition to a rank. Please refer to Entry Requirements.

**Past OP cut-off:** This course is not open to year 12 applicants.

**Standard credit points per full-time semester:** 48

**Standard credit points per part-time semester:** 24

**Course coordinator:** Dr Alan Barnard

**Campus:** Kelvin Grove

## Streams in NS40 Bachelor of Nursing

The Bachelor of Nursing (NS40) course provides streams of study for both preregistration and postregistration students (ie those who have already completed a qualification leading to registration as a nurse).

## Entry Requirements

Applicants must have successfully completed a Bachelor's degree in the last 10 years.

## OP Guarantee

The OP Guarantee does not apply to this program.

## Career Outcomes

Graduates may find employment in a variety of health care settings or health promotion agencies. These include public and private hospitals and nursing homes as well as community service areas such as community health, occupational health, domiciliary nursing services, school health, Aboriginal health, pathology laboratories, alcohol and drug dependence and the armed services. Graduates have been successful in obtaining Nursing registration in Britain, New Zealand and North America.

## Professional Membership

This course is recognised by the Royal College of Nursing, Australia as satisfying the academic requirements for admission as a professional member. The Bachelor of Nursing is an accredited Nursing Pre-registration course of the Queensland Nursing Council. Domestic or international students who complete the pre-registration stream of studies (288 credit points) are eligible to apply for

registration with the Queensland Nursing Council. For further information on registration requirements please refer to [www.qnc.qld.gov.au](http://www.qnc.qld.gov.au)

## Course Requirements

The clinical practice units require students to undertake block practicums of two or more weeks duration during semester. Students will be required to wear a uniform while on clinical practice, the cost of which is approximately \$150. Students enrolling in this program are required to complete a course of vaccinations for Hepatitis B before commencing their clinical practice units. They are also required to have a current Senior First Aid Certificate or the equivalent prior to commencement of Clinical Practice 1.

It is a requirement of Queensland Health that all students undertaking a clinical placement in a Q health facility complete 'The Essentials' component of the student orientation package which is available on the Queensland Health website [www.health.qld.gov.au/SOP/html/Essentials\\_Homepage.asp](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/SOP/html/Essentials_Homepage.asp)

## Further Information

For detailed information about entry into Nursing, please call (07) 3864 3824.

## Deferment

QUT's deferment policy does not apply to this course.

## Full-time Course structure

For Preregistration students who have completed an undergraduate degree

### Year 1, Semester 1

LSB111	Understanding Disease Concepts
NSB324	Medical-Surgical Nursing 1
NSB223	Mental Health Nursing
NSB122	Clinical Practice 1
NSB212	Clinical Practice 2

### Year 1, Semester 2

NSB423	Medical-Surgical Nursing 2
HHB120	Ethics, Law And Health Care
NSB222	Clinical Practice 3

### Year 2, Semester 1

NSB500	Medical-Surgical Nursing 3
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- NSB501 Politics, Technology and Nursing
- NSB322 Clinical Practice 4
- NSB424 Nursing Therapeutics

**Year 2, Semester 2**

- NSB321 Professional Nursing Development  
Elective
- NSB333 Clinical Practice 5

**Potential Careers:**

Nurse.

**UNIT SYNOPSES**

**HHB120 ETHICS, LAW AND HEALTH CARE**

Nursing practice involves making decisions with and for others. This involves making evaluations of what is in the best interest of others, what are nurses' obligations to others and what will best protect or enhance their well-being. Hence, decision-making in nursing practice is bounded by normative considerations and these normative considerations fall into two groups: those constituted by the law and those constituted by ethics. This unit has been designed to provide for nursing students and practitioners an opportunity to develop a reflective understanding of the place of law and ethics in nursing and a professional awareness of current legal statutes and ethical discussions as they apply to nursing practice.

**Credit points:** 12 **Contact hours:** 3 per week **Campus:** Kelvin Grove **Teaching period:** 2006 SEM-1, 2006 SEM-2, 2007 SEM-1 and 2007 SEM-2 **Incompatible with:** HUB009

**LSB111 UNDERSTANDING DISEASE CONCEPTS**

This unit includes the following: introduction to structure and function of the body; review of body systems; mechanisms of disease. It covers systems and topics: integumentary, skeletal, muscular, nervous, endocrine, blood, heart and circulation, lymphatic, immune, respiratory, digestive (including nutrition and metabolism), urinary, reproductive, concepts of growth and development, genetics. It presents examples of diseases: heart disease, cancers (lung, breast, skin, prostate, cervical), diabetes, hypertension, depression and schizophrenia, asthma and chronic obstructive lung diseases.

**Credit points:** 12 **Contact hours:** 4 per week **Campus:** Gardens Point **Teaching period:** 2006 SEM-1 and 2007 SEM-1

**NSB122 CLINICAL PRACTICE 1**

This is the first in five clinical practice units that provide the opportunity to experience the practice of nursing in real world settings and to develop the knowledge, attitudes and skills required for safe, competent practice as a beginning level registered nurse. This unit focuses on providing basic care to patients in hospital considering promoting a safe environment for patient care; managing basic care needs of patients and assisting with activities of daily living.

**Credit points:** 12 **Campus:** Kelvin Grove **Teaching period:** 2006 SEM-1, 2006 SEM-2, 2007 SEM-1 and 2007 SEM-2

**NSB212 CLINICAL PRACTICE 2**

This is the second in the five clinical practice units that provide the opportunity to experience the practice of nursing in real world settings and to develop the knowledge, attitudes and skills required for safe, competent

practice as a beginning level registered nurse. The main areas of content in this unit are: promoting a safe environment for client care, managing more complex patient care needs, and developing a professional approach to practice. Concepts addressed include; sterile techniques, barrier/reverse barrier nursing, principles of wound management, administration of parenteral medications; problem solving and decision making principles applied to the care of individuals with medical-surgical and mental health dysfunctions.

**Prerequisite(s):** NSB122 **Credit points:** 12 **Contact hours:** 1 **Campus:** Kelvin Grove **Teaching period:** 2006 SEM-1, 2006 SEM-2, 2007 SEM-1 and 2007 SEM-2

**NSB222 CLINICAL PRACTICE 3**

This is the third in the five clinical practice units that provide the opportunity to experience the practice of nursing in real world settings. There are three main areas of content in this unit: promoting a safe environment for client care, managing complex patient care needs, and developing a professional approach to practice. Particular concepts addressed include: complex wound management, clinical nursing therapeutics related to the administration of blood and blood products, management of colorectal and urinary diversionary procedures, urinary catheterisation, ostomy management; prioritisation of patient care and time management.

**Prerequisite(s):** NSB212 **Credit points:** 12 **Campus:** Kelvin Grove **Teaching period:** 2006 SEM-1, 2006 SEM-2, 2007 SEM-1 and 2007 SEM-2

**NSB223 MENTAL HEALTH NURSING**

Nurses need to be able to identify and care for people suffering from mental health problems. Topics addressed in this unit include the mental health continuum and major

theoretical approaches to mental illness; understanding and nursing people across the lifespan who suffer from anxiety disorders, personality disorders, bipolar disorder, depression, schizophrenia, substance use and abuse, cognitive impairment disorders, eating disorders; the nurse's role with respect to treatment modalities and assessing mental status; and the experiences of persons living with a mental illness and families caring for someone with a mental illness.

**Credit points:** 12 **Contact hours:** 3 per week **Campus:** Kelvin Grove **Teaching period:** 2006 SEM-1, 2006 SEM-2, 2007 SEM-1 and 2007 SEM-2

#### **NSB321 PROFESSIONAL NURSING DEVELOPMENT**

Highlights the explicit link between clinical practice and theoretical knowledge. Post-registration and final semester pre-registration students will be assisted to further develop skills in reflective practice and peer consultation as strategies to support a more critical approach to clinical practice. A variety of topics will be addressed through a combination of self-directed learning activities and small group discussion sessions.

**Prerequisite(s):** NSB501 **Credit points:** 12 **Contact hours:** 3 per week **Campus:** Kelvin Grove and External **Teaching period:** 2006 SEM-2 and 2007 SEM-2

#### **NSB322 CLINICAL PRACTICE 4**

This is the fourth in the five clinical practice units that provide the opportunity to experience the practice of nursing in real world settings and to develop the knowledge, attitudes and skills required for safe, competent practice as a beginning level registered nurse. This unit facilitates the development and application of knowledge and skills necessary for the provision of nursing care in medical/surgical health settings at an advanced level. Emphasis is placed on students' communication skills, critical thinking and decision-making skills, technical skills and professional development skills, and the assumption of increased responsibility for patient care.

**Prerequisite(s):** NSB222 **Credit points:** 12 **Campus:** Kelvin Grove **Teaching period:** 2006 SEM-1, 2006 SEM-2, 2006 SUM-1, 2007 SEM-1, 2007 SEM-2 and 2007 SUM-1

#### **NSB324 MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING 1**

The unit explores nursing assessment, care planning and care evaluation necessary for the provision of sound, safe nursing care for people in hospital and home-based settings with health problems related to neurological, sensory, musculoskeletal dysfunctions, and infectious and immune related disorders. Issues addressed will include peri-operative nursing; acute and chronic pain management; the unconscious patient, post-stroke rehabilitation, and degenerative neurological conditions such as multiple

sclerosis, sensory impairment and orthopaedic problems. Principles of nursing people with infectious and immune related disorders will also be covered.

**Prerequisite(s):** NSB118 **Credit points:** 12 **Contact hours:** 3 per week **Campus:** Kelvin Grove **Teaching period:** 2006 SEM-1, 2006 SEM-2, 2007 SEM-1 and 2007 SEM-2

#### **NSB333 CLINICAL PRACTICE 5**

This final clinical unit is designed to enable consolidation of knowledge and skills necessary for the provision of safe, effective patient care in preparation for a successful transition to beginning level practice as a registered nurse. The unit includes eight weeks off-campus placement. Emphasis is placed on student's proficiency in clinical practice, particularly their communication skills, critical thinking and decision making/problem solving skills, technical skills, reflective skills, care management skills and awareness of professional attributes and values.

**Prerequisite(s):** NSB322 **Credit points:** 24 **Contact hours:** Includes 8 weeks off-campus clinical experience **Campus:** Kelvin Grove **Teaching period:** 2006 SEM-1, 2006 SEM-2, 2007 SEM-1 and 2007 SEM-2

#### **NSB423 MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING 2**

The content of this unit will cover nursing assessment, care planning and care evaluation necessary to provide sound, safe nursing care for people in a variety of settings with acute and/or long term health concerns and issues related to the gastro-intestinal, endocrine, genito-urinary and integumentary dysfunctions. Issues addressed will include diabetes mellitus, renal failure, inflammatory bowel disorders, burns and wound management.

**Prerequisite(s):** NSB324, NSB118 **Credit points:** 12 **Contact hours:** 3 per week **Campus:** Kelvin Grove **Teaching period:** 2006 SEM-1, 2006 SEM-2, 2007 SEM-1 and 2007 SEM-2

#### **NSB424 NURSING THERAPEUTICS**

Nurses have a central role in assisting individuals, families and/or groups of people to make informed decisions about their care, supporting them through stressful and traumatic experiences and facilitating them to effectively manage health problems in order to optimise recovery, rehabilitation and/or habilitation. This unit focuses on the development of knowledge, skills and personal attributes that are fundamental to establishing and maintaining therapeutic relationships, educating clients about health care matters and counselling patients and families to promote health and well being.

**Credit points:** 12 **Contact hours:** 3 per week **Campus:** Kelvin Grove **Teaching period:** 2006 SEM-1, 2006 SEM-2, 2007 SEM-1 and 2007 SEM-2



### **NSB500 MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING 3**

The content of this unit will address nursing assessment, care planning and care evaluation necessary to provide sound, safe nursing care for people in a variety of settings with complex acute and/or long term health concerns and issues related to cardiovascular, respiratory and oncological dysfunctions. Particular emphasis will be placed on life threatening illnesses and the provision of high dependency and palliative nursing care. Contemporary research and 'best practice' guidelines will underpin the content of this unit.

**Prerequisite(s):** NSB324, NSB423    **Credit points:** 12

**Contact hours:** 3 per week    **Campus:** Kelvin Grove

**Teaching period:** 2006 SEM-1, 2006 SEM-2, 2007 SEM-1 and 2007 SEM-2

### **NSB501 POLITICS, TECHNOLOGY AND NURSING**

This unit provides an opportunity for students to develop and extend their knowledge about issues that directly inform the role of the health care practitioner. The framework of the unit is the political nature of nursing and the unit content addresses key processes and factors that are impacting on and reshaping nursing practice and health care provision. The subject areas include the changing nature of health care and nursing organisational and educational structures and rapid changes in technology. These political and technological changes require nurse practitioners to continually re-evaluate the contexts of their practice.

**Credit points:** 12    **Contact hours:** 3 per week    **Campus:**

Kelvin Grove    **Teaching period:** 2006 SEM-1, 2006 SEM-2, 2007 SEM-1 and 2007 SEM-2