



SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS SEMESTER 2, 2010

Master of Nurse Practitioner Studies

The Master of Nurse Practitioner Studies (MNPractSt) program prepares experienced registered nurses for autonomous and collaborative practice in expanded and advanced clinical roles as Nurse Practitioners. Students select from six fields of specialization, including Chronic Disease Management, General Practice Nursing, Young People's Health, Rural & Remote Nursing and Aviation Nursing. The Master of Nurse Practitioner Studies is delivered externally. In the first year there are two residential study weeks on campus. The first week begins at the start of semester 1 and the second week commences late in semester 2. The program consists of 24 units which can be completed in 1.5 years full-time or the part-time equivalent. Credit for prior learning may be given for registered nurses with other previously gained postgraduate qualifications.

Research Higher Degrees

The School of Nursing and Midwifery research students have access to a wide range of multi-disciplinary advisory teams that are drawn from experts in other University of Queensland Schools, Faculties and Research Centres and the School of Nursing and Midwifery partner organisations. Research students have the opportunity to undertake either a Master of Philosophy program or a Doctor of Philosophy program. The School of Nursing and Midwifery provides Research Higher Degree Students with the opportunity to undertake a diverse range of research projects, many of which are supported by research scholarships.

Master of Nursing

The Master of Nursing program offers a flexible, external method of study. The program provides the opportunity for you to complete a Master of Nursing, after successful completion of 24 units. You are able to select from six fields of study for specialisation, including Children & Young People's Health, Primary Health Care Nursing, Chronic Disease Management and Palliative Care, Gastroenterological Nursing, Rural & Remote Nursing, or use the generic Advanced

Practice Nursing field designed to enable you to apply the principles to your own specialist practice setting.

Graduate Certificate in Nursing

As part of the Master of Nursing program, the School of Nursing and Midwifery offers a Graduate Certificate in Nursing. The Graduate Certificate in Nursing is ideal if you do not currently hold a Bachelor of Nursing, or the equivalent. Once successfully completed, you will then be eligible to enrol in the Graduate Diploma of Nursing, the Master of Nursing, or the Master of Nurse Practitioner Studies programs. The Graduate Certificate in Nursing consists of one core course, two field-specific courses and one elective course. As with the Master of Nursing, you will be able to select from six fields of study for specialisation, including Children & Young People's Health, Primary Health Care Nursing, Chronic Disease Management and Palliative Care, Gastroenterological Nursing, Rural & Remote Nursing, or use the generic Advanced Practice Nursing field tailored to suit your own specialist practice setting.

Graduate Diploma in Nursing

Within the Master of Nursing program, the School of Nursing and Midwifery also offers a Graduate Diploma in Nursing. If you currently hold a Bachelor of Nursing, you are able to apply for entry to the Graduate Diploma or Master of Nursing or Master of Nurse Practitioner Studies if you meet all the program requirements.

There are 16 units of study in the Graduate Diploma consisting of the courses that make up the Graduate Certificate plus one core course (Education in Nursing and Midwifery Practice), two field-specific courses and one elective course.

The flexibility of these programs allows you to maintain a work, study and family life balance as they are delivered externally, and all courses and course material are provided online via the UQ student internet application Blackboard. Some courses have a clinical practice requirement. This will need to be arranged by the student and approved by the course coordinator.