

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN NURSING (4723)

Approved Abbreviation: GradDipNurs
Western Sydney University Program Code: 4723
AQF Level: 8

This program applies to students who commenced in Spring 2021 or later.

Students should follow the program structure for the session start date relevant to the year they commenced.

For Commencement Year 2017, please refer to: 4723.2 Graduate Diploma in Nursing (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=4723.2>)

The aim of the Graduate Diploma in Nursing is to provide Registered Nurses with the theoretical knowledge and critical thinking skills to prepare them for advanced practice in the clinical setting. Specialisations available include clinical leadership, clinical teaching, aged care, primary health care or research studies. Graduates will be able to synthesise and apply advanced nursing concepts in order to lead nursing practice and optimise health outcomes. Students who successfully complete this program may transfer into the Master of Nursing.

Early Exit

Students may exit this program on completion of 40 credit points with a 4724 Graduate Certificate in Nursing (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/graduate-certificate-nursing/>)

- Director of Academic Program - Rachel Gregory-Wilson

Study Mode

One year full-time or two years part-time.

Program Advice

Dr Diana Jefferies (<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/17738/>)

Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (<https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/>) | Local Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/>) | International Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/>) |

Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Hong Kong Baptist University*	Part Time	Internal	See above
Online	Full Time	Online	See above
Online	Part Time	Online	See above

* Programs delivered through an agreement with another party

Admission

Candidature for admission to the Graduate Diploma in Nursing is based on the following requirements

Graduate Diploma in Nursing (80 credit points)

Registered Nurse (currently registered to practice with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency – Nursing and Midwifery), or eligibility for same, or certificate of registration of nursing, within the last five years, in their own country

And

Completion of an undergraduate degree (AQF Level 7 or equivalent) in any discipline OR Graduate Certificate in Nursing.

Graduate Diploma in Nursing (60 credit points)

Registered Nurse (currently registered to practice with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency – Nursing and Midwifery), or eligibility for same, or certificate of registration of nursing, within the last five years, in their own country

And

Completion of an undergraduate degree (AQF Level 7 or equivalent) or Graduate Diploma, or higher in any discipline.

And

Two years full-time equivalent professional work experience as a registered nurse within the last five years.

Additional Information

Applicants seeking admission on the basis of work experience must support their application with a Statement of Service for all work experience listed on the application.

Statement of Service form (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/content/dam/digital/pdf/Statement_of_Service.PDF)

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas must be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC). Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local and International applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>
<https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/>

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

Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points or 60 credit points depending on the Pathway the student is enrolled in, based on the admission requirements.

Students may complete the Graduate Diploma in Nursing (no specialisation) or may enrol in and complete one of three Specialisations. See individual links below for detailed program structure.

- Clinical Leadership
- Clinical Teaching
- Tuberculosis Management

Graduate Diploma in Nursing (no specialisation)

80 credit point 1 year pathway structure

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points including the subjects listed below.		
NURS 7019	Cultural and Social Diversity in Health Care	10
NURS 7023	Evidence Based Health Care	10
NURS 7028	Leadership in Clinical Practice	10
NURS 7040	Perspectives on Nursing	10
PUBH 7020	Policy, Power and Politics in Health Care Provision	10
PUBH 7021	Primary Health Care and its Applications	10
And two electives		20
Total Credit Points		80

60 credit point 1 year pathway structure

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 60 credit points including the subjects listed below.		
NURS 7019	Cultural and Social Diversity in Health Care	10
NURS 7023	Evidence Based Health Care	10
NURS 7028	Leadership in Clinical Practice	10
NURS 7040	Perspectives on Nursing	10
PUBH 7021	Primary Health Care and its Applications	10
And one elective		10
Total Credit Points		60

Graduate Diploma in Nursing (Clinical Leadership)

80 credit point 1 Year Pathway Structure

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points including the subjects listed below.		
HLTH 7002	Building Organisational Capacity in Health Care	10
NURS 7019	Cultural and Social Diversity in Health Care	10
NURS 7023	Evidence Based Health Care	10
PUBH 7018	Leadership for Quality and Safety in Health Care	10
NURS 7028	Leadership in Clinical Practice	10
NURS 7040	Perspectives on Nursing	10
PUBH 7020	Policy, Power and Politics in Health Care Provision	10
And one elective		10
Total Credit Points		80

60 credit point 1 year pathway structure

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 60 credit points including the subjects listed below.		
HLTH 7002	Building Organisational Capacity in Health Care	10
NURS 7019	Cultural and Social Diversity in Health Care	10

NURS 7023	Evidence Based Health Care	10
PUBH 7018	Leadership for Quality and Safety in Health Care	10
NURS 7028	Leadership in Clinical Practice	10
PUBH 7020	Policy, Power and Politics in Health Care Provision	10
Total Credit Points		60

Graduate Diploma in Nursing (Clinical Teaching)

80 credit point 1 year pathway structure

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points including the subjects listed below.		
NURS 7064	Clinical Teaching and Workplace Learning for Competent Practice	10
NURS 7015	Clinical Teaching for Learning	10
NURS 7019	Cultural and Social Diversity in Health Care	10
NURS 7023	Evidence Based Health Care	10
NURS 7003	Applied Clinical Practice using Simulation	10
NURS 7040	Perspectives on Nursing	10
PUBH 7020	Policy, Power and Politics in Health Care Provision	10
And one elective		10
Total Credit Points		80

60 credit point 1 year pathway structure

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 60 credit points including the subjects listed below.		
NURS 7064	Clinical Teaching and Workplace Learning for Competent Practice	10
NURS 7015	Clinical Teaching for Learning	10
NURS 7019	Cultural and Social Diversity in Health Care	10
NURS 7023	Evidence Based Health Care	10
NURS 7003	Applied Clinical Practice using Simulation	10
PUBH 7020	Policy, Power and Politics in Health Care Provision	10
Total Credit Points		60

Graduate Diploma in Nursing (Tuberculosis Management)

80 credit point 1 year pathway structure

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points including the subjects listed below		
PUBH 7021	Primary Health Care and its Applications	10
NURS 7050	Clinical Management of Tuberculosis (TB)	10
NURS 7058	Public Health Management of Tuberculosis (TB)	10
NURS 7049	Care of People with Tuberculosis (TB)	10
NURS 7023	Evidence Based Health Care	10
And one of the following alternate subjects:		10
NURS 7019	Cultural and Social Diversity in Health Care	
NURS 7065	Capstone Experience in Health Care	
Note: NURS 7065 is a 20 credit point subject		

And two elective subjects (or one 10 cp elective if NURS 7065 is chosen as an alternate subject) 20

Total Credit Points 80

Equivalent Subjects

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed these subjects in Autumn 2021 or earlier.

NURS 7008 Capstone Experience in Health Care, replaced by NURS 7065 Capstone Experience in Health Care

60 credit point 1 year pathway structure

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 60 credit points including the subjects listed below		
PUBH 7021	Primary Health Care and its Applications	10
NURS 7050	Clinical Management of Tuberculosis (TB)	10
NURS 7058	Public Health Management of Tuberculosis (TB)	10
NURS 7049	Care of People with Tuberculosis (TB)	10
NURS 7023	Evidence Based Health Care	10
And one elective subject		10
Total Credit Points		60