

MASTER OF NURSING PRACTICE (PREREGRISTRATION) (4785)

Approved Abbreviation: M Nurs Prac (Prerequisite)

Western Sydney University Program Code: 4785

AQF Level: 9

CRICOS Code: 108310M

This program applies to students who commenced in 2022 or later.

This program is ANMAC accredited and has NMBA approval.

The focus of this program is to prepare graduates with specialised knowledge and skills for professional practice, research, further learning and eligibility to apply for registration throughout Australia as a registered nurse (Division 1). Using a primary health care framework, students study the application of physical and behavioural sciences to nursing; inquiry and evidence-based practice principles and utilisation within nursing; nursing care of individuals, families and groups from diverse backgrounds across the lifespan. The acquisition of nursing knowledge and skills occurs initially in campus-based simulated clinical practice settings and consolidation occurs as students undertake clinical placements in a variety of health care settings.

The Master of Nursing Practice (Preregistration) is offered as a two-year program commencing with an intensive, full-time subject of study in the Summer Session that supports student transition into two years of full-time study. Students will not be eligible for recognition of prior learning (RPL).

Prospective students should be aware that full disclosure of any issues of impairment or misconduct is a declaration requirement when applying for registration as a registered nurse. An English language skills registration standard is also applicable to all students applying for registration:

<http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au> (<http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/>)

All students will enrol in the 4785 Master of Nursing Practice (Preregistration). There are two exit points. The Graduate Diploma in Health Support on completion of 80 credit points and Graduate Certificate in Health Support on completion of 40 credit points selected from 4785 Master of Nursing Practice (Preregistration) subjects as indicated in the program structure. Both exit points will not qualify the recipient to apply for registration as a nurse in Australia.

Early Exits

Students may exit this program on completion of 80 credit point with a 4801 - Graduate Diploma in Health Support (exit only) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/graduate-diploma-health-support-exit-only/>)

Students may exit this program on completion of 40 credit points with a 4798 - Graduate Certificate in Health Support (exit only) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/graduate-certificate-health-support-exit-only/>)

Registration

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) has a register of students enrolled in the Master of Nursing Practice (Preregistration) for the duration of their study. Western Sydney University as the education provider will provide your details directly to the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) for registration.

Registration as a nurse

On successful completion of an accredited program, you will be eligible to apply for registration as a Registered Nurse (Division 1) General with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. Prospective students should be aware that full disclosure of any issues of impairment or misconduct is a declaration requirement when applying for registration as a registered nurse. To be accepted for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, you are required to disclose: any criminal history, physical and/or psychological impairments and meet specific English language standards. For further clarification of these requirements contact the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia: Professional Standards and Conduct.

Please ensure that you are familiar with the policies available on the Western Sydney University website. In addition, nurses and midwives must be registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA), and meet the NMBA's professional standards in order to practice in Australia.

Registration standards define the requirements that applicants, registrants or students need to meet to be registered.

To ensure patient safety, nurses and midwives are deemed mandatory reporters and under National Law are subject to making notification about notifiable conduct.

It is important to be aware that complaints or concerns can be raised about the health, conduct or performance of a registered health practitioner or student at any time.

Study Mode

Two years full-time on campus or four years part-time on campus.

Program Advice

Director Academic Program (SoNM_DAP_BN@westernsydney.edu.au)

Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Hawkesbury	Full-time	Internal	
Hawkesbury	Part-time	Internal	
Parramatta - Victoria Rd	Full-time	Internal	
Parramatta - Victoria Rd	Part-time	Internal	

Accreditation

The Master of Nursing Practice has accreditation from the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) and approval from the Nursing and Midwifery Board Australia (NMBA). On successful completion of the course, students will be eligible for registration as a nurse (Division 1) with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

Please note: from 1 July 2020 International applicants are to provide evidence of meeting the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, English language skills registration standard prior to enrolling in the program. For further details, refer to the NMBA website: <http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards.aspx>

Inherent Requirements

There are inherent requirements for this program that you must meet in order to complete your program and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the requirements for this program online.

Inherent Requirements (http://www.uws.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/bachelor_of_nursing_inherent_requirements/)

Work Integrated Learning

Western Sydney University seeks to enhance student learning experiences by enabling students to engage in the culture, expectations and practices of their profession or discipline. This program includes a placement or other community-based unpaid practical experience.

There is a mandatory work component required for completion of this program. Please contact the Program Advisor listed above for information.

International students should also refer to the link below for more information and a link to the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

Work Integrated Learning (WIL) for international students (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/international_student_support/working_in_australia/work_integrated_learning/)

Students will be required to meet the requirements of health services where practical experiences occur.

Applicants must have successfully completed either:

- an undergraduate degree (equivalent to AQF Level 7), or higher, in health, human biological or behavioural science within the last 10 years; or
- an undergraduate degree, or higher, in any discipline within the last 10 years and the Western Sydney Preparation for Tertiary Nursing Studies (<https://westernx.edu.au/courses/prep-nurses/?cl=1>) short course.

All applicants will be required to meet English Language Proficiency requirements. Local applicants applying directly to the University can find further information on the UAC website.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>

International applicants must apply directly to Western Sydney University via the International Office.

English Language Proficiency Requirements:

All applicants for the Master of Nursing Practice (Preregistration) are required to provide evidence of demonstrating your English language competency in **one** of the following ways:

English is your **primary language** and you have attended and satisfactorily completed **at least six years of primary and secondary education taught and assessed solely in English in a recognised country**, including **at least two years between years 7 and 12**.

Recognised country means one of the following countries: Australia; Canada; New Zealand; Republic of Ireland; South Africa; United Kingdom; United States of America.

Or

You currently hold **registration as an Enrolled Nurse (Division 2), Registered Nurse (Division 1) or Registered Midwife with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA)**.

Or

English Proficiency Assessment

If you do not satisfy any of the above, you will need to undertake an English language proficiency test and achieve the scores as below. English test results remain valid for no more than two years between final examination date and the date of commencement of study.

1. IELTS (academic module). We only accept test results from one test sitting: or a maximum of two test sittings in a six-month period only if:

- you achieve a minimum overall score of 7 in each sitting, and
- you achieve a minimum score of 7 in each component across the two sittings, and
- no score in any component of the test is below 6.5

2. OET. We will only accept test results from one test sitting: or a maximum of two test sittings in a six-month period only if:

- you are tested in all four components in each sitting, and
- you achieve a minimum score of B in each component across the two sittings, and
- no score in any component of the test is below C.

3. PTE Academic. We will only accept test results from one test sitting: or a maximum of two test sittings in a six-month period only if:

- a minimum overall score of 65 is achieved in each sitting, and
- you achieve a minimum score of 65 in each of the communicative skills across the two sittings, and
- no score in any of the communicative skills is below 58.

4. TOEFL iBT. We will only accept test results from one test sitting: or a maximum of two test sittings in a six-month period only if:

- a minimum total score of 94 is achieved in each sitting, and you
- achieve a minimum score of 24 for listening, 24 for reading, 27 for writing and 23 for speaking across the two sittings, and
- no score in any of the sections is below:

20 for listening; 19 for reading; 24 for writing and 20 for speaking

NOTE: Students who were not born in any of the above recognised countries need to be aware of the English language requirements of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia that need to be demonstrated prior to registration. Please contact the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia for information on this requirement -

<http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/>

Additional information

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

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

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local 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/>

All other International applicants must apply directly to the University via the International Office.

International students applying to the University through the International Office can find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on their website.

International Office (<http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/>)

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.

Special Requirements - NSW Health Legislative Pre-requisites

Student Compliance Information for all Health-Related Placements

To enrol in this program, students must meet Western Sydney University program requirements. To attend a health-related placement in this program, Special Legislative Requirements will be assessed from the first year of study.

Western Program Requirements

Visit the Special Requirements webpage for details about your program.

Special Requirements (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/enrolment/special_requirements/)

Mandatory NSW Health student placement policy requirements

To be able to undertake placement in any NSW Health facility you must be assessed as compliant with NSW Health student placement policy in the first year of your program, regardless of when you expect to go on your first placement. Access and read the NSW Student Compliance Information Booklet

NSW Student Compliance Information Booklet (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/1647655/NSWH_Student_Compliance_Information_Booklet.pdf)

Please ensure that you

1. Find your existing National Police Check or apply for one
2. Gather documentary evidence of your vaccination history
3. Print and complete all relevant NSW Health forms relevant to the campus you are enrolled at or online enrolment requirements
4. Follow booklet instructions on how to have your compliance documents assessed by NSW health staff.

International students have additional requirements: the link to the booklet will inform you of these requirements.

School Requirements

Contact your School for further details regarding your School's requirements, if any, such as

- If you live outside of NSW or Australia and need to meet your state, territory or country's compliance requirements
- If you need to meet different state, territory or country compliance requirements.
- NSW Working with Children Check (WWCC) or other state equivalent, valid for your entire program.

- Current approved first aid certificate valid for your entire program - approved program providers can be found at the Government Training website
- <http://training.gov.au>
- Other non-health related requirements

Student Compliance Resources are also available on the Placements Hub web page (NSW students only)

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/learning_futures/home/placements_hub/placements_hub/student_compliance (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/learning_futures/home/placements_hub/placements_hub/student_compliance/)

Sequence Current

If you commenced in 2021 or earlier, please refer to the Legacy Handbook for details.

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 170 credit points including the subjects listed in the recommended sequence below.

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
BLOCK A SESSION		
NURS 3040	Foundations of Nursing Practice	10
	Credit Points	10
Autumn session		
NURS 7023	Evidence Based Health Care	10
NURS 7077	Pharmacology Knowledge for Nursing Practice	10
NURS 7071	Introduction to Alterations in Health	10
NURS 7073	Nursing Practice 1	10
	Credit Points	40
Spring session		
NURS 7072	Mental Health Nursing Practice	10
NURS 7068	Chronic Conditions and Disability	10
NURS 7066	Acute Exacerbations of Chronic Conditions	10
NURS 7074	Nursing Practice 2	10
	Credit Points	40
Year 2		
Autumn session		
NURS 7070	Health, Culture and Wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples	10
NURS 7067	Acute Life-Threatening Conditions	10
NURS 7076	Palliative and End of Life Care	10
NURS 7075	Nursing Practice 3	10
	Credit Points	40
Spring session		
NURS 7079	Transition to Professional Nursing	10
NURS 7078	Professional Nursing Practice	20
Alternate Subject		
Select one of the following alternate subjects:		
NURS 7029	Mental Health Assessment and Application	
NURS 7059	Ageing in Place: Wellbeing and Sustainability	

NURS 5004	Contemporary Issues in Child and Adolescent Health
NURS 5006	Maternal and Infant Health Care
NURS 7088	Cultural Immersion Experience (PG)
Credit Points	40
Total Credit Points	170

Nursing Practice

If your last professional experience placement was more than 12 months ago, you are required to complete subject **NURS 7090 Professional Experience Placement (PEP) Currency (PG)** to be eligible to apply for registration as a Nurse (Division 1) in Australia.

The Nursing Practice subjects are the foundational for student learning in the program. They consist of two major learning contexts for students: simulation and clinical placement. Nursing practice may take place in any health service appropriate to the focus of the Nursing Practice subject, for example aged care facilities, hospitals, medical centres, community health organisations. These environments are essential to provide students with the complexities associated with nursing, the ability to apply their learning to situations where people are experiencing an alteration in their health and socialising students into the work domain.

Simulation is where aspects of the professional practice environment are artificially created to enable students to learn in a safe, non-threatening environment. Simulation is used to develop a range of clinical tasks and professional skills such as teamwork, time management, self-awareness and effective communication and supports students in meeting the stated learning outcomes of the program. The School has a wide range of simulation equipment on each campus.

The percentage of time spent by students in each context will vary, depending on the stage of the student in the program for example, at the beginning of the program more hours will be spent in the simulation context than in the health care sector. As the program progresses there is a scaling up of hours spent in the health care sector with fewer hours being spent in the simulation context. In the final session of third year a significant proportion of knowledge and skills consolidation will occur primarily in a clinical practice environment to support transition into graduate practice.

Replaced Subjects

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed these subjects in Autumn 2023 or earlier.

NURS 7028 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/subject-details/nurs7028/>) Leadership in Clinical Practice

NURS 5005 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/subject-details/nurs5005/>) Waluwin: Health across the lifespan for Mob