



Undergraduate and Postgraduate Nursing and Midwifery Course Guide



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Acknowledgement of Country

Charles Darwin University acknowledges and pays respect to the Elders both past and present of all First Nations people upon whose lands CDU campuses and centres are located.



Fit learning around your lifestyle

Study your way with a leader in online learning

At CDU, you can fit your learning around your lifestyle. Choose to study online from anywhere in Australia, part-time or full-time, and complete your placements close to home.

How online study works



Whether you study online or on campus, you will have access to our online learning platform, Learnline.



Take part in interactive lectures and group discussions live, or download recordings and resources to access later.



You'll have 24/7 access to your own study-specific tutoring service and round-the-clock technical support via email.



Use your desktop, or use a laptop or mobile device to access learning materials and upload assignments from anywhere.



Meet other students and make lasting friendships.



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“As a nurse, you never stop learning and I’ve been able to take my new-found knowledge and skills and immediately apply them to my day-to-day work and better patient care.

A postgraduate certificate has also opened up more doors professionally, preparing me for a wider range of roles as my career progresses.”

Robyn, postgraduate nursing graduate

Study Nursing and Midwifery at CDU

Do you have a passion for helping others? Make a difference through CDU's nationally recognised nursing and midwifery programs offering flexible online or on-campus options. You could be delivering high-quality, people-centred care in local or remote communities and hospitals, assisting with global humanitarian relief, or providing evidence-based care for women and babies.

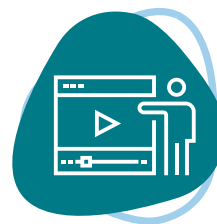
A qualification with Charles Darwin University gives you the skills and knowledge to make you highly employable. We offer an education that equips you for success through practical training, global study opportunities and innovative courses delivered by experts at the top of their fields.



Take part in clinical training in our state-of-the-art simulation suites.



Boost your career, provide specialised care and learn to lead with a postgraduate qualification.



CDU specialises in supporting busy students. Finish your clinical training as an intensive unit in one-week blocks rather than over a whole semester and choose to study full-time or part-time, on campus or online.



Join a community of more than 6,500 health and nursing students studying with CDU across Australia.

Find your course online for the latest admission requirements and course details: cdu.edu.au/study/nursing-midwifery



Graduate work-ready

At Charles Darwin University, you'll learn to deliver high quality, person-centred and evidence-based care to people of all ages and graduate with the freedom to work anywhere in Australia.

Nurses and midwives make up the largest clinical workforce in Australia* and job opportunities are growing at a healthy rate. In this industry, you will be highly employable and find job security within hospitals and other health service providers.

*Health Workforce Australia 2024

Join us to study a nationally recognised nursing degree that will prepare you for the role as a Registered Nurse.

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“CDU has been doing online nursing degrees for so long they're really good at it. At CDU, everyone – online and on campus – is just a student.

“I did most of my practical training in Sydney and chose to do one in Alice Springs. It was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.”

Michelle, online Bachelor of Nursing graduate



Convenient and unique placements

Supervised clinical placements and simulation training are an important requirement for professional registration and to prepare you to work as a nurse.

Placements across Australia

A placement refers to the time you will spend learning, under supervision, in a clinical setting such as a hospital or care facility. You can apply for the state or territory where you would prefer to complete your placements.

Clinical simulation in most major Australian cities


A clinical simulation refers to the time you spend in a simulated learning environment. At Charles Darwin University, you'll train in a large-scale simulated hospital ward with up to 12 different manikins. Unlike many other universities, you can usually complete your clinical simulations as an intensive unit in a four-day block rather than spread out over the semester.


Unique opportunities

Interested in gaining experience in rural, remote and First Nations health? With strong links to industry and a location like no other, CDU offers some of the country's most unique clinical placement experiences. These can strengthen your cultural competence, a valuable skill in any healthcare setting. Your ability to understand diversity and communicate effectively across cultures greatly improves your nurse-patient relationships and employability.



Bachelor of Midwifery

 **LOCATION** – Casuarina, Online

 **DURATION** – 3 years full-time, 6 years part-time

 **DOMESTIC INTAKE** – Semester 1

The Bachelor of Midwifery is a professionally accredited degree that qualifies you to register as a midwife. It is recognised as an approved program of study by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. At CDU you can study a Bachelor of Midwifery online with intensive weeks (clinical teaching blocks) or on campus, full-time or part-time, as you learn from experts in the field.

As a graduate of the Bachelor of Midwifery, you will be ready to provide woman-centred, evidence-based care for women, babies and families throughout the childbearing journey in a variety of settings, with a particular focus on rural, remote and First Nations Australians. You will help to promote the health and wellbeing of women and their families by supporting the woman's childbearing choices and providing expertise around pregnancy, birth, postnatal and the newborn periods. You will also be prepared to collaborate with other health professionals to continue midwifery care in complex situations.

At CDU we provide high-quality skills training that meets industry standards. We are dedicated to preparing and giving you the confidence to succeed in the real world. This course has compulsory attendance to multiple simulation teaching blocks facilitated at Darwin, Alice Springs and Sydney campuses. Students are also required to undertake a professional experience placement each semester, varying in length from 3 to 6 weeks. Travel and associated costs are to be covered by you. Information will be given on a number of scholarships that students can apply for to support them with these costs. We are committed to sourcing placements in as many regions as possible throughout the country. However, some students may be expected to travel for their professional experience placement if we cannot source one near their home. By applying for this course, you confirm that you understand if CDU is unable to provide professional experience placements local to your home address you may need to travel for placement if you choose to apply.

As a midwifery student, you will have access to extensive technical and academic support, an easy-to-use online learning platform, and a network of nearly 400 midwifery students situated right across Australia. You will enjoy some flexibility of fitting studying around your family and work commitments and will need to be disciplined and committed in making time for study.

Practical Placements

In order to complete the Bachelor of Midwifery, you are required to undertake professional experience placement. This provides you with invaluable practical experience and the readiness for midwifery practice. Continuity of care is a core element of the course so a commitment to out-of-hours and between semester clinical work is required. Students must follow 10–15 women across the duration of the degree, seeing these women four times antenatally, being on call for birth, and seeing them twice postnatally. These requirements are in addition to placement. These experiences must be done in your local community due to the many months of a woman's journey. It also requires access to your local hospitals who may or may not support you to visit their facilities.

It is important to be aware that:

- > In order to progress in the course, you must attend placements
- > All placements are arranged by CDU
- > Placements are subject to availability at healthcare facilities
- > Placements may include morning, evening, night, weekend and public holiday shifts. They may be scheduled shifts or on-call shifts

- > Non-attendance at placement may only occur in extenuating circumstances which, for the purpose of placements, do not include childcare and work commitments.

Compulsory Attendance

This course has compulsory simulation teaching block attendance for one week each semester, facilitated at Darwin, Alice Springs or Sydney campuses. Students are also required to undertake a professional experience placement each semester, varying in length from 3 to 6 weeks. Travel and associated costs are to be covered by students themselves. Wherever possible, students are placed according to their residential address. However this is subject to availability of placements and not guaranteed. Depending on location, students may have to travel (including interstate) for their professional experience placements.

Inherent Requirements

To study a Bachelor of Midwifery, you will need an inherent set of requirements. These are the essential abilities, knowledge and skills needed to achieve course learning outcomes and to be able to safely practice as a midwife. Potential applicants are advised that midwifery is a profession that places considerable physical and psychological demands on the individual. However, the rewards of the profession can be profound.

Reporting Obligations

Under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, CDU is required to register midwifery students with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and to notify AHPRA if a student has or develops a health impairment that may place the public at substantial risk of harm. Students have obligations under the national law and are expected to understand their obligations prior to enrolling. More information on student registration is available on the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia website.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduating from this course can lead to career opportunities in roles including midwifery group practice, homebirth and working in public or private hospitals.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Graduates will be eligible to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) to practice as a midwife in all Australian states and territories.


PLACES ARE LIMITED


The Bachelor of Midwifery is a highly competitive course which has a quota of approximately 130 student places each year. CDU receives more applications than there are places available. In assessing applicants, priority of admission is given to First Nations Australians, high-school graduates and Northern Territory residing students. Remaining eligible applicants will be ranked and offered a place in order of academic merit. Separate SATAC course codes have been assigned for full-time and part-time places. Due to quota restrictions applicants must apply for either a full-time or part-time place using the code provided. Applicants with current Division 1 AHPRA registration as a registered nurse, should apply for the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery. Further course information is available on the institution course website.

PRE-CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS

Students must provide proof that they have met all university and State/Territory pre-clinical requirements before they can undertake those units that include clinical placements. These requirements include, but are not limited to, immunisation requirements, Senior First Aid qualification, annual criminal record checks and/or working with children clearances and/or fitness-to-practice requirements.

Bachelor of Nursing

 **LOCATION** – Casuarina, Sydney, Online

 **DURATION** – 3 years full-time, 6 years part-time

 **DOMESTIC INTAKE** – Semester 1

The Bachelor of Nursing is a professionally accredited degree and will qualify you to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia as a Registered Nurse (Division 1). This degree is an accredited program of study recognised by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

As a graduate of the Bachelor of Nursing, you will be ready to work as a safe, collaborative, articulate and ethical registered nurse. This degree will prepare you to be responsive to local, national and regional healthcare needs, and aware of emerging global healthcare trends. Diploma-qualified Enrolled Nurses, please look at the course WNURE1 Bachelor of Nursing (Enrolled Nurses Pathway).

Practical Training

In order to complete the Bachelor of Nursing and qualify as a Registered Nurse, you are required to undertake two types of practical experience: simulation blocks and professional experience placements. Each year, you will complete a 4-day intensive simulation block, conducted full-time and face-to-face at one of CDU's many simulation suites across Australia. CDU currently has simulation suites in Darwin (NT), Alice Springs (NT), Sydney (NSW), Brisbane (QLD) and Melbourne (VIC). In addition to the simulation blocks, you will complete 800 hours of professional experience placements across the three years of the course. There is an opportunity for placement in a variety of healthcare settings, including regional and remote locations. Students complete a simulation block and professional experience placement for each year level and are responsible for any associated travel and accommodation costs. Placements are based on the students' residential address, although students may need to travel depending on student location and placement availability. Regardless of your study mode or pattern, you are required to complete professional experience placement on a full-time basis, with rotating shifts across a seven-day week. These may include night, weekend and public holiday shifts. Professional experience placement may occur outside of your semester of enrolment. As a Bachelor of Nursing student, you may broaden your global outlook with additional international study tours.

English Language Requirements

In order to register as a nurse or midwife in Australia, you're required to meet the English language requirements laid out by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. This applies to all initial registrations, regardless of whether they qualified in Australia or overseas.

Safe Practice

In order to study nursing and practice safely, you will need to have an inherent set of qualities. Nursing needs a degree of physical strength and mobility, endurance, communication and cognitive abilities. If you feel you may experience challenges in meeting these requirements, you are encouraged to discuss these with the University before applying for the course.

Mandatory Preclinical Compliance

You must provide proof that you have met all university and state/territory preclinical requirements before starting professional experience placement. Your preclinical compliance documents are a legal requirement to meet contractual, Occupational Health and Safety and Legal agreements with partnering health facilities.

Reporting Obligations

Under the National Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, CDU is required to register nursing students with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and to notify AHPRA if a student has or develops a health impairment that may place the public at substantial risk of harm. More information from the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) at www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduating from this course may lead to career opportunities in public and private hospitals and medical clinics in areas such as mental health, community health, acute, chronic care, aged and primary health care.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Graduates of this course are eligible to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

Bachelor of Nursing (Accelerated)

 **LOCATION** – Online

 **DURATION** – 2 years full-time

 **DOMESTIC INTAKE** – Semester 1

The Bachelor of Nursing (Accelerated) is a professionally accredited degree and will qualify you to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia as a Registered Nurse (Division 1). This degree is an accredited program of study recognised by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. As a graduate of the Bachelor of Nursing (Accelerated), you will be ready to work as a safe, collaborative, articulate and ethical registered nurse.

This degree will prepare you to be responsive to local, national and regional healthcare needs, and aware of emerging global healthcare trends. The WNURA1 Bachelor of Nursing (Accelerated) is a full-time program completed in two years. This degree is for you if you're committed to studying in a trimester model to accelerate the completion of your degree. If you need greater flexibility, such as studying part-time, the WNUR02 Bachelor of Nursing, a 3-year full-time or 6-year part-time degree, allows you to continue progressing toward your qualification at a pace that suits your individual needs. If at any point during the course you find you are unable to keep up with the intensive study plan, you will be required to transfer into the WNUR02 program, where you will be able to continue your Bachelor of Nursing studies. Please check latest entry requirements.

For diploma-qualified Enrolled Nurses, explore the WNURE1 Bachelor of Nursing (Enrolled Nurses Pathway) - a tailored program designed to build on your existing skills and support your journey into the registered nursing profession sooner.

Practical Training

To complete the Bachelor of Nursing and qualify as a Registered Nurse, you must undertake two types of practical experience: simulation blocks and professional experience placements. Over the two years, you will complete three 4-day intensive simulation blocks, conducted full-time and face-to-face at one of CDU's many simulation suites across Australia. CDU currently has simulation suites in Darwin (NT), Alice Springs (NT), Sydney (NSW), Brisbane (QLD) and Melbourne (VIC). In addition to the simulation blocks, you will complete 800 hours of professional experience placements across the two years of the course.

There is an opportunity for placement in a variety of healthcare settings, including regional and remote locations. Students are

responsible for any associated travel and accommodation costs. Placements are based on students' residential address, although students may need to travel depending on student location and placement availability.

Regardless of your study mode or pattern, you are required to complete professional experience placement on a full-time basis, with rotating shifts across a seven-day week. These may include night, weekend and public holiday shifts. Professional experience placement may occur outside of your semester of enrolment. As a Bachelor of Nursing student, you may broaden your global outlook with additional international study tours.

English Language Requirements

In order to register as a nurse or midwife in Australia, you're required to meet the English language requirements laid out by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. This applies to all initial registrations, regardless of whether they qualified in Australia or overseas. Find out more about the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) at www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au.

Safe Practice

To study nursing and practice safely, you will need to have an inherent set of qualities. Nursing needs a degree of physical strength and mobility, endurance, communication and cognitive abilities. If you feel you may experience challenges in meeting these requirements, you are encouraged to discuss these with the University before applying.

Mandatory Preclinical Compliance

You must provide proof that you have met all university and state/territory preclinical requirements before commencing professional experience placement. Your preclinical compliance documents are a legal requirement to meet contractual, Occupational Health and Safety and Legal agreements with partnering health facilities.

Reporting Obligations

Under the National Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, CDU is required to register nursing students with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and to notify AHPRA if a student has or develops a health impairment that may place the public at substantial risk of harm. More information from the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) at www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduating from this course may lead to career opportunities in public and private hospitals and medical clinics in areas such as mental health, community health, acute, chronic care, aged and primary health care.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Graduates of this course are eligible to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

INHERENT REQUIREMENTS

Inherent requirements apply to this course.

See cdu.edu.au/inherent-requirements for details.

Bachelor of Nursing (Enrolled Nurses Pathway)



LOCATION – Casuarina, Sydney, Online



DURATION – 2 years full-time, 4 years part-time



DOMESTIC INTAKE – Semester 1

This course is offered to Enrolled Nurses with a Diploma of Nursing or Advanced Diploma in Nursing. If you are an Enrolled Nurse with Cert IV qualifications, please see WNUR02 Bachelor of Nursing.

The Bachelor of Nursing is a professionally accredited degree and will qualify you to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia as a Registered Nurse (Division 1). This degree is an accredited program of study recognised by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. As a graduate of the Bachelor of Nursing, you will be ready to work as a safe, collaborative, articulate and ethical registered nurse. This degree will prepare you to be responsive to local, national and regional healthcare needs, and aware of emerging global healthcare trends.

Practical Training

In order to complete the Bachelor of Nursing and qualify as a Registered Nurse, you are required to undertake two types of practical experience: simulation blocks and professional experience placements. Each year you will complete a 4-day intensive simulation block, conducted full-time and face-to-face at one of CDU's many simulation suites across Australia. CDU currently has simulation suites in Darwin (NT), Alice Springs (NT), Sydney (NSW), Brisbane (QLD), and Melbourne (VIC).

In addition to the simulation blocks you will complete 640 hours of professional experience placements across the two years of the course. There is opportunity for placement in a variety of healthcare settings including regional and remote locations. Students are responsible for any associated travel and accommodation costs. Placements are based on the students' residential address, although students may need to travel depending on student location and placement availability. Regardless of your study mode or pattern, you are required to complete professional experience placement on a full-time basis, with rotating shifts across a seven-day week. These may include night, weekend and public holiday shifts. Professional experience placement may occur outside of your semester of enrolment. As Bachelor of Nursing student, you may broaden your global outlook with additional international study tours.

English Language Requirements

In order to register as a nurse or midwife in Australia, you're required to meet the English language requirements laid out by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. This applies to all initial registrations, regardless of whether they qualified in Australia or overseas. Find out more: the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au.

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Mandatory Preclinical Compliance

You must provide proof that you have met all university and State/Territory preclinical requirements before commencing professional experience placement. Your preclinical compliance documents are a legal requirement to meet contractual, Occupational Health and Safety and Legal agreements with partnering health facilities.

Reporting Obligations

Under the national Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, CDU is required to register nursing students with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and to notify AHPRA if a student has or develops a health impairment that may place the public at substantial risk of harm. More information from the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) at www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduating from this course may lead to career opportunities in public and private hospitals and medical clinics in areas such as mental health, community health, acute, chronic care, aged and primary health care.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION


Graduates of this course are eligible to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

INHERENT REQUIREMENTS

Inherent requirements apply to this course.

See cdu.edu.au/inherent-requirements for details.

Bachelor of Midwifery Honours

 **LOCATION** – Online

 **DURATION** – 1 year full-time

 **DOMESTIC INTAKE** – Semester 1

Available to high-achieving students, the Bachelor of Midwifery Honours course is an additional year of study that provides an opportunity for students to develop the knowledge and skills required for conducting research in an area of midwifery practice.


In this course, students will study foundation research methods in preparation for their midwifery research project. Students will work with their supervisor/s to develop a research question, undertake a literature review and develop a project proposal, including an ethics application if required. They will undertake data collection, analysis and interpretation and will communicate their project justification, protocol and findings progressively, using various forms of communication.


Students will develop research communication skills as they progress through the stages of their research project and will be guided by their supervisor to develop their honours thesis as a final outcome of their learning.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Completing a high-quality honours degree can lead directly to entry into Doctor of Philosophy programs or prepare students for career opportunities as a research nurse. An honours degree extends clinical knowledge in a specific area and can enhance practice in students' chosen clinical areas.

Bachelor of Nursing Honours

 **LOCATION** – Online

 **DURATION** – 1 year full-time

 **DOMESTIC INTAKE** – Semester 1

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In this course, you will study foundation research methods in preparation for a nursing research project. You will work with a supervisor/s to develop a research question, undertake a literature review and develop a project proposal, including an ethics application if required. You will undertake data collection, analysis and interpretation and will communicate your project justification, protocol and findings progressively, using various forms of communication.


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Graduate Certificate of Maternal Critical Care

 **LOCATION** – Online

 **DURATION** – 6 months full-time, 1 year part-time

 **DOMESTIC INTAKE** – Semester 1, Semester 2

Our Graduate Certificate of Maternal Critical Care is designed for registered nurses and midwives seeking to extend the knowledge they've gained through maternity clinical practice and develop advanced theoretical skills in obstetrical and gynaecological critical care.


The course is suited to nurses and midwives who are already employed in a clinical setting. As a student, you will undertake assessments that can be directly applied to your professional practice and context.

The Graduate Certificate of Maternal Critical Care offers a strong theoretical and practical grounding that enables health practitioners to develop an analytical approach to clinical decision-making. It will improve your critical thinking capability and capacity to provide enhanced maternity care services.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Graduate Certificate of Maternal Critical Care prepares students for advanced clinical practice roles in this specialist area. This course is a recognised pathway to master-level study either by coursework or toward a Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner).

Graduate Certificate of Medical Nursing

 **LOCATION** – Online

 **DURATION** – 1 year part-time

 **DOMESTIC INTAKE** – Semester 1

The Graduate Certificate of Medical Nursing provides registered nurses working in the acute medical environment with an opportunity to extend their clinical knowledge and practice. Offered online, this degree draws on contemporary research and evidence supporting nurses to advocate for their patients and be leaders in their area of practice. The degree caters to nurses working in mixed and specialised medical environments with a focus on safe patient care. The degree is offered part-time over one year.

STRUCTURE DESCRIPTION

A Graduate Certificate in Medical Nursing will provide students with the essential knowledge that underpins evidence-based practice. Students will complete carefully constructed units guided by current healthcare needs to gain advanced knowledge in medical nursing.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduating from this degree will lead to career opportunities in public and private health care and hospitals in medical nursing. Completion of postgraduate education is a necessity for various career advances such as management, leadership, or education roles or academic or research positions. On completion of your graduate certificate you may choose to continue your studies with a Master of Nursing degree.

Graduate Certificate of Mental Health Nursing

 **LOCATION** – Online

 **DURATION** – 1 year part-time

 **DOMESTIC INTAKE** – Semester 1

The Graduate Certificate of Mental Health Nursing is designed for registered nurses seeking to expand their knowledge of mental health care and practice. Delivered entirely online, the course utilises the latest research and evidence-based practice to provide nurses with advanced clinical skills in mental health care and assessment. It equips nurses with the skills to provide holistic person-centered care to effectively support and advocate for patients, and to take on leadership roles in mental health.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduating from this degree will lead to career opportunities in public and private health care, and in hospital, forensic, and community settings. Completion of postgraduate education is a necessity for various career advances such as management, leadership, education roles or academic or research positions. On completion of your graduate certificate, you may choose to continue your studies with a Master of Nursing degree.

Graduate Certificate of Older Person Nursing Care

 **LOCATION** – Online

 **DURATION** – 1 year part-time

 **DOMESTIC INTAKE** – Semester 1, Semester 2

The Post Graduate Certificate of Older Person Nursing Care provides the Registered Nurse working with the older person in residential aged care settings, the community and acute inpatient settings with an opportunity to extend their clinical knowledge and practice in this specialised area of nursing.

Offered online, this degree draws on contemporary research and evidence supporting nurses to advocate for their residents and patients and be leaders in their area of practice. The degree supports nurses working in extended care environments by acknowledging the increased complexity and acuity of the population. The degree embraces safety and quality standards and principles as it explores and addresses the health care needs of the older person.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduating from this degree will lead to career opportunities in public and private extended care and aged care environments. Completion of post graduate education is a necessity for a wide range of career advances such as management, leadership, or education roles or academic or research positions.


On completion of your Graduate Certificate, you may choose to continue your studies in a Master of Clinical Nursing degree. This degree can be utilised as the first step in your career progression towards a Nurse Practitioner.

INHERENT REQUIREMENTS

Inherent requirements apply to this course.

See cdu.edu.au/inherent-requirements for details.

Graduate Certificate of Perioperative Nursing

 **LOCATION** – Online

 **DURATION** – 1 year part-time


 **DOMESTIC INTAKE** – Semester 1


The Post Graduate Certificate of Perioperative Nursing provides the registered nurse working in the perioperative environment the opportunity to undertake further study and specialise in anaesthetics/recovery or scrub/scout. The degree draws from evidence and research to build knowledge and skills that support safe nursing care within the perioperative environment. Units of study are designed using contemporary standards, policies and guidelines that are influential in perioperative care and the role of the perioperative nurse. Offered online, the degree allows registered nurses to apply theory to practice as they advance their skills and capabilities as a perioperative nurses. The degree is offered part-time over one year.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduating from this degree will lead to career opportunities in public and private health care and hospitals in perioperative nursing. Completion of postgraduate education is a necessity for various career advances such as management, leadership, or education roles or academic or research positions. On completion of your graduate certificate, you may choose to continue your studies with a Master of Nursing degree.

Graduate Certificate of Primary Health Care Nursing

 **LOCATION** – Online

 **DURATION** – 1 year part-time

 **DOMESTIC INTAKE** – Semester 1

A Graduate Certificate of Primary Health Care supports registered nurses to advance their knowledge and skills in the specialist area of primary health care. The course is founded on the principles of primary health care and allows students to contextualise content to their area of professional practice in urban and remote settings. Students will extend their knowledge of primary healthcare principles and the underpinning evidence that supports practice. The degree supports students to improve health outcomes in their area of practice. The degree is offered part-time over one year.


CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This qualification prepares you to work in primary healthcare settings. Completing this degree may lead to a career working in primary health care across both public and private providers. This course will provide the graduate with a comprehensive understanding of the primary healthcare practice and how to work with and support individuals and communities to optimise health outcomes.

Graduate Certificate of Rural and Remote Midwifery Practice

 **LOCATION** – Online

 **DURATION** – 1 year part-time

 **DOMESTIC INTAKE** – Semester 1, Semester 2

The Graduate Certificate of Rural and Remote Midwifery Practice supports midwives who work, or are preparing to work, in rural maternity services or health clinics in remote or very remote communities in Australia.

The course is designed to provide students with the opportunity to understand the context of care in these settings and to adapt their professional knowledge and clinical skills to these new environments where the available resources are reduced and access to immediate emergency care may be limited.

Building relationships with women, families and communities sits at the heart of successful maternity care in rural and remote communities and this course will help students begin the journey of understanding the cultural, legislation and policies that surround maternity care in a rural and remote context.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This course prepares you for employment in a rural or remote setting where you are likely to be working as the only midwife on shift or in the community but working alongside other healthcare professionals such as nurses or Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander health workers. Employment may be with public services or Aboriginal community controlled health services.

Graduate Certificate of Surgical Nursing

 **LOCATION** – Online

 **DURATION** – 1 year part-time




 **DOMESTIC INTAKE** – Semester 1

The Graduate Certificate of Surgical Nursing allows registered nurses working in the surgical ward environment to extend their clinical knowledge and practice. Offered online, this degree draws on contemporary research and evidence to support nurses to advocate for their patients and be leaders in their area of practice. The degree caters to nurses working in mixed and specialised surgical environments with a focus on safe patient care. The degree is offered part-time over one year.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduating from this degree will lead to career opportunities in public and private health care and hospitals in surgical nursing. Completion of postgraduate education is necessary for various career advances such as management, leadership and education roles, or academic or research positions. On completion of your graduate certificate, you may choose to continue your studies in a Master of Nursing degree.

Graduate Diploma of Midwifery

-  **LOCATION** – Online
-  **DURATION** – 1.5 years full-time
-  **DOMESTIC INTAKE** – Semester 1, Semester 2

The Graduate Diploma of Midwifery is open to Registered Nurses (Division 1 with no notations) registered with AHPRA and wishing to pursue a career in midwifery. Successful graduates will be eligible to apply for registration as a midwife throughout Australia.

Throughout the course, there will be an emphasis on woman-centred care, the art and science of midwifery, health promotion, communication skills, evidence-based practice and models of midwifery care within a primary health care approach.

Practical Placements

In order to complete the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery, you are required to undertake professional experience placement. This provides you with invaluable practical experience and the readiness for midwifery practice. Continuity of care is a core element of the course, so a commitment to out-of-hours and between-semester clinical work is required. Students must follow 10 women across the duration of the degree, seeing them four times antenatally, being on call for birth, and seeing them twice postnatally. These requirements are in addition to placement. These experiences must be done in your local community due to the many months of a woman's journey.

It is important to be aware that:

- > In order to progress in the course, you are required to attend placements
- > All placements are arranged by CDU
- > Placements are subject to availability at healthcare facilities
- > Placements may include morning, evening, night, weekend and public holiday shifts. They may be scheduled shifts or on-call shifts
- > Non-attendance at placement may only occur in extenuating circumstances which, for the purpose of placements, do not include childcare and work commitments.

This course has compulsory simulation teaching block attendance for one week each semester, facilitated at Darwin, Alice Springs or Sydney campuses, and the Tamworth simulation site. Students are also required to undertake a professional experience placement each semester. Travel and associated costs are to be covered by students themselves. Wherever possible, students are placed according to their residential address. However this is subject to availability of placements and not guaranteed. Depending on location, students may have to travel (including interstate) for their professional experience placements.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of this program can work in both public and private maternity care settings in Australia. Completing this program may lead to career opportunities such as becoming a privately practising midwife, a clinical midwife in a maternity hospital, a midwifery educator or midwifery manager.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION




This course is currently undergoing accreditation process with the professional accreditation body. When accredited, graduates of this course will be eligible to apply for registration as a Registered Midwife with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA).

INHERENT REQUIREMENTS

Inherent requirements apply to this course.

See cdu.edu.au/inherent-requirements for details.

Master of Clinical Nursing

-  **LOCATION** – Online
-  **DURATION** – 3 years part-time
-  **DOMESTIC INTAKE** – Semester 1

The Master of Clinical Nursing provides the graduate with the knowledge and skills to influence practice in their specialty area. Students can engage in specialist electives that support their career progression from a range of specialty areas. Students will continue to build specialist knowledge as they undertake core units of study. The degree supports the registered nurse to lead quality and safety in health care and promote best practise. The degree has been developed to be clinically relevant and focused and supports theory to be translated to the practice environment in a scaffolded approach.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES




The qualification prepares you for being a leader in your area of practice across public and private health care, and in hospital and community settings. Graduates of the Master of Clinical Nursing are afforded a wide range of career opportunities including working in specialist areas of practice, leadership and management roles and being a leader in the nursing profession.

INHERENT REQUIREMENTS

Inherent requirements apply to this course.

See cdu.edu.au/inherent-requirements for details.

Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner)

-  **LOCATION** – Online
-  **DURATION** – 2 years part-time
-  **DOMESTIC INTAKE** – Semester 1

The Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) is an online course with some on campus attendance. The course is designed to provide core knowledge and skills needed for the expanded role of the nurse practitioner as described in the Standards of Practice set by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

The course addresses experienced registered nurses who want to enhance their professional practice in areas including but not limited to expanded practice, professional autonomy with accountability, and clinical leadership. The course builds on the knowledge you have already gained through your postgraduate studies and professional experience.

Studies in the course have a focus on person-centred care that is culturally responsive and to be applied within primary, secondary or tertiary healthcare settings where a nurse practitioner provides care.

While this is an online course, you must complete two on-campus intensives. Each intensive is a week long and takes place early in Semester 1 each year. Intensives are held at accredited CDU sites and students are responsible for the costs of attendance (including travel and accommodation).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

As an endorsed nurse practitioner, you can be working in public or private settings with either a broad general scope or in a narrow specialist scope.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Graduates of this course are eligible to apply for endorsement as a Nurse Practitioner with NMBA (Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia).

INHERENT REQUIREMENTS

Inherent requirements apply to this course.

See cdu.edu.au/inherent-requirements for details.

Master of Nursing Practice (Pre-Registration)



LOCATION – Casuarina, Sydney, Online



DURATION – 2 years full-time, 4 years part-time



DOMESTIC INTAKE – Semester 1

If you already hold a Bachelor's degree, the Master of Nursing Practice (Pre-Registration) enables you to become a registered nurse in as little as two years.

The Master of Nursing Practice (Pre-Registration) is a professionally accredited degree that will qualify you to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia as a Registered Nurse (Division 1). This degree is an accredited program of study recognised by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

At CDU, you can study a Master of Nursing Practice (Pre-Registration) online or on campus, part-time or full-time. During the course, you will learn critical thinking, how to apply sound clinical reasoning, how to undertake comprehensive health assessments and how to practice person-centred care. The focus is on evidence-based care and is respectful of the diverse contexts, cultures and communities where people live, connect and experience health, wellbeing, illness and disability.

Practical Training

To complete the Master of Nursing Practice (Pre-Registration) and qualify as a registered nurse you are required to undertake two types of practical experience: simulation blocks and supervised placements.

You will complete three simulation blocks (96 hours) during your study which must be completed full-time at the Sydney (NSW), Darwin (NT) or Brisbane (QLD) simulation sites.

To meet the requirements of a Registered Nurse (Division 1), you will complete at least 800 hours of supervised clinical placements across the two years of the course in various healthcare settings in your state/territory of residency.

Regardless of your study mode or pattern, you are required to complete clinical placement on a full-time basis, with rotating shifts across a seven-day week. These may include night, weekend and public holiday shifts. Reasonable travel within the nursing course is an expectation.

Travel time and distance can include up to 2 hours one-way for metropolitan or rural areas. Where possible, your PEP is sourced within a 150-kilometre radius of where you are currently living. In order to register as a nurse or midwife in Australia, you are required to meet the English language requirements laid out by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. This applies to all initial registrations, regardless of whether they qualified in Australia or overseas.

Inherent Requirements

Applicants are required to meet the registration body's English language requirements. In order to study nursing and practice safely, you will need to have an inherent set of qualities. Nursing needs a degree of physical strength and mobility, endurance, communication

and cognitive abilities. If you feel you may experience challenges in meeting these requirements, you are encouraged to discuss these with the university before enrolling in the course.

Reporting Obligations

Under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, CDU is required to register nursing students with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and to notify AHPRA if a student has or develops a health impairment that may place the public at substantial risk of harm.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduating from this course may lead to career opportunities in public and private health settings and specialty areas such as mental health, community health, and acute and chronic care.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Graduates of the Master of Nursing (pre-registration) are eligible to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

A woman with dark curly hair, wearing a black and white patterned top, is sitting at a table and smiling. A man with short dark hair, wearing a light-colored shirt, is sitting across from her, also smiling. They appear to be in a casual setting, possibly a cafe or a meeting room, with a window in the background showing some papers pinned to it.

A place for you at CDU

Undergraduate

Entry requirements that recognise your achievements

Each university course has its own entry requirements – if you've achieved the required ATAR and meet the criteria you can apply directly into the course of your choice.

But perhaps you didn't ace Year 12, decided to start your career with a trade, parked your first degree to go travelling, or already have great professional experience in your industry.

We welcome and celebrate unique paths like these, which is why we offer a range of non-traditional, flexible entry requirements.

Postgraduate

Ready for the next step in your studies?

Postgraduate courses range from graduate certificates through to doctorates and can help you take the next step in your career. In most cases, you will need to have completed an undergraduate degree to apply for a postgraduate course. In some cases, consideration can be given to non-graduates who have relevant professional experience. For some courses, other criteria such as an interview, curriculum vitae (CV), audition or portfolio submission apply. Check the admissions requirements for your chosen course at cdu.edu.au/study

Inherent requirements

Many professions require practical, physical, cognitive, literacy, numeracy and certain personal capabilities, such as ethical behaviour, communication skills and legal reporting compliance.

Find out more at: cdu.edu.au/inherent-requirements

How to apply

1. Visit cdu.edu.au

Explore course information, entry requirements and selection processes for your preferred courses.

2. Select your preferences

Register with [SATAC](https://satac.edu.au) and select up to six preferences. Make sure you select your dream degree as your first preference and check the key dates for applications. Late applications may still go through but the application fee may be higher.

3. Apply

Follow instructions from SATAC to complete and submit your application. SATAC may contact you for further information.

4. Accept your offer and enrol

If you are successful you will receive an offer to study at CDU. This will arrive by email from SATAC. Offer rounds will be made from December, with the majority of offers being sent in January for Semester 1 intake. CDU will then email you information on how to accept and enrol.



TIP

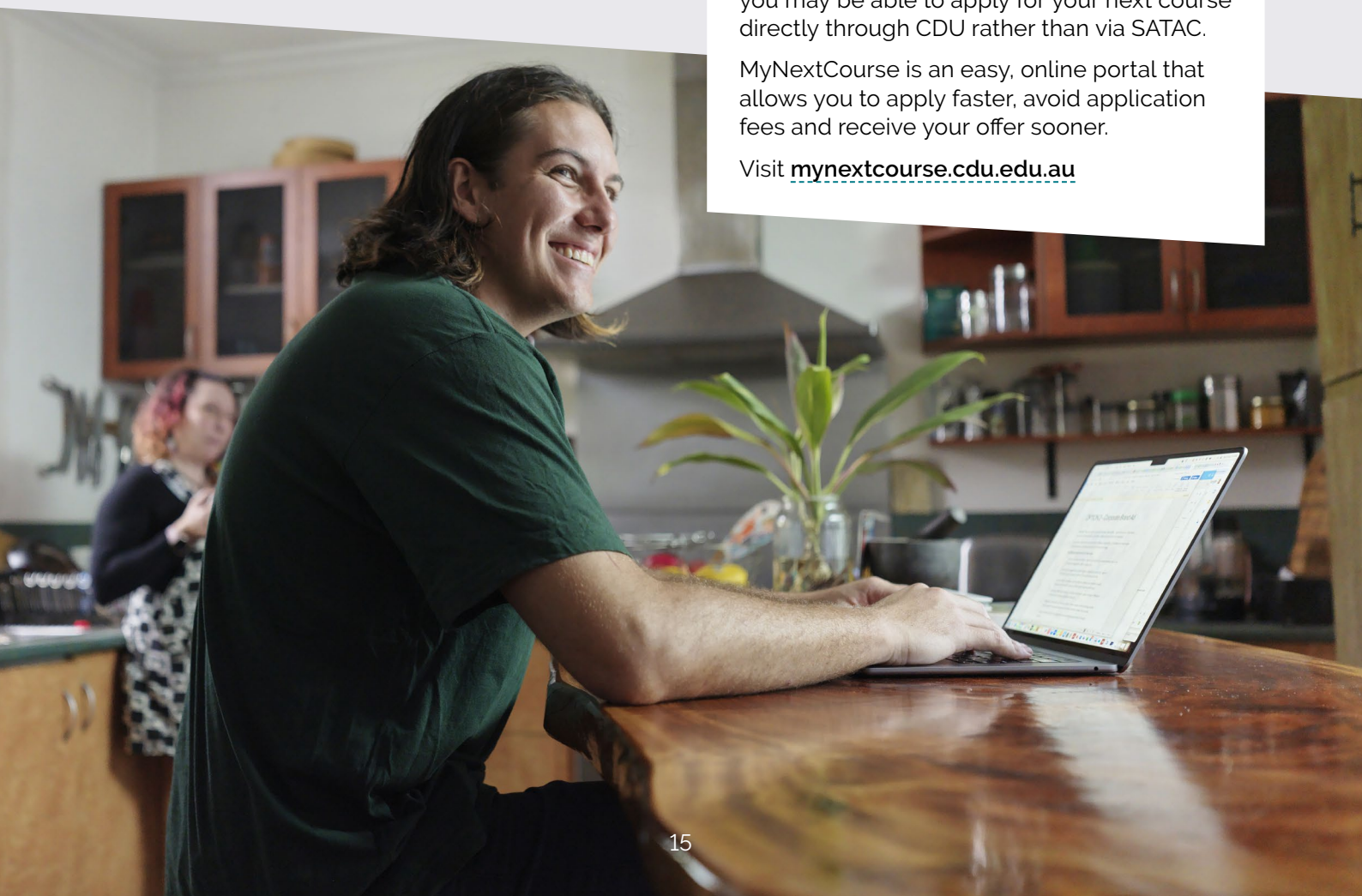
After you've enrolled with CDU take the time to apply for available scholarships: cdu.edu.au/scholarships

Returning to study with us?

If you've previously completed a TAFE Certificate III or higher, the Tertiary Enabling Program or an undergraduate degree at CDU, you may be able to apply for your next course directly through CDU rather than via SATAC.

MyNextCourse is an easy, online portal that allows you to apply faster, avoid application fees and receive your offer sooner.

Visit mynextcourse.cdu.edu.au





Be supported

We are a university that will empower and support you. Whether you study online or on campus, you'll be connected to a network of support services to help keep you focused, motivated and on-track with your studies.

Free academic skills programs

Language and learning support is free and confidential, assisting you with skills development tailored to your specific unit. Language and learning advisors work with you to help you understand assignment requirements and improve communication and study skills for your discipline.

You will be paired with a dedicated peer advisor to help you navigate your studies. They will check in with you every other week. This ongoing support ensures that you're progressing well in your studies and academic life. Peer advisors also run collaborative sessions focussing on preparing you for assignments and exams.

Online study buddies

Enjoy seamless, interactive collaboration with your peers, tutors and lecturers on Learnline. Jump into forums, join discussion boards and chat online with your fellow students – any time of the day or night, across Australia and beyond.

Free career advice

The Careers and Employment team offers expert advice and online tools to help you find a job, understand your work style, build your CV, practice job interviews and more.

Log on to the library

Online and on-campus students have 24/7 access to library resources. Knowledgeable and friendly library staff are ready to help over the phone, via email or face-to-face on most campuses.

Staying well

CDU offers a range of resources to help improve your wellbeing including confidential counselling and wellbeing services.

Equal access

The Access and Inclusion team is on hand to provide free and confidential services and support for students with a disability and/or health conditions. This may include providing adjustments to your study conditions, course materials or assessments or the provision of supportive resources like assistive technology.

Scholarships and financial help

CDU offers scholarships to help you complete your studies. Scholarships are available across a range of categories – not just for high achievers. Get assistance with fees, budgeting and grants to help with your financial health and wellbeing.

Student Central

Student Central is your one-stop spot for support and guidance. You can phone, email or visit them on campus for advice on admissions, timetabling, enrolling, exams, course fees and payments, study plans, scholarships and more.

Respect. Now. Always.

At CDU we believe in diversity as a strength and welcome differences in culture, race, religion, gender identity, ability, and sexuality. We are proud of the diversity of the CDU community, and we are working together to create a fair, safe, and inclusive university where everyone can thrive.

CDU is a part of the Universities Australia, Respect. Now. Always. initiative. We are committed to ensuring our students and staff are safe from gender-based violence, sexual assault or harassment.



Why choose CDU?

Join students from all across Australia who choose CDU to empower and support them to launch or progress their career.



A leading university for graduate employment outcomes¹

Graduate job-ready – with a salary to match. CDU graduates earn 5% more and are 6% more likely to land a full-time job than the average university student.²



Study your way

CDU is a specialist in flexible study. Fit learning around your lifestyle with part-time, full-time, online and on-campus options.



Top 5 Australian university for first-in-family study

We're a leading university for supporting students who are the first in their immediate family to go to university.¹



Scholarships to help you through

We have a diverse range of scholarships that recognise hard work, support those in need and assist students with the financial burden of studying.



The dual-sector advantage - we're a TAFE and a university

From certificates and apprenticeships through to diplomas and degrees, we have a course to fit your preferred level of study and pathway options. This means if you complete a TAFE course and decide to continue studying, you can do it all with CDU.

1. Good Universities Guide 2025

2. 2023 Graduate Outcomes Survey National Report

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