



Bachelor of Nursing



Why study nursing?

Nursing is a health profession concerned with caring for people of all ages, offering graduates a rewarding and diverse career path.

Charles Sturt University (CSU) plays a leading role in nursing and health education in Australia, providing clinical education in many areas of nursing.

In increasing numbers, Enrolled Nurses are upgrading their qualifications to Registered Nurse to improve their job prospects.

Career opportunities

Graduates of CSU's Bachelor of Nursing are recognised for their skills and professionalism and are sought after by many health organisations in NSW and beyond.

Graduates work in health agencies across NSW and interstate. Many have sought overseas recognition and now work internationally.

Once you are registered as a nurse, your job prospects are excellent. Most students will know if they have a graduate nurse position by the end of their final year.

You will also be qualified to undertake further study in order to specialise in an area of nursing that interests you, such as midwifery or aged care.

What is CSU's Bachelor of Nursing?

Developed in close association with the nursing profession and healthcare industries, the Bachelor of Nursing prepares nurses for future practice in a variety of settings.

The course is offered over three years full-time on Albury-Wodonga, Bathurst, Dubbo and Wagga Wagga campuses. The course is also available for part-time study by distance education for Enrolled Nurse (division 2) entry and applicants who have completed the equivalent of the first year of the CSU Bachelor of Nursing.

The Bachelor of Nursing is accredited by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, enabling graduates to work in any state or territory in the country.

CSU's School of Nursing, Midwifery and Indigenous Health holds affiliation agreements with a number of other education providers, and has a strong link with the Western Local Health Network and Murrumbidgee Local Health Network in NSW and the Moira Healthcare Alliance in northern Victoria.

Some reasons for studying Nursing at CSU:

- CSU is a leader in nursing and health education in Australia
- graduates have excellent job prospects, with the knowledge and skills to work in all healthcare settings
- the degree is accredited by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
- students can choose to study the course on campus, by distance education, or a mixture of both.





What will I study?

Students receive a balanced education, where theory and evidence-based practice are equally important. You will undertake 26 weeks of clinical practice in primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare facilities, including two weeks in an Indigenous setting.

The course's philosophy encompasses primary health care, Indigenous culture, health challenges, health optimisation, discipline of nursing, clinical nursing practice, social justice, psychosocial sciences and biosciences.

How will I study?

Practical sessions are conducted in the University nursing laboratories, which are simulated wards, in clinical and biological laboratories, and areas that simulate community settings.

While on clinical placement, you will work as part of the interprofessional team or nursing team. You will deliver nursing care under the supervision and guidance of a clinical facilitator or partner, who is an experienced Registered Nurse, familiar with CSU's Bachelor of Nursing, and who will supervise and guide you during all clinical experience placements.

Students have opportunities to work in rural and metropolitan healthcare settings, gaining experience and insight into various areas of nursing.

Scholarships

The Charles Sturt University Foundation operates an extensive scholarship program with values ranging from \$1,000 to \$6,000. Criteria for selection can include academic performance, motivation and commitment to school, university or community life or achieving personal and career goals, or demonstrated financial need.

Scholarships also exist for students suffering educational disadvantage or who live in remote and isolated locations.

For more information, visit: www.csu.edu.au/scholarships

Required knowledge

Currently no secondary school subjects are prerequisites for admission, however mathematics, biology and English (Standard) are highly recommended as providing a sound foundation for assumed knowledge. The PD/H/PE and/or chemistry subjects are also highly recommended.

CSU offers bridging courses, SSS016 Transition to Nursing Studies and SSS025 Introduction to Bioscience, through our STUDY LINK program prior to the commencement of the course. For more information, visit: www.csu.edu.au/studylink

Admission requirements

Applicants with no previous nursing experience must achieve the minimum ATAR (of 68 for entry in 2011) or demonstrate background knowledge through previous study, attainment or experience.

Applicants who hold Diploma, Certificate IV or an Advanced Enrolled Nurse Certificate from TAFE are also eligible for admission. Applicants with the Enrolled Nurse Certificate will be considered in conjunction with relevant post-enrolment experience and/or completion of post-enrolment courses or speciality ongoing in-service education.

For more information on admission requirements and how to apply, call 1800 334 733 or visit: www.csu.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/nursing

Lydia Newton

Bachelor of Nursing student

"I had wanted to become a nurse for many years and CSU provided the perfect opportunity to secure the qualifications necessary to forge a career in the health sector.

"I completed my Assistant in Nursing and Endorsed Enrolled Nurses through TAFE at Dubbo Campus and it just seemed the next step to continue on to complete the degree for the job I feel so passionate about.

"Since commencing my nursing journey at CSU, I have made many friends from different areas around the region, and met up with old acquaintances.

"Dubbo is a small campus, which ensures a very unique and personal learning experience. You are made to feel very welcome by staff and teachers.

"My advice to prospective students is to treat study as one big adventure and feel confident in knowing that at CSU, support is offered every step of the way.

"I look forward to continuing my nursing career and am also considering further studies, possibly in paramedics.

"Studying at CSU has made me aware of so many different opportunities and I now look forward to an exciting future."

For more information about courses and how to apply, please contact info@csu.edu.au:

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