

# Master of Nursing (with specialisations) Articulated Set

*includes:*

**Master of Nursing (with specialisations)**  
**Graduate Diploma of Nursing (with specialisations)**  
**Graduate Certificate in Nursing (with specialisations)**

**The course includes the following awards:**

Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Chronic and Complex Care Nursing)  
*GradCertNurs(Chronic&ComplexNurs)*

Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Clinical Education) *GradCertNurs(ClinEd)*

Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Emergency Nursing) *GradCertNurs(EmergNurs)*

Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Leadership and Management) *GradCertNurs(Lship&Mgt)*

Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Mental Health Nursing) *GradCertNurs(MentalHlthNurs)*

Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Palliative Care) *GradCertNurs(PallCare)*

Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Primary Health Care) *GradCertNurs(PrimHlthCare)*

Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Professional Nursing Studies) *GradCertNurs(ProfNursStud)*

Graduate Diploma of Nursing (Chronic and Complex Nursing)  
*GradDipNurs(Chronic&ComplexNurs)*

Graduate Diploma of Nursing (Clinical Education) *GradDipNurs(ClinEd)*

Graduate Diploma of Nursing (Emergency Nursing) *GradDipNurs(EmergNurs)*

Graduate Diploma of Nursing (Leadership and Management) *GradDipNurs(Lship&Mgt)*

Graduate Diploma of Nursing (Mental Health) *GradDipNurs(MentalHlth)*

Graduate Diploma of Nursing (Palliative Care) *GradDipNurs(PallCare)*

Graduate Diploma of Nursing (Primary Health Care) *GradDipNurs(PrimHlthCare)*

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Master of Nursing *MNurs*

Master of Nursing (Chronic & Complex Nursing) *MNurs(Chronic&ComplexNurs)*

Master of Nursing (Clinical Education) *MNurs(ClinEd)*

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Master of Nursing (Professional Nursing Studies) *MNurs(ProfNursStud)*

### **Course Study Modes and Locations**

#### **Master of Nursing (4707NR)**

*Distance Education - Wagga Wagga*

Availability is subject to change, please verify prior to enrolment.

#### **Normal course duration**

##### **Master of Nursing (with specialisations)**

Full-time 1.5 years (3.0 sessions)

##### **Graduate Diploma of Nursing (with specialisations)**

Full-time 1.0 years (2.0 sessions)

##### **Graduate Certificate in Nursing (with specialisations)**

Full-time 0.5 years (1.0 sessions)

Students studying part-time will complete their graduate certificate in 1 year

Normal course duration is the effective period of time taken to complete a course when studied Full-time (Full-time Equivalent: FTE). Students are advised to consult the Enrolment Pattern for the actual length of study. Not all courses are offered in Full-time mode.

## **Admission criteria**

[CSU Admission Policy](#)

### **Master of Nursing (with specialisations)**

Students must hold a Bachelor of Nursing degree or professional qualification which leads to registration as a Registered Nurse Division 1 with the Australian Health Professional Regulation Agency or equivalent.

### **Graduate Diploma of Nursing (with specialisations)**

Students must hold a Bachelor of Nursing degree or professional qualification which leads to registration as a Registered Nurse Division 1 with the Australian Health Professional Regulation Agency or equivalent.

### **Graduate Certificate in Nursing (with specialisations)**

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## **Credit**

[CSU Credit Policy](#)

### **Master of Nursing (with specialisations)**

Standard CSU credit rules apply.

Canada entrants: Students who have completed a four-year BSN program are awarded a 32 point (four subject) credit package upon admission. Other credit is available for completed postgraduate studies, or other studies as approved by the Courses Director.

Entrants holding Graduate Certificate qualifications from the College of Nursing will receive 32 points of unspecified credit equivalent to having completed a specialty strand.

**Graduate Diploma of Nursing (with specialisations)**

Standard CSU credit rules apply.

**Graduate Certificate in Nursing (with specialisations)**

Standard CSU credit rules apply

**Articulation**

The Master, Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate make up an articulated set of courses and credit is given in each higher level course for the subjects completed in the lower.

**Graduation requirements**

**Master of Nursing (with specialisations)**

To graduate students must satisfactorily complete 96 points.

**Graduate Diploma of Nursing (with specialisations)**

To graduate students must satisfactorily complete 64 points.

**Graduate Certificate in Nursing (with specialisations)**

To graduate students must satisfactorily complete 32 points.

**Course Structure**

**Graduate Certificate of Nursing (with specialisations)**

This Graduate Certificate of Nursing will comprise 4 subjects (32 points) and will be offered part-time by distance education over two sessions or one year. This course aims to develop students knowledge, skills and attributes through the study of clinical and professional nursing studies. During this first year of study students can choose to enrol in subjects in a

particular specialty area or choose four elective subjects (32 points). Subjects where residential schools are a compulsory requirement are not available to international students.

### **Graduate Diploma of Nursing (with specialisations)**

This Graduate Diploma of Nursing will comprise 8 subjects (64 points) and will be offered part-time by distance education over four sessions or two years. During the first year of study students can choose to enrol in subjects in a particular specialty area or choose four elective subjects (32 points). In the second year of the Graduate Diploma all students will enrol in the core 16 point subject *NRS531 Critical Inquiry and Evidence Based Nursing Practice*. Students choosing the coursework pathway will enrol in two elective subjects, while students choosing the research pathway will be required to enrol in two core subjects [HLT505 Research Methods in Health Science A](#) and [HLT506 Health Master's Project](#). Study in these two research subjects will focus the student's learning on understanding research methodologies, developing research questions, critiquing research literature, undertaking a comprehensive literature review, developing a research proposal and submitting an ethics application. Subjects where residential schools are a compulsory requirement are not available to international students.

### **Master of Nursing (with specialisations)**

Students who elect to complete the course and gain the Master of Nursing will have three options. They are:

1. Enrol in four elective subjects (32 points)

OR

2. Undertake a project related to their clinical specialty (16 points) and enrol in two elective subjects (16 points)

OR

3. Enrol in a dissertation subject (32 points) formulate a viable research question and develop a research proposal that will lead to the design, conduct and reporting of original research under supervision, which will contribute to the knowledge base in their discipline.

### **Graduate Certificate of Nursing (with specialisations) (32 points)**

**Year 1 (32 points)**

#### ***Professional Nursing Studies***

Students must enrol in three (3) subjects from the following:

[BMS511](#)Processes of Pathology  
[BMS536](#)Applied Pharmacology for Nursing Practice  
[HSM409](#)Evidence Based Health Care  
[NRS408](#)Psychosocial Interventions in Mental Health Nursing 1  
[NRS409](#)Psychosocial Interventions in Mental Health Nursing 2  
[NRS422](#)Chronic and Complex Nursing Practice 2  
[NRS423](#)Advanced Chronic Care Nursing  
[NRS516](#)Advanced Nursing Skills - The Therapeutic Relationship  
[NRS517](#)Advanced Nursing Skills - Group Process and Therapy  
[NRS537](#)Leadership and Management for the Nurse 1 (16 points)  
[HLT539](#)Foundations of Teaching and Learning in Clinical Education  
[HLT541](#)Teaching and Learning in the Clinical Setting  
[NRS543](#)Clinical Management in Palliative Care Nursing  
[NRS544](#)Cultural Competence in Indigenous Health Care: Implications for Nursing

AND

Students may choose one (1) 8 point subject from the following:

[GER401](#)Choices and Options in Later Life  
[GER402](#)Ageing Bodies, Ageing Minds  
[GER501](#)Contemporary Issues in Gerontology  
[HSM402](#)Human Resource Management  
[HSM404](#)Management of Health and Aged Care Services  
[HSM512](#)Evaluating Health Services

***Clinical Specialty (Emergency Nursing, Mental Health Nursing, Palliative Care Nursing, Chronic and Complex Care Nursing, Primary Health Care)***

Students must enrol in one (1) of the following:

[NRS421](#)Chronic and Complex Nursing Practice 1  
[NRS512](#)Perspectives of Mental Health Nursing  
[NRS533](#)Advancing Emergency Nursing Practice  
[NRS534](#)Foundations of Palliative Care Nursing  
[NRS535](#)Primary Health Care: A Pathway to Better Health

AND

[BMS511](#)Processes of Pathology  
[BMS536](#)Applied Pharmacology for Nursing Practice  
[NRS532](#)Health Assessment for Advancing Nursing Practice

***Nursing Leadership and Management***

Students must enrol in the following 16 point subjects:

[NRS537](#)Leadership and Management for the Nurse 1

[NRS538](#)Leadership and Management for the Nurse 2

### ***Clinical Education***

Students must enrol in the following subjects:

[HLT539](#)Foundations of Teaching and Learning in Clinical Education

[HLT540](#)Assessment in Clinical Education

[HLT541](#)Teaching and Learning in the Clinical Setting

[HLT542](#)Professional Practice in Clinical Education

### **Graduate Diploma of Nursing (with specialisations) (64 points)**

#### **Year 2 (32 points)**

Student must enrol in the following:

[NRS531](#)Critical Inquiry and Evidence Based Nursing Practice (16 points)

AND

Two (2) restricted 8 point elective subjects

OR

[HLT505](#)Research Methods in Health Science A

[HLT506](#)Health Master's Proposal

### **Master of Nursing Coursework Pathway (96 points)**

#### **Year 3 (32 points)**

Students may enrol in four (4) 8 point restricted elective subjects

OR

[HLT508](#)Health Master's Project (16 point)

AND

Two (2) 8 point restricted elective subjects

**Master of Nursing Research Pathway (96 points)**

Students must enrol in:

[HLT509](#)Health Master's Dissertation (32 points)

***Restricted Electives***

[BMS536](#)Applied Pharmacology for Nursing Practice (8 point)

[GER401](#)Choices and Options in Later Life (8 point)

[GER402](#)Ageing Bodies, Ageing Minds (8 point)

[GER501](#)Contemporary Issues in Gerontology (8 point)

[HSM402](#)Human Resource Management

[HSM404](#)Management of Health and Aged Care Services

[HSM409](#)Evidence Based Health Care Delivery (8 point)

[HSM512](#)Evaluating Health Services

[NRS408](#)Psychosocial Interventions in Mental Health Nursing 1 (8 point)

[NRS409](#)Psychosocial Interventions in Mental Health Nursing 2 (8 Point)

[NRS420](#)Perspectives on Managing Chronic and Complex Conditions (8 point)

[NRS421](#)Chronic and Complex Nursing Practice 1 (8 point)

[NRS422](#)Chronic and Complex Nursing Practice 2 (8 point)

[NRS423](#)Advanced Chronic Care Nursing Practice (8 point)

[NRS512](#)Perspectives in Mental Health Nursing (8 point)

[NRS516](#)Advanced Nursing Skills - The Therapeutic Relationship

[NRS517](#)Advanced Nursing Skills - Group Process and Therapy

[NRS532](#)Health Assessment for Advancing Nursing Practice (8 point) (not offered for International students)

[NRS533](#)Advancing Emergency Nursing Practice (8 point)

[NRS534](#)Foundations of Palliative Care Nursing (8 point)

[NRS535](#)Primary Health Care: A Pathway to Better Health (8 point)

[NRS537](#)Leadership and Management for the Nurse 1 (16 point)

[NRS538](#)Leadership and Management for the Nurse 2 (16 point)

[HLT539](#)Foundations of Teaching and Learning in the Clinical Setting (8 point)

[HLT540](#)Assessment in Clinical Education (8 point)

[HLT541](#)Teaching and Learning in the Clinical Setting (8 point)

[HLT542](#)Professional Practice in Clinical Education (8 point)

[NRS543](#)Clinical Management in Palliative Care Nursing (16 point)

[NRS544](#)Cultural Competence in Indigenous Health Care: Implications for Nursing Practice (8 point)

In order for students to graduate with the specialisations listed below, students must complete:

- 32 points of coursework subjects in the specific specialist strand; either a 16 point project



or a 32 point dissertation on a topic relevant to the specialisation.

Subjects where residential schools are a compulsory requirement are not available to international students.

The current specialisations are:

- Master of Nursing (Professional Nursing Studies)
- Master of Nursing (Emergency Care Nursing)
- Master of Nursing (Mental Health Nursing)
- Master of Nursing (Palliative Care Nursing)
- Master of Nursing (Chronic Care Nursing Practice)
- Master of Nursing (Primary Health Care)
- Master of Nursing (Leadership and Management)
- Master of Nursing (Clinical Education)

Students not meeting the specialisation requirements will graduate with a Master of Nursing.

### **Enrolment Pattern**

By part-time study

YEAR 1

Professional Nursing Studies Specialisation

Session 1 (30)  
 Restricted Elective  
 Restricted Elective

Session 2 (60)  
 Restricted Elective  
 Restricted Elective

Emergency Nursing Specialisation

Session 1 (30)  
[BMS511](#) Processes of Pathology  
[NRS533](#) Advancing Emergency Care Nursing Practice

Session 2 (60)  
[BMS536](#) Applied Pharmacology for Nursing Practice  
[NRS532](#) Health Assessment for Advancing Nursing Practice

### Mental Health Nursing Specialisation

Session 1 (30)

[BMS511](#)Processes of Pathology

[NRS512](#)Perspectives in Mental Health Nursing

Session 2 (60)

[BMS536](#)Applied Pharmacology for Nursing Practice

[NRS532](#)Health Assessment for Advancing Nursing Practice

### Palliative Care Nursing Specialisation

Session 1 (30)

[BMS511](#)Processes of Pathology

[NRS534](#)Foundations of Palliative Care Nursing

Session 2 (60)

[BMS536](#)Applied Pharmacology for Nursing Practice

[NRS532](#)Health Assessment for Advancing Nursing Practice

### Chronic and Complex Nursing Specialisation

Session 1 (30)

[BMS511](#)Processes of Pathology

[NRS421](#)Chronic and Complex Nursing Practice 1

Session 2 (60)

[BMS536](#)Applied Pharmacology for Nursing Practice

[NRS532](#)Health Assessment for Advancing Nursing Practice

### Primary Health Care Specialisation

Session 1 (30)

[BMS511](#)Processes of Pathology

[NRS535](#)Primary Health Care: A Pathway to Better Health

Session 2 (60)

[BMS536](#)Applied Pharmacology for Nursing Practice

[NRS532](#)Health Assessment for Advancing Nursing Practice

### Leadership and Management

Session 1 (30)

[NRS537](#)Leadership and Management for the Nurse 1 (16 points)

Session 2 (60)

[NRS538](#)Leadership and Management for the Nurse 2 (16 points)

Clinical Education

Session 1 (30)

[HLT539](#)Foundations of Teaching and Learning in Clinical Education

[HLT540](#)Assessment in Clinical Education

Session 2 (60)

[HLT541](#)Teaching and Learning in the Clinical Setting

[HLT542](#)Professional Practice in Clinical Education

Students may opt to exit at this point with the qualification Graduate Certificate of Nursing (with specialisations). Students taking this option can elect to continue their studies in the Master of Nursing (with specialisations).

YEAR 2

Session 3 (30)

[NRS531](#)Critical Inquiry and Evidence Based Nursing Practice (16 points)

Session 4 (60)

Option 1

Elective

Elective

Option 2

[HLT505](#)Research Methods in Health Science A

[HLT506](#)Health Master's Proposal

Students may opt to exit at this point with the qualification Graduate Diploma of Nursing (with specialisations). Students taking this option can elect to continue their studies in the Master of Nursing (with specialisations).

YEAR 3

Option 1 (Course Work)

Session 5 (30)

Elective  
Elective

Session 6 (60)  
Elective  
Elective

Option 2 (Masters Project)

Session 5 (30)  
[HLT508](#)Health Master's Project (16 points) Commenced  
Elective

Session 6 (60)  
[HLT508](#)Health Master's Project (16 points) Completed  
Elective

Option 3 (Research)

Session 5 (30)  
[HLT509](#)Masters Dissertation (32 points) Commenced

Session 6 (60)  
[HLT509](#)Master's Dissertation (32 Points) Completed

### **Workplace learning**

Please note that the following subjects may contain a Workplace Learning component.

NRS421 Chronic and Complex Nursing Practice 1  
NRS512 Perspectives in Mental Health Nursing  
NRS532 Health Assessment for Advancing Nursing Practice  
NRS533 Advancing Emergency Care Nursing Practice  
NRS534 Foundations of Palliative Care Nursing  
NRS535 Primary Health Care: A Pathway to Better Health

### **Residential School**

Please note that the following subjects may have a residential school component.

NRS532 Health Assessment for Advancing Nursing Practice

Enrolled students can find further information about CSU residential schools via the [About Residential School](#) page.

## Contact

For further information about Charles Sturt University, or this course offering, please contact info.csu on 1800 334 733 (free call within Australia) or email [inquiry@csu.edu.au](mailto:inquiry@csu.edu.au)

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