

Master of Clinical Nursing (Nurse Practitioner)

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The Master of Clinical Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) prepares Registered Nurses to advance to the Nurse Practitioner scope of practice, enabling graduates to contribute to the advancement of nursing in rural and regional communities. They assume a leadership role within the profession and contribute to advanced evidence based practice and policy decision. Nurse Practitioners play a significant role in the advancement of the nursing profession through research activity and the dissemination of research results to others.

The course includes the following awards:

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Course Study Modes and Locations

Master of Clinical Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) (4714CP)

Distance Education - Orange

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

Normal course duration

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Full-time 1.5 years (3.0 sessions)

Part-time 3.0 years (6.0 sessions)

This course will be completed full time in 1.5 years utilising 3 sessions in a year or part time in 2 years utilising 3 sessions in a 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](#)

Entry requirements and characteristics of learning outcomes for this course are consistent with the Pathways to Qualifications in the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF Level 9) Guidelines for Master Degrees.

Applicants must be able to address the following entry criteria:

- Demonstrate current registration as a Registered Nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia;
- Hold a minimum of a graduate certificate in nursing from an accredited tertiary educational provider, specialising in Emergency Nursing, Mental Health Nursing, Palliative Care Nursing, Chronic and Complex Care Nursing, or Primary Health Care;
- Demonstrate successful completion, at the postgraduate tertiary level, of at least one subject that is directly related to developing knowledge and skills in pharmacological interventions;
- Show evidence of 10,000 hours recent experience (5 years F/T or equivalent P/T) as a Registered Nurse, including a minimum of 6,000 hours (3 years F/T or equivalent P/T) of nursing experience in one of the five specialty streams comprising the course. In addition, the applicant must show evidence of 2,000 hours experience (1 year F/T or equivalent P/T) at an advanced practice level in the relevant specialty area of practice;
- Be currently employed at least 0.5 FTE in an advanced practice role, with this role continuing for the course duration;
- Provide a letter /statement of support from the applicant's employer, expressing organisational support for the applicant to complete all the professional experience requirements of the course. This professional experience could occur at the applicant's place of employment or, where services are restricted, other suitable agencies. It is also anticipated that employers will allow the applicant to utilise the organisation's technology, if required, to complete all the professional experience requirements. This could include a computer with internet broadband access, Skype, tele-conferencing, video-conferencing and/or tele-health facilities;
- Include a statement by the applicant that explains how, and by whom, they will be provided with a range of professional supervision experiences and ongoing support in the development of their role as a Nurse Practitioner; and
- Provide other relevant information, including: applicant's curriculum vitae detailing active involvement in professional organisations related to nursing practice, evidence of

mentoring and leadership in nursing and personal letters of support.

Credit

[CSU Credit Policy](#)

Applicants may apply for recognition of prior learning based on the credit regulations of the University. Applicants may be granted credit on the basis of evidence demonstrating successful completion of previous study within 10 years prior to the commencement of the course. The applicant must have completed comparable subject matter in prior studies at the same academic level as the degree in which the student intends to enrol. Credit will not be granted for undergraduate subjects in a postgraduate course.

The credit granted for a postgraduate course shall not exceed 50 percent (48 points) of the total point value (96 points) of the course.

Graduation requirements

To graduate students must satisfactorily complete 96 points.

Course Structure

The MCN(NP) will comprise 96 points, in which students will undertake a combination of 8 and 16 point subjects designed to prepare them for advanced practice. These subjects will be presented in a blended and flexible online learning modality. The course can be undertaken full time over 1.5 years or part-time over 2 years (utilising 3 sessions in a year).

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Core Subjects

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

[BMS536](#) Applied Pharmacology for Nursing Practice

[BMS511](#) Processes of Pathology

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

[NRS551](#) Diagnostic Reasoning 1

[NRS552](#) Diagnostic Reasoning 2

[NRS553](#) Advanced Practice: Clinical and Professional Leadership

[NRS554](#) Advanced Practicum

and an 8 point subject chosen from these Restricted Electives:

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

and students must choose 16 points from this list of Restricted Electives:

- [HSM409](#) Evidence Based Health Care Delivery
- [NRS408](#) Psychosocial Interventions in Mental Health Nursing 1
- [NRS409](#) Psychosocial Interventions in Mental Health Nursing 2
- [NRS420](#) Perspectives in Managing Chronic and Complex Conditions
- [NRS421](#) Chronic and Complex Nursing Practice 1
- [NRS422](#) Chronic and Complex Nursing Practice 2
- [NRS423](#) Advanced Chronic Care Nursing Practice
- [NRS512](#) Perspectives in Mental Health Nursing
- [NRS533](#) Advancing Emergency Nursing Practice
- [NRS534](#) Foundations of Palliative Care
- [NRS535](#) Primary Health Care: A Pathway to Better Health
- [NRS537](#) Leadership and Management for the Nurse 1 (16 points)
- [NRS538](#) Leadership and Management for the Nurse 2 (16 points)
- [NRS543](#) Clinical Management in Palliative Care (16 points)
- [NRS544](#) Cultural Competence in Indigenous Health: Implications for Nursing Practice
- [NRS546](#) Clinical Management of Older People (16 points)
- [NRS547](#) Applied Emergency Nursing in the Rural and Remote Setting
- [NRS548](#) High Dependency Nursing
- [NRS549](#) Introduction to Child and Family Health Practice
- [NRS550](#) Clinical Perspectives in Child and Family Health Practice

Enrolment Pattern

Full-time Progression

Year 1

Session 2 (60)

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

Plus an 8 point Restricted Elective chosen from:

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

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

Session 3 (90)

[NRS531](#) Critical Inquiry and Evidence Based Practice (16 points)
[Restricted Elective/s (16 points)]

Year 2

Session 1 (30)

[NRS551](#) Diagnostic Reasoning 1
[NRS552](#) Diagnostic Reasoning 2

Session 2 (60)

[NRS553](#) Advanced Practice: Clinical and Professional Leadership
[NRS554](#) Advanced Clinical Practicum

Part -time Progression

Year 1

Session 2 (60)

[BMS511](#) Processes of Pathology
Plus an 8 point Restricted Elective chosen from:

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

Session 3 (90)

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

Year 2

Session 1 (30)

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

Session 2 (60)

[Restricted Elective/s (16 points)]

Session 3 (90)

[NRS551](#) Diagnostic Reasoning 1

[NRS552](#) Diagnostic Reasoning 2

Year 3

Session 1 (30)

[NRS553](#) Advanced Practice: Clinical and Professional Leadership

[NRS554](#) Advanced Clinical Practicum

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

NRS546 Clinical Management of Older People

NRS547 Applied Emergency Nursing in the Rural and Remote Setting

NRS548 High Dependency Nursing

NRS551 Diagnostic Reasoning 1

NRS552 Diagnostic Reasoning 2

NRS554 Advanced Clinical Practicum

Residential School

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

NRS532 Health Assessment for Advancing Nursing Practice

NRS546 Clinical Management of Older People

NRS547 Applied Emergency Nursing in the Rural and Remote Setting
NRS548 High Dependency Nursing
NRS551 Diagnostic Reasoning 1
NRS552 Diagnostic Reasoning 2

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

Accreditation

The MCN(NP) has been accredited by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) which will lead to the graduate making application for endorsement as a Nurse Practitioner with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

This approval starts from the 8th September 2015 until the 8th September 2020.

Contact

Current Students

For any enquiries about subject selection or course structure you will need to contact your Course Director. You can find the name and contact details for your Course Director in your offer letter or contact your School office.

Prospective Students

For further information about Charles Sturt University, or this course offering, please contact info.csu on 1800 334 733 (free call within Australia) or [enquire online](#).

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