Diploma of Nursing

HLT54115
Save one life, you’re a **HERO**

Save 100 lives, you’re a **NURSE**

*Anon*
Do you want to make a difference to people’s lives, every day?

A career in nursing can take you almost anywhere, and Mater Education’s Diploma of Nursing program is the hands-on, hospital-based program to help get you there!

After 18 months study (full-time), you could embark on a truly rewarding career as an Enrolled Nurse, where you can make a real difference to the lives of your patients and their families.

We’re not like TAFE or Uni

By choosing to study with Mater Education you’ll gain contemporary theoretical knowledge together with best-practice clinical skills. You’ll also study onsite at Mater and train in some of our world-class clinical simulation facilities and learning environments, and learn from highly qualified teachers.

Hospital-based campus
Purposefully integrated and delivered onsite at Mater’s South Brisbane campus, to give you a more comprehensive and immersive study experience.

World-class facilities
Mater Education is a leading provider of interprofessional healthcare education, training and simulation, with world-class clinical simulation programs, facilities and faculty.

Hands-on experience
400 hours workplace experience placement to give you real clinical experience across Mater’s exceptional hospitals and healthcare services, and our carefully chosen partners.

Expert guidance
Highly qualified educators, clinical facilitators and student services team to support you every step of the way.

Practical learning
Combined theoretical and simulation-based learning provides a balanced approach, to strengthen your understanding, capability and confidence in delivering contemporary best-practice care.

Exceptional network
As a Mater Education student, you’ll join our alumni of like-minded nurses, and access incredible support and networking opportunities to help you achieve your goals and build a rewarding and enriching professional career.
Course structure and fees

**Full-time**

The full-time program is delivered over 18 months (three semesters), and commences in January, April, July or October.

Our unique course structure builds your learning experience from a foundational level of knowledge and skills, to a more complex level, giving you a more thorough and immersive study experience.

**Part-time**

Our part-time program commences in January and offers a large online and self-directed learning component. It delivers the same learning outcomes with greater flexibility, and is specifically designed for dedicated and mature-minded students balancing study with work and other commitments.

**Workplace experience placement**

To ensure students receive a holistic and well-rounded experience, they undertake 400 hours of workplace experience placement across some of Mater’s exceptional hospitals and healthcare services, and our carefully chosen hospital, aged care and community care partners.

Workplace experience placement may be offered in areas such as:

- acute medical services
- acute surgical services
- rehabilitation services
- community and at home care services
- oncology services
- maternity services
- anaesthetic services.

**Fees and funding**

The full course fee for students commencing study in 2019 is $22,800.

Eligible students can apply for payment options and funding support via a VET Student Loan* or Higher Level Skills funding (funded by the Queensland Government).

Students may also be eligible to access additional funding from Centrelink, via their Youth Allowance and Austudy, Newstart Allowance, or Abstudy initiatives. Contact the relevant Centrelink department directly for more information.

*VET Student Loans give rise to a HELP debt to the Commonwealth Government, which must be repaid.
Join one of the largest and most diverse industries in healthcare

approx. 400 000 nurses employed in Australia

opportunities to work anywhere in the world

choose to specialise in

• acute medical
• acute surgical
• aged care
• community care
• emergency
• intensive care
• paediatrics
• perioperative care
• rehabilitation services
• research
• orthopaedics
• oncology
• maternity & infant care
• at home care services

Competent, confident and work-ready

We help prepare you for life as a nurse in the real world, with the skills, knowledge and confidence you need to step straight onto the ward.

Upon graduation, you’ll be eligible to apply for national registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, offering employment opportunities as an Enrolled Nurse, anywhere in Australia.

You can choose to apply for employment directly, or as part of a graduate nursing program, at Mater or another hospital of your choosing, where you’ll receive continued support and guidance as a newly qualified nurse.

Further study

If after completion you would like to embark on further study in healthcare, Mater Education has relationships with a number of Australian universities offering courses in:

- nursing and midwifery
- paramedics
- sciences
- allied health
- social work
- and more
Our application process, like our course, is unique. Students apply directly to Mater Education, not through QTAC.

We believe there is a lot more to being an exceptional nurse than just school results. Nurses need to be responsible, practical, physically fit and mentally alert. That doesn’t mean that you need to run marathons, but you do need to be able to carry out all the physical activities associated with nursing to complete the course.

Our application process allows us to get to know you and take all of your attributes into account, to make sure that our course is a good fit for you. The program is dynamic, and caters to all learning styles; the selection process helps set students up for success.

Applicants are selected on criteria relating to merit, outcomes of testing, work or volunteer experience, previous study, and suitability for a rewarding nursing career. Mater Education ensures all potential students are treated fairly and equally in this process.

The program suits both school leavers and mature learners desiring a rewarding career change. We encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and people with diverse academic, work and life experiences to apply.

Scholarships

Thanks to the support of Mater Foundation, Mater Education can offer rare scholarship opportunities for some eligible students from a refugee or Indigenous background. Scholarships are awarded on merit, and are available to eligible students commencing in the January or July intake. Further information about scholarships and eligibility is available on the website.

How to apply

1. Submit the online application form.

2. Demonstrate competence in literacy (reading) and numeracy.

3. Attend an interview and demonstrate competence in language (writing).
## Essential details

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<td><strong>Start dates</strong></td>
<td>January, April, July, October</td>
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<td><strong>Duration</strong></td>
<td>Full-time: 18 months, Part-time: up to 3 years</td>
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<td><strong>Course Structure</strong></td>
<td>20 core units, 5 elective units, 400 hours workplace experience placement</td>
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Payment options are available, and eligible students can apply for a VET Student Loan (see website for eligibility and details) or Higher Level Skills funding (funded by the Queensland Government).

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<th><strong>Entry requirements</strong></th>
<th>To be accepted into Mater Education’s Diploma of Nursing program, you must satisfy the following requirements:</th>
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<td>• obtain parental or guardian consent to study, if under 18 years of age</td>
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<td>• hold a current, nationally recognised certificate in First Aid (HLTAID003)</td>
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<td>• have a Blue Card (or be able to obtain before first placement experience)</td>
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<td>• satisfactorily complete a National Police Record Check</td>
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<td>• provide proof of immunity (or obtain necessary vaccinations) for:</td>
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<td>• Hepatitis B</td>
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<td>• Varicella (chicken pox)</td>
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<td>• MMR (measles, mumps and rubella)</td>
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<td>• have a laptop or portable device with internet access (Wi-Fi available on campus)</td>
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<td>• have basic computer skills</td>
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<td>• provide evidence of meeting the requirements of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia’s (NMBA) English language skills registration standards at the time of your enrolment (NMBA’s English language skills registration standard policy for nurses and midwives available at ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Registration-Standards/English-language-skills)</td>
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If you’re passionate about a career in healthcare, we’d love to hear from you...