

BACHELOR OF NURSING (HONOURS)

Effective from: 2019

Approved Abbreviation: BN(Hons)

Western Sydney University Program Code: 4529

AQF Level: 8

CRICOS code:

This program applies to students who commenced in 2019 or later.

For Commencement Year 2008, please refer to: 4529.2 Bachelor of Nursing (Honours) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=4529.2>)

This program is designed for graduates of the Bachelor of Nursing degree and other similar degrees. Successful completion of the program provides students with a sound basis for subsequent research within their own work environments and enables them to progress to higher degree research-related programs.

This program provides an opportunity for students, under guidance of their supervisors, to plan and implement a research project in the area of nursing practice. Knowledge, skills and experience gained by students completing this program will contribute to the knowledge base for nursing practice.

The program of study combines a research project with coursework. The coursework, undertaken during the first semester of enrolment, comprises two subjects of study which focus on critical review of research literature, understanding ethical principles applied to practice-based research and the development of a formal research proposal. The remainder of the program focuses on completion of a research project and the preparation and submission of a Bachelor of Nursing (Honours) thesis.

This program can be undertaken concurrently with any new graduate transitional program offered by various hospitals.

Study Mode

One year full-time or two years part-time.

Program Advice

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Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Full Time	Multi Modal	Antoinette Cotton (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/old/srchprocess_handbook.php?a_value=a.cotton@westernsydney.edu.au)
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Part Time	Multi Modal	Antoinette Cotton (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/old/srchprocess_handbook.php?a_value=a.cotton@westernsydney.edu.au)

Admission

Admission to the Bachelor of Nursing (Honours) program is determined on the basis of all of the following criteria being met

- Current registration as a registered nurse/midwife with the Australian Health Practitioner Agency- Nursing and Midwifery, or eligibility for same.
- Completion of Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery undergraduate degree (Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) level 7 or equivalent) with achievement of a threshold Average Admission Mark (AAM) equal to, or above, the minimum of 65.
- Statement of Intent-outlining the proposed research topic area, aim and general method proposed to be used in the research study (500 words).
- Appointment of a principal supervisor by the Dean, or nominee, of the School of Nursing and Midwifery.
- Demonstrated satisfactory academic writing skills appropriate to the discipline which will be assessed by the School of Nursing and Midwifery.

The Bachelor of Nursing (Honours) is not open to international student visa holders.

Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points as per the recommended sequence below.

Recommended Sequence

Full-time start-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Autumn session		
NURS 4010	Research in Nursing Practice	10
NURS 4007	Nursing Honours Thesis A (Full-time)	20
NURS 4009	Readings and Methodology	10
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
NURS 4008	Nursing Honours Thesis B (Full-time)	40
Credit Points		40
Total Credit Points		80

Part-time start-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Autumn session		
NURS 4010	Research in Nursing Practice	10
Credit Points		10
2H session		
NURS 4006	Nursing Honours Thesis (Part-time)	20
Credit Points		20
Spring session		
NURS 4009	Readings and Methodology	10
Credit Points		10
1H session		
NURS 4006	Nursing Honours Thesis (Part-time)	20
Credit Points		20

2H session

NURS 4006	Nursing Honours Thesis (Part-time)	20
Credit Points		20
Total Credit Points		80