Nursing and Midwifery
The aim of the postgraduate courses in nursing and midwifery is to provide Registered Nurses with the theoretical knowledge and critical thinking skills to prepare them for advanced practice in the clinical setting. Students will be able to align their career goals with one of a number of professional pathways.

**WHAT YOU’LL STUDY**
Specialisations available include clinical leadership, clinical teaching, aged care, primary health care or research studies. Opportunities will be provided for students in their final sessions of study to synthesise and apply advanced nursing concepts through a capstone experience or research project relevant to their professional goals.

**INTERNATIONALLY RANKED RESEARCH**
Western Sydney University’s growing international reputation has been reinforced with the release of the 2016 edition of the QS World University Rankings. Ten subject areas at Western Sydney University were ranked in the top 400 worldwide, with Nursing ranked in the top 50.

The 2016 QS rankings evaluated over 4,200 universities by measuring academic and employer reputation surveys, as well as metrics gauging the productivity and impact of researchers across the world.

### NURSING

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE.**

### Master of Nursing (Professional Studies)

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### Admission Requirements

- Registered Nurse (currently registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency – Nursing and Midwifery), or eligibility for same, or certificate of registration of nursing, within the last five years, in their own country; Any other type of registration (non-practising, limited, or student) is not acceptable for this course AND
- Completion of an undergraduate degree (AQF Level 7 or equivalent), in any discipline AND
- One year full-time equivalent professional work experience as a Registered Nurse within the last five years.

### Inherent Requirements

- There are inherent requirements for this course that you must meet in order to complete your course and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the requirements for this course online.

**Key:** D = Distance; F = Full-time; P = Part-time.

**Note:** Part-time refers to study load, not to timetabling of evening classes.
The aim of the Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry) course is to provide graduates with eligibility to apply for registration in Australia as Registered Nurses.

**WHAT YOU’LL STUDY**

Graduation from the Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry) course requires the successful completion of 17 units in the recommended schedule. Students commence this course by undertaking an accelerated introductory unit providing an overview of the knowledge and skills in fundamental nursing practice. Satisfactory completion of this unit enables progression to the other 16 core units.

Areas of study include: conceptualising nursing; primary health care in action; evidence based professional nursing practice; application of behavioural, social and biological sciences in nursing and health care. For detailed information about course structure and units, visit: westernsydney.edu.au/courses

**PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE**

Integrated throughout the course are scheduled placements in a range of health facilities and community settings. These will provide you with a variety of clinical experiences, opportunities to practise and to consider career options as a graduate nurse.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Registered Nurse

- acute care hospitals
- community health
- paediatric health
- mental health care services
- disability services
- rehabilitation services
- aged care services
- operating theatres
- emergency or trauma units
- forensic, drug, alcohol, and occupational health
- palliative care
- oncology
- nursing education
- child and adolescent health

**GRADUATE ENTRY NURSING**

**A REWARDING PROFESSION.**

**BACHELOR OF NURSING (GRADUATE ENTRY)**

| UAC Code | 950540 |
| CRICOS Code | 050935E |
| Duration | 2Y |
| Location | Parramatta, Hawkesbury and Campbelltown |
| Intakes | Summer B |

**Admission**

Applicants must have successfully completed an (AEI-NOSR-equivalent) undergraduate degree in biological sciences, health or behavioural science (completed within the last 10 years) OR

Completed a three-year post-secondary qualification as a Registered Nurse (completed within the last 10 years).

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas must be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).

**Inherent Requirements**

There are inherent requirements for this course that you must meet in order to complete your course and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the requirements for this course online.

**Special Requirements**

To be enrolled in a Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry), students must comply with NSW Ministry of Health Special Requirements for clinical placement.

These include: 1) A National Police Check or a criminal record clearance card/letter; international students require a police check (with English translation) from their own country or any country they have lived in, as well as one from Australia; 2) Meet NSW Ministry of Health vaccination requirements with regard to immunisation (a completed vaccination card with serology results); 3) Signed NSW Health Code of Conduct; 4) Signed Student Undertaking Placement/Declaration; 5) Completed Working with Children Check leading to the issuance of a clearance number under the category of volunteer; 6) Signed Working with Children Term of Use;

Applications can be made online in September at the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) by following the instructions on their website.

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The aim of the Master of Child and Family Health (Karitane) is to provide Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives with theoretical knowledge and associated skills that prepare them to work autonomously and across a variety of clinical settings with children and families. Graduates will be able to apply advanced nursing concepts and analysis, and lead nursing practice to promote optimal health outcomes for children and families. This will involve among other things, design, implementation and evaluation of advanced clinical nursing care systems, and analysis and synthesis of nursing concepts leading to a basis for advanced nursing practice and the facilitation of change.

### WHAT YOU’LL STUDY

**Graduate Certificate: Child and Family Health Professional Practice and Frameworks, Child and Family Health Practice: Supporting Growth and Development, Clinical Practice: Infant and Child Nutrition and Feeding, Healthy Families and Communities.**

**Graduate Diploma: The above 4 units plus Partnership in Practice, Perinatal Mental Health, Evidence Based Health Care, and one elective.**

**Master: The above 8 units plus Cultural and Social Diversity in Health Care and an elective.** You will have the choice of completing one of these two semester-long units – capstone experience or a research project in health care OR completing both of these single semester units – Writing for Publication and Scholarship for Practice Change in Health Care.

Students enrolled in the course who have not completed Family Partnership Training through their employer will be required to complete the five-day Family Partnership Training workshop on campus as part of their studies for the unit Partnership in Practice.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Child and family health nurses may work in integrated service models as: 
- primary settings, including home visiting and centre-based services 
- secondary level service delivery including family care centres, sustained home visiting programs and outreach specialist services 
- tertiary level service delivery including residential family care facilities.

Practice nurses who work with families with young children will find this qualification enhances their skills and knowledge, and promotes working in partnership with families to provide effective help.

Registered Nurses currently working in the specialty of child and family health who are wishing to upgrade their qualification are encouraged to discuss advanced standing with the Academic Course Advisor.

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### Admissions Requirements

**Master of Child and Family Health (Karitane)**

- Completion of an undergraduate degree in health-related sciences (AQF Level 7 or equivalent), such as health science, human science, midwifery, naturopathy, nursing, nutrition, psychology

**Graduate Diploma in Child and Family Health (Karitane)**

- Completion of an undergraduate degree (AQF Level 7 or equivalent) in any discipline

**Graduate Certificate in Child and Family Health (Karitane)**

- Completion of an undergraduate degree (AQF Level 7 or equivalent) in any discipline

- One year full-time equivalent work experience as a Registered Nurse or Registered Midwife within the last five years.

Applicants seeking admission on the basis of work experience MUST support their application with a statement of service for all work experience listed on the application.

### Inherent Requirements

There are inherent requirements for this course that you must meet in order to complete your course and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the requirements for this course online.

**Key:** F = Full-time; P = Part-time; A = Accelerated full-time study.

**Note:** Part-time refers to study load, not to class timing or delivery of evening classes.
This course provides students with the theoretical knowledge and critical thinking skills to prepare them for advanced practice in mental health nursing, across a range of health care settings.

**WHAT YOU’LL STUDY**
Graduates will be able to apply advanced practice, concepts and analysis in mental health nursing to promote optimal health outcomes for clients with mental illness. Opportunities will be provided for students to undertake in-depth study into aspects of mental health and mental illness relevant to their specific area of practice.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**
This course will enable graduates to enhance career opportunities as a Registered Nurse in mental health nursing.

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**Inherent Requirements**
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**Key:** F = Full-time; P = Part-time.

**Note:** Part-time refers to study load, not to timetabling of evening classes.
The Graduate Diploma in Midwifery is designed for Registered Nurses who wish to pursue a career in midwifery—the art and science of providing holistic care to the woman and family throughout the childbearing process.

The course provides you with the opportunity to gain a recognised tertiary qualification and registration to practise midwifery. It is presented in conjunction with public hospitals in Sydney and is approved and recognised by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency/Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. There is one intake per year in January.

WHAT YOU’LL STUDY
The course is offered by Western Sydney University School of Nursing and Midwifery—a national leader in nursing and midwifery education, research and scholarship in Australia. With a strong reputation for quality, relevant and contemporary professional education, the school has well established industry partnerships with midwifery leaders and health and community services in the Greater Western area of Sydney. Western Sydney University also has well established ties across the state of New South Wales and nationally. These national and regional ties are complemented by collaborative partnerships and active international links, enabling the school to work with a range of partners to advance midwifery education and research.

The Western Sydney University Graduate Diploma in Midwifery emphasises a primary health care approach to enable students to participate fully in health promoting activities. A diverse range of teaching and learning experiences are provided to enhance students’ acquisition of knowledge and midwifery skills.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Registered Midwives have the opportunity to work in a number of settings that include hospitals, in metropolitan, rural, and remote areas, as well as the community (including homes). Midwives can be self-employed and work as privately practising midwives, be employed in public and private hospitals, and work in caseload midwifery programs and group midwifery practice. Their roles include antenatal, postnatal and birthing care, research, education, management and policy development.

MIDWIFERY
TAKE YOUR CAREER TO ANOTHER LEVEL.

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MIDWIFERY

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2. A clinical placement is required to be secured in an approved maternity hospital. The student is responsible for the application and securing of a position as a midwifery student in one of the approved hospitals. Recruitment of student midwives occurs during June through a centralised online process available at www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/employment/Pages/MidStART.aspx. Applicants for clinical placements must be a Registered Nurse at the time of attending interviews.

Attendance
The course commences in January, the first two units are then offered by online mode only. At the commencement of the Autumn session there will be a one-week intensive workshop. Following this workshop, university attendance is 1 day per week on campus.

Key: F = Fulltime.
This course aims to provide the opportunity for health and other professionals with primary health care responsibilities to gain knowledge and understanding of primary health care that will enable leadership in this field.

WHAT YOU’LL STUDY
The course provides a focus on the knowledge and behaviour required to be a primary health care provider in a changing community environment. Opportunities will be provided for students to undertake in-depth study into aspects of primary health care that are relevant to their specific areas of work and practice.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Provides career enhancements with health care providers in:
- Community health
- Mental health care services
- Disability services
- Rehabilitation services
- Aged care services.

INHERENT REQUIREMENTS
There are inherent requirements for this course that you must meet in order to complete your course and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the requirements for this course online.

Key:
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The Graduate Certificate in Acute and Critical Care Nursing course provides Registered Nurses with the theoretical knowledge and skills to engage in a safe and autonomous practice in the delivery of quality patient care in a range of acute clinical settings.

**WHAT YOU’LL STUDY**
This course provides units in leadership in clinical, quality and safety in health care plus applied clinical practice using simulation. One elective is part of the 40 credit points required.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**
Our graduates will be able to further develop clinical judgement skills in order to synthesise and apply advanced nursing concepts into their clinical practice. They also will be equipped to lead nursing in a range of clinical settings.

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**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ACUTE AND CRITICAL CARE NURSING**

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**Admission Requirements**
All applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for entry:
- Registered Nurse (currently registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency – Nursing and Midwifery), or eligibility for same.
- AND One year full-time equivalent work experience as a registered nurse within the last five years OR current and continuing employment as a registered nurse in an acute or critical care setting.
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**Statement Of Service**
Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas must be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC), uac.edu.au.

**Inherent Requirements**
There are inherent requirements for this course that you must meet in order to complete your course and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the requirements for this course online.

**Special Requirements**
Access to a Clinical Simulation Laboratory, laptop with camera functionality and internet access if residing outside of Western Sydney and unable to travel to attend scheduled workshops as conducted for the Applied Clinical Practice using Simulation unit.

Note: This course is not available to International students.

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Application Information

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS
Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof can be found on the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) website at uac.edu.au

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING
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HOW TO APPLY
Postgraduate course applications are processed online through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) at uac.edu.au/postgraduate

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POSTGRADUATE INFORMATION SESSIONS
Postgraduate Information Sessions are held throughout the year and give you the opportunity to meet academic and professional staff, and to ask questions about courses, admission, fees and more. At these sessions, you will gain a better understanding of course content, what you can expect from the program and possible career paths. To register for a Postgraduate Information Session, visit westernsydney.edu.au/postgraduatesessions

To view the full range of postgraduate courses available visit westernsydney.edu.au/postgraduate

CONTACT US
To discuss your study goals and career options, contact the Course Information Centre on 1300 897 669 or email postgraduatestudy@westernsydney.edu.au

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