



# St. Albert's College

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## ACCOMMODATION OF NURSES

### BACKGROUND

1. The nursing course has been reorganised and will come into operation in 2009. See attachment for an overview of the course. The full time course consists of:

Year	On Campus	On-Line	Practical	Exams	Other	Total
1	14 weeks	6 weeks	8 weeks	6 weeks	0 weeks	34 weeks
2	6 weeks	10 weeks	10/11 weeks	6 weeks	1 weeks	32/34 weeks
3	5 weeks	7 weeks	17 weeks	5 weeks	0 weeks	34 weeks

NB.

- In 1<sup>st</sup> Year the on campus and on-line components will occur while the students are on campus (with tutorials during the on-line component).
  - In 2<sup>nd</sup> Year the on-line component can be done at home, but they will offer voluntary tutorials.
  - Current Enrolled Nurses who are upgrading to become a Registered Nurse start their course in 2<sup>nd</sup> year, on week 1, while returning / continuing nurses start in week 3.
  - In the final week of 2<sup>nd</sup> Year, Term 4, just before the exams, students can either have a STUVAC or do an extra practical which will qualify them as an Enrolled Nurse. This would be taken by students exiting the course at the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> year as Enrolled Nurses or continuing nurses wanting to qualify as Enrolled Nurses to give them part time work as Enrolled Nurses as they complete their full course.
2. An administration problem occurs at the College in that the nursing course does not match the operation of the College:
- Some On-line and On Campus sessions occur in university holidays, when the college may be in a shut down mode.
  - Mid semester breaks for nurses do not match university breaks.
3. Residential colleges operate by providing accommodation to UNE students for approximately 32 weeks (in 1<sup>st</sup> year) and 31 weeks (other years). Thus the nursing course is longer than other university courses
4. Student college contracts are for a whole year:
- With practicals and online components, the students pay 50% of the daily fee, while they are absent from college.
  - When in College during university holidays the nurses pay normal fees.

5. The occupancy rate for nurses becomes:

Year	On Campus	Off Campus	% of Course on Campus
1	26 weeks	8 weeks	76.5
2a	22 weeks	12 weeks	64.7
2b	18 weeks	15 weeks	54.5
2c	12 weeks	21 weeks	36.4
3	10 weeks	22 weeks	31.2

NB.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> year options are:

- 2a = On campus for on campus work, on- line component and exams in both semester 1 and semester 2.
- 2b = On campus for on campus work, on- line component and exams in semester 1 and only on campus in semester 2 for on campus work and exams.
- 2c = On campus for on campus work and exams in both semester 1 and semester 2.

6. Nurses:

- Need a room while they are in Armidale.
- Get upset paying for a room that they do not use at College, while also paying for accommodation in their prac area or when living at home.

## OPTIONS

1. 1<sup>st</sup> year nurses will apply for the normal accommodation contract - for a period of 1 year.
  - They will be allocated a single room for the entire year.
  - The 2008 rate is:
    - a. Normal rate - \$37.90 per day, while they are in College.
    - b. Holding rate - \$18.95 per day, while they are on prac.
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Year nursing students will be given a choice of three accommodation contracts at College.
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Year nursing students will only have the option of short term rates (in 2008 this is \$ 42.50 per day, if staying for 4 or more weeks and \$46.50 per day if staying less than 4 weeks), if there is accommodation available. Accommodation availability is:

Semester	Availability
1	Unlikely
2	Available

4. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Year nursing options are:

### OPTION A (Only available in 2009):

- They apply for a normal accommodation contract - for a period of 1 year.
- They will be allocated a single room for their entire stay at College.
- They would be on campus and charged for all of the on campus component, on- line component and exams in both semester 1 and semester 2.
- They would only pay a holding fee for when they were on practical.
- The 2008 rates are:
  - Normal Rate = \$37.90 per day
  - Holding Rate = \$18.95 per day

### OPTION B:

- They apply for a normal accommodation contract - for a period of 6 months and then apply for short term stays when required in semester 2.
- They will be allocated a single room for semester 1 only and at the end of the semester they will be required to pack up and vacate their room, so that it can be used by others.
  - While they will be guaranteed a room during semester 2 there will be no guarantee that it will be their original room.
- They would be on campus and charged:
  - During semester 1 - for all of the on campus component, on- line component and the entire examination period.
  - During semester 2 - for the time they need to cover the on campus component and any exams.
- They would pay a holding fee for when they were on practical during semester 1.
- The 2008 rates are:
  - Normal Rate = \$37.90 per day
  - Holding Rate = \$18.95 per day
  - Short term Rate = \$46.50 per day (if less than 4 weeks)
  - Short term Rate = \$42.50 per day (if 4 weeks or more)

### OPTION C:

- They apply for short term stays when required in semester 1 and 2.
- They will be allocated a single room for the duration of any stay and at the end of their stay they will be required to pack up and vacate their room, so that it can be used by others.
  - When they return for a second stay there will be no guarantee that it will be their original room.
- They would be on campus for the time they need to cover the on campus component and exams.
- The 2008 rate is:
  - Short term Rate = \$46.50 per day (if less than 4 weeks)
  - Short term Rate = \$42.50 per day (if 4 weeks or more)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Nurses Options

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. I will to reapply for admission to College as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Nurse and opt for:

Option A (NB. Only available in 2009)

Option B

Option C

**OR**

2.  I will be leaving College and finding my own accommodation for the remainder of my course.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_