Nursing Programs at UNE for International Students

2014
The UNE Experience
UNE offers you an education that’s truly world class. State-of-the-art teaching and research facilities, sporting amenities and vibrant residences mean that you have at your disposal everything that you need. The University of New England was the first Australian university established outside a capital city. With a history extending back to the 1930s, UNE has a well-earned reputation as one of Australia’s great teaching, training and research universities. While UNE has a long history and strong tradition, our outlook is dynamic and fresh. Our focus is on the future, ensuring that your education and qualifications are relevant. More than 80,000 people now hold UNE qualifications; many hold senior positions in Australia and overseas. At UNE you will experience a personal education that will set you apart.

Why study Nursing @ UNE
Nursing is a highly respected and rewarding career choice where you can work with people of all ages in a wide variety of settings around the world; from humanitarian work and disaster relief in an international setting, to health services within your own community, nurses are the backbone of health-care services globally.

An international shortage of skilled nurses means that graduates of nursing courses are in high demand and the remuneration packages available are attractive and competitive. If you have ever thought about pursuing a career in nursing, now is the time. UNE has been at the forefront of nurse education longer than any other university in Australia and was the first tertiary education provider in Australia to offer distance education for nurses. UNE nurse graduates are well respected within the profession, they are critical thinkers, and well prepared educationally for the professional challenges they will face.
Coursework Programs leading to Registered Nurse Status

UNE offers 3 pathways for International Students seeking qualifications leading to Australian registered nurse status. Each of these programs is approved by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) which is the statutory body that is legally responsible for the design, quality, relevance and professional standards of nursing education programs in Australia.

All students seeking to enrol in entry to practice nursing courses at the University of New England are required to review the requirements for registration as a nurse in Australia, provided by The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) at the links below:

Additional Entry Requirements for Nursing Courses leading to Registered Nurse Status

- Applicants must have a current First Aid Certificate which is NSW WorkCover approved. This certificate should be completed before commencing study.
- Before commencing study and prior to attendance at UNE students need to ensure that they are appropriately vaccinated as per NSW Health policy. NSW Health requires all students to be fully vaccinated and provide evidence of their vaccination status plus provide evidence of protection against the following: adult diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis, hepatitis B (all hepatitis B vaccinations must have been completed well before the commencement of the course), measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), varicella (chicken pox).
- Screening for tuberculosis will be organised at UNE.
- Students must provide evidence of National Criminal History Record Check and obtain a National Police Certificate. Students can apply through the Australian Federal Police and pay the relevant fee.


Bachelor of Nursing

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Minimum Academic Entry Requirements

Candidates must have successfully completed an Australian Year 12 qualification or an overseas equivalent which included English and a Science subject.

Course Outline

Complete all of the following Core Units (132cps):
- Fundamentals of Health Science 1, Fundamentals of Health Science 2, Health Science 1, Health Science 2, Fundamental Nursing Skills 1, Fundamental Nursing Skills 2, Human Interactions in Clinical Nursing Practice, Introduction to Professional Nursing Practice, Cultural Competence in Australian Nursing Practice, Health Facilitation in Nursing, Nursing Practice Development 1, Nursing Practice Development 2, Nursing Practice Development 3, Critical Enquiry in Nursing, Introduction to Mental Health Nursing, Aged Care Nursing: Practice and Issues, Community Nursing, Introduction to Critical Care Nursing, Chronic and Palliative Care Nursing, Professional Clinical Practice, Professional Issues in Nursing 1, Professional Issues in Nursing 2.

Complete 2 of the following Listed Units (12cps):
- Stress and Stress Management Physiology, The Biology of Human Ageing, Complementary Therapies in the Health Care System, Counselling in the Health Professions, Introduction to Dementia Care, Leadership and Change, Community Analysis and Health Care Planning, Enrolled Nurse Practice, Nursing Australian Indigenous People, Nursing in Rural and Remote Environments, Paediatric Nursing, Introduction to Maternity Care, Nursing Issues in Cardiac Pharmacology, Theories and Models in Teaching and Learning in Health, Reflective Teaching and Learning in Health, Cardiac Health Assessment, Palliative Care, Pain Management for Nurse Clinicians, Care of the Cardiac Patient, Cardiac Rehabilitation, Education and Health Promotion, A Lifespan Approach to Female Reproductive Health, Cancer Nursing, Issues in Human Nutrition II, Aboriginal Health
- Or any other Unit approved by the course coordinator.

Practical, Clinical or Work Experience

Candidates must complete 25 weeks of clinical placement which is undertaken in each trimester in health facilities in NSW. Clinical placement is organised in block placements of three to six weeks throughout the six trimesters of the course. Clinical placements occur in most areas health services of NSW. Students must be prepared to travel outside of Armidale to undertake their clinical placements.
Bachelor of Nursing (Conversion)

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Minimum Academic Entry Requirements
Candidates must have successfully completed a 2-year post-secondary Diploma in Nursing and be recognised as registered nurses in their own country.

Course Outline
This course involves the study of 18 Units over 2.25 years: 2 Units in Trimester 3 (Year 1, October), 8 Units in Year 2 and 8 Units in Year 3. 16 units are compulsory and the 2 units in the Trimester 3 in Year 1 must be successfully completed before candidates can proceed to Year 2.

Complete all of the following Core Units (96 cps):
Transition to Australian Nursing Practice, Fundamentals of Health Science 2, Health Science for Nursing I, Nursing Practice Development I, Nursing Practice Development 2, Critical Inquiry in Nursing, Health Science for Nursing 2, Nursing Practice Development 3, Introduction to Mental Health Nursing, Chronic and Palliative Nursing Care, Introduction to Critical Care Nursing, Aged Care Nursing, Professional Issues in Nursing 2, Community Nursing, Professional Issues in Nursing I, Professional Clinical Practice.

Complete 2 of the following Elective Units (12cps):
Nursing Australian Indigenous People, Nursing in Rural and Remote Environments, Introduction to Paediatric Nursing, Introduction to Maternity Care, Nursing Issues in Cardiac Pharmacology, Theories and Models in Teaching and Learning in Health, Reflective Teaching and Learning in Health, Cardiac Health Assessment, Palliative Care, Pain Management for Nurse Clinicians, Care of the Cardiac Patient, Cardiac Rehabilitation, Education and Health Promotion, A Lifespan Approach to Female Reproductive Health, Cancer Nursing, Issues in Human Nutrition II, Aboriginal Health.

Practical, Clinical or Work Experience
Candidates must complete 21 weeks of clinical placement over 2.25 years, which is undertaken in each trimester in health facilities in NSW. Clinical placement has been organised in block placements of two to six weeks throughout the course. Clinical placements occur in most area health services of NSW. Students must be prepared to travel outside of Armidale to undertake their clinical placements.

Master of Nursing Practice

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Minimum Academic Entry Requirements
A candidate shall have successfully completed an AQF equivalent Bachelor degree in any discipline from a recognised university in Australia or overseas, and not be currently registered to practice as a nurse in Australia.

Course Outline
This course involves the study of 18 Units over 2.25 years: 2 Units in Trimester 3 (Year 1, October), 8 Units in Year 2 and 8 Units in Year 3. 16 units are compulsory and the 2 units in the Trimester 3 in Year 1 must be successfully completed before candidates can proceed to Year 2.

Core Units (96 cps):
Research Methods I; Fundamental of Health Science 2; Health Science I and II; Nursing Practice Development I, II and III; Introduction to Mental Health Nursing; Career Transition to Australian Nursing Practice; Aged Care Nursing; Practice and Issues; Community Nursing; Introduction to Critical Care Nursing; Chronic and Palliative Care Nursing; Professional Clinical Practice; Professional Issues in Nursing I and II.

Complete 1 or 2 of the following listed units (6-12 cps):
Nursing Australian Indigenous People; Nursing in Rural and Remote Environments; Paediatric Nursing; Introduction to Maternity Care.

Complete 0 or 1 listed unit (0-6 cps):
The Biology of Human Ageing; The Dynamics of Health and Health Care Systems; Management of Health Services; Community Analysis and Health Care Planning; Health Workers and Human Resources; Evidence Based Practice in Mental Health; Community Health Nursing Practice; Palliative Care; Pain Management for Nurse Clinicians; A Lifespan Approach to Female Reproductive Health; Aboriginal Health.

Practical, Clinical or Work Experience
Candidates must complete 21 weeks of clinical placement over 2.25 years, which is undertaken in each trimester in health facilities in NSW. Clinical placement has been organised in block placements of two to six weeks throughout the course. Clinical placements occur in most area health services of NSW. Students must be prepared to travel outside of Armidale to undertake their clinical placements.
POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH DEGREES

Master of Philosophy

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Overview

This course is an advanced research degree undertaken by thesis only. This course is suited to candidates wishing to pursue a particular research topic in one of the available subject areas.

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Minimum Academic Entry Requirements

A candidate must hold (a) a Bachelor degree in a relevant discipline at the level of Credit (GPA 5) or above; OR (b) a Graduate Diploma in a relevant discipline at the level of Credit (GPA 5) or above; OR (c) a Masters Degree by coursework in a relevant discipline at the level of Credit (GPA 5) or above; OR (d) satisfy the Committee or its Delegated Authority by means of other qualifications and relevant experience of adequate preparation for candidature.

Course Outline

Candidates for the degree shall pursue a course consisting of advanced coursework, including a professional development in health services unit, and a thesis approved by the committee. The coursework shall comprise one-third of the course and the thesis shall comprise two-thirds of the course.

The candidate will be required to complete a program of advanced level coursework approved by the committee on the recommendation of the supervisor and the relevant head of school. Normally, the advanced level coursework will comprise four trimester(s)-length units, one of which shall be a research methodology unit. The coursework will then be followed by research and a major thesis.

Doctor of Health Services Management

CRICOS 017616F
Duration 3 years
Commencement February, June
2014 Annual Fee $18,712

Overview

This professional doctorate aims to prepare health service professionals, senior managers, researchers and policy analysts, with a strong managerial and academic background, for advanced leadership in their professional practice. Career opportunities include being a researcher in the health services area.

Minimum Academic Entry Requirements

Candidates must hold (a) the degree of Master, provided that the applicant has shown potential for research demonstrated by a research project or resulting dissertation/thesis comprising typically 25% or more of the Masters program; or (b) the degree of Bachelor with first class Honours or second class Honours in the First Division; or equivalent; or (c) another degree, plus subsequent acceptable qualifications and/or research experience; or (d) hold similar qualification(s) acceptable to the PhD Committee from another institution(s). Such qualifications must be of the standard of Australian or British universities in the University's judgement.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD Nursing)

CRICOS 065298F
Duration 3 years
Commencement February, June
2014 Annual Fee $19,840

Overview

The Doctor of Philosophy is an advanced research degree undertaken by thesis only. This course is suited to candidates wishing to pursue a particular research topic in one of the available subject areas.

Minimum Academic Entry Requirements

Candidates must hold (a) the degree of Master, provided that the applicant has shown potential for research demonstrated by a research project or resulting dissertation/thesis comprising typically 25% or more of the Masters program; or (b) the degree of Bachelor with first class Honours or second class Honours in the First Division; or equivalent; or (c) another degree, plus subsequent acceptable qualifications and/or research experience; or (d) hold similar qualification(s) acceptable to the PhD Committee from another institution(s). Such qualifications must be of the standard of Australian or British universities in the University's judgement.

Minimum Academic Entry Requirements

Candidates must hold a Masters degree in Health Services Management or a relevant area OR an appropriate Honours degree AND have at least seven years of professional experience in health services management AND have demonstrated ability to conduct independent research.
English Language Requirements for all Nursing Courses

Students must provide proof of one of the following prior to admission:

- English as a first language
- An IELTS Academic overall score of at least 6.5 with no sub-score less than 6.0 and less than 2 years old
- A TOEFL Internet Based Test overall score of at least 91 with no less than 22 in the written component and 20 in Speaking, Listening and Reading
- Satisfactory completion of Advanced EAP (EAP Level 4) at the University of New England English Language Centre

ADMISSION STEPS

Admission to UNE involves a number of steps as set out below. These steps assist applicants through the various stages of the admission process. If applicants have any questions at any stage during the process they should contact UNE International for assistance.

1. All international students applying to study a coursework program at UNE must complete the International Student Admission Application Form. Students can complete the application online at: www.une.edu.au/imp/apply/applicationform.php

All International students applying to study a Higher Degree by Research, such as a PhD, must complete the International HDR Candidature Application Form. The form is available online at: www.une.edu.au/research-services/pgstudy/prospectivestudents/

Applicants who wish to apply through one of UNE’s authorised agents can locate their nearest agent at: www.une.edu.au/imp/agents

Applicants should ensure that they attach certified copies of transcripts of all relevant previous studies including proof of completion; photo page from passport or other birth record; and evidence of English language proficiency and any other documentation requested on the application form. Only PDF files can be accepted. Zipped or compressed files will not accepted.

If documents are in a language other than English, an officially certified English translation of each document must be provided together with certified copies of the original documents.

2. UNE will assess the completed application. If the application is academically successful, a conditional or unconditional Offer of Admission will be issued together with an International Offer Guide, which contains all information relevant to an applicant accepting their offer.

If the applicant is from a country deemed to be DIAC Assessment Level 3 or 4 in the Higher Education Visa Sub-class list at www.immi.gov.au/students/student-visa-assessment-levels.htm then they must undergo additional assessment to determine they meet Genuine Temporary (GTE) and financial evidence requirements. Their Offer of Admission will be conditional upon successfully completing the SVP assessment and they must complete an additional “GTE and Financial Evidence Form” and submit further documentation required by this form. UNE will notify applicants if they have met the SVP condition or not. Applicants must not pay any tuition fees prior to receiving formal, written advice that they have successfully passed the SVP assessment.

The University will advise applicants in writing if their application is unsuccessful.

3. When UNE International receives the completed offer acceptance documents and the required tuition fees from students intending to study on campus, it will process the payment and issue the Confirmation of Enrolment (COE). The COE is the form required to apply for a student visa from an Australian Embassy, High Commission or the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) as appropriate. Students must obtain a student visa before they come to study full-time in Australia.

Information on obtaining a student visa is available online at: www.immi.gov.au

For students intending to study by distance education, UNE International will, upon receiving the completed Offer Acceptance Form and the required tuition fees, process the payment and issue information about online enrolment in UNE units.

4. Upon being granted their student visa, students intending to study on-campus should make travel arrangements including applying on-line for accommodation at: residences.une.edu.au/starrezportal

Students should advise International Services of their travel arrangements and request airport or railway station reception as instructed in the International Offer Guide.

5. After arriving in Armidale, on-campus students should arrive and attend the International Student Orientation and Enrolment after which they will commence their formal course at UNE.
TUITION FEES

Annual course fees only cover the cost of tuition. They do not include other expenses associated with university study such as books and equipment, accommodation and living expenses. For students successful in gaining admission to study at UNE the offer of admission will list the exact tuition fees a student is required to pay. The offer of admission will also list other fees payable including compulsory Overseas Student Health Cover and Student Services and Amenities Fee. The cost of tuition fees, Overseas Student Health Cover and accommodation fees may vary annually. Any increase from year to year is not generally expected to exceed 7.5%.

OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER (OSHC)

Overseas Student Health Cover is the private health insurance international students and their dependents are required to purchase as a condition of their student visa. Students should note that it is a condition of their student visa to maintain current OSHC for the duration of their visa. OSHC covering the entire visa length must be arranged prior to arrival in Australia. UNE currently has an agreement with Medibank Private, a private health fund, to facilitate the provision of OSHC for international students. Medibank Private Overseas Student Health Cover pays the cost of most medical and hospital treatment students may require while studying in Australia and will contribute to the cost of prescription medicines and emergency ambulance transport. The current cost of Overseas Student Health Cover and further information about the scheme is located at www.medibank.com.au

REFUND OF TUITION FEES

The University of New England’s refund of tuition fees policy is based upon and is in accordance with the National Code of Practice for Registered Authorities and Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students (the National Code), the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (ESOS Act 2000) and Education Services for Overseas Students Regulations 2001 (ESOS Regulations 2001). This policy applies to all international students studying on campus or by distance regardless of the person actually paying the fees. The policy is located at www.une.edu.au/imp/apply/admissionsinfo.php

OBTAINING A STUDENT VISA

International students intending to study full-time on campus at UNE will need to obtain a student visa. The Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) website www.immi.gov.au has comprehensive information on applying for a student visa to study in Australia, including application forms. Please note that student visas granted to international students for their study in Australia have conditions attached. These are outlined in detail on the DIAC website and students’ obligations are also outlined in the International Offer Guide issued with the offer of admission. Students should regularly check the DIAC website for updated information and changes to legislation and processing arrangements affecting their intention to study in Australia on a student visa.

STREAMLINED VISA PROCESSING (SVP)

The University of New England is an approved "eligible university" under Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) Streamlined Visa Processing (SVP) arrangements. Under SVP, DIAC will process student visa applicants for bachelor, master and doctoral program at eligible universities as Assessment Level (AL) (Lowest risk) applicants regardless of the Assessment Level rating for their country or education sector.

Applicants from countries deemed to be DIAC Assessment Level 3 or 4 will need to undergo additional assessment to determine they meet Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) and financial evidence requirements.

ESOS FRAMEWORK

International students who are intending to study on campus in Australia should be aware that Australia’s laws promote quality education and consumer protection. These laws are known as the ESOS Framework and they include the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000 and the National Code. For further information about the ESOS Framework, students should refer to the following Australian Government website: http://aei.dest.gov.au/aei/esos/quickinfoesos_framework_pdf.pdf

ACCOMMODATION

The city of Armidale offers different accommodation options for students including fully catered lodging, boarding houses, share houses and private rentals. The University of New England offers seven residential colleges and a village residential system on campus. All colleges on campus are fully catered, which means that breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided every day, as are regular cleaning and linen services. Accommodation in the Wright Village is self catered, which means students buy their own groceries and cook their own food. Further information about accommodation options can be found online at www.une.edu.au/imp/accommodation
Need more information?
There are plenty of people at UNE to help you. If you have any questions, we have a number of channels available to you so that you can get the answers you need.

**International Students**
- Ask a question 24/7 at: une.edu.au/askUNE
- Visit: www.une.edu.au
- Call +61 2 6773 2135