



Health and Nursing Programs for International Students

University of New England
Armidale, Australia



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UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND (UNE)

Why study at UNE?

UNE has over 22,000 enrolled students with the majority studying their course online. There are over 4,500 students that study on the University's traditional Armidale campus, including over 1,300 international students from over 70 different countries. Visit my.une.edu.au/courses for specific course information.

Location

UNE is located in Armidale on the Northern Tablelands of New South Wales, Australia. Armidale is a small, cosmopolitan city located in a picturesque rural setting surrounded by spectacular waterfalls, gorges, world-heritage national parks, cool-climate vineyards and diverse cultural heritage.



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WELL ABOVE WORLD STANDARD	
Animal Production	
Agriculture, Land and Farm Management	
Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences	
Ecology	
Geology	
Human Movement and Sport Science	
Other Medical and Health Science	
Soil Sciences	
Zoology	

2018 International Student Barometer Results

The International Student Barometer results for 2018 show that UNE has achieved an overall satisfaction in:

Learning	91.3%	#1 in the Australian ISB
Living	86.0%	#5 in the Australian ISB
Support	93.7%	#2 in the Australian ISB
Arrival	85.6%	#5 in the Australian ISB

*Percentage indicated is the overall average score, rankings are from the Regional Universities Network (RUN).

Standout results are in the categories of **technology, expert teachers, social facilities, the on arrival welcome, sporting facilities, the library, and research**. UNE is ranked either **1 or 2 in Australia** in these areas and many others.



2019 Good Universities Guide

For the 13th year in a row, the University of New England (UNE) has earned the top five-star rating from the Good Universities Guide for the quality of our student experience. In related rankings, GUG ranked UNE as the State's top university for Student Support and Teaching Quality. UNE's graduates also have the State's highest starting salary upon entering the workforce, and the University has the highest proportion of "first in family" commencements.



Online University Rankings List

Online Study Australia has ranked UNE number one in their national list of Australia's best online universities.

UNE also ranked in the top three for our Arts, Business, Education, Law, and Science courses specifically.

Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA)

ERA is a comprehensive evaluation of all research produced in Australian universities. It is administered by the Australian Research Council (ARC) approximately every three years. ERA rankings are informed by a range of quality indicators, such as citation impact and expert peer review.

A complete list of UNE's results is available from the ARC website.

<http://www.arc.gov.au/era-outcomes#Institution/UNE>



Visit **whystudyhere.com/une** to hear what students have to say about UNE
University of New England

Why Study Nursing At 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 graduate nurses are well respected within the profession, they are critical thinkers, and well prepared educationally for the professional challenges they will face.

The UNE Experience

UNE offers you an education that's truly world class. State-of-the-art teaching and research facilities, sporting amenities and on campus accommodation 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 100,000 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.

Affordable Living

Living and studying in Armidale is comparatively more affordable than in a metropolitan city, but Armidale still has all of the conveniences that you would expect of a regional city.

History and Tradition

UNE is one of Australia's oldest universities with a 80 year reputation for excellence in teaching, learning and research.



Coursework Programs Leading To Registered Nurse Status

UNE offers 3 pathways for International Students seeking qualifications leading to Australian registered nurse status: Master of Nursing Practice, Bachelor of Nursing and Bachelor of Nursing (Conversion). 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 admission 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:

- www.ahpra.gov.au/registration/registration-process.aspx
- <http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/about.aspx>

English Language Requirements

Students seeking admission to the Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Nursing (Conversion) and Master of Nursing Practice programs must provide proof of one of the following prior to admission:

1. English is the applicant's first language; or
2. An IELTS (Academic) overall score of 6.5 with no sub-band score less than 6.0; or
3. A TOEFL Internet-Based Test (iBT) score of at least 91 with a minimum score of 22 in the written component and a minimum score of 20 in listening, speaking and reading; or
4. A minimum OET score of C+ in each of the four components: Listening, Speaking, reading, Writing; or
5. A minimum overall PTE Academic score of 58 in each of the four communicative skills: Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking; or
6. Satisfactory completion of the Advanced English for Academic Purposes (EAP4) at the University of New England English Language Centre or an equivalent EAP at an Australian University NEAS-accredited English Language Centre (subject to certification from the Centre concerned that the applicant has completed EAP to the standard equivalent to IELTS 6.5; or an equivalent EAP4 level certification at a non-University NEAS-accredited English Language Provider that has a formal agreement with UNE under which it provides an equivalent EAP4 program.

Students seeking admission to the Master of Philosophy (Health) and PhD programs must provide proof of one of the following prior to admission:

1. English is the applicant's first language; or
2. An IELTS (Academic) overall score of 6.5 with no sub-band score less than 6.0; or
3. A TOEFL Internet-Based Test (iBT) score of at least 91 with a minimum score of 22 in the written component and a minimum score of 20 in listening, speaking and reading; or
4. A minimum overall PTE Academic score of 64 with no skill less than 58; or
5. Satisfactory completion of the Advanced English for Academic Purposes (EAP4) at the University of New England English Language Centre

Additional Requirements For Nursing Courses Leading To Registered Nurse Status

The following Additional Requirements apply to UNE courses leading to Nurses Registration. Detailed information about inherent requirements is located at <http://www.une.edu.au/current-students/my-course/managing-my-course/inherent-requirements>

The following Inherent Requirements apply to the Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Nursing (Conversion), Master of Nursing Practice, Bachelor of Social Work, Master of Social Work (Professional Qualifying):

Fit for Practice

Students will be required to sign a Student Declaration Fitness form upon their initial enrolment in the course. Students must complete this form each trimester of study prior to attending Clinical Placement.

Criminal Record Check

Students must provide evidence of a National Criminal History Record Check and obtain a National Police Certificate. Students can apply either locally through State or Territory Police Services or the Australian Federal Police and pay the relevant fee.

<http://www.afp.gov.au/what-we-do/police-checks.aspx>

First Aid

Applicants must have a current First Aid Certificate which is WorkCover approved. This certificate should be completed before commencing study.

Vaccinations

To be eligible to attend clinical placement all Bachelor of Nursing students must meet NSW Ministry of Health verification requirements within the ClinConnect system by week 9 of the first trimester of study (as per the nursing planner for the year of study).

Students seeking admission to the Bachelor of Social Work and the Master of Social Work (Professional Qualifying) must provide proof of one of the following prior to admission:

- 1.** English as a first language
- 2.** An IELTS Academic overall score of at least 6.0 with no sub-score less than 5.5 and less than 2 years old
- 3.** A TOEFL Internet Based Test overall score of at least 79 with no less than 22 in the written component
- 4.** A Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic score of at least 57 with no skill less than 50
- 5.** Satisfactory completion of English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Level 3 at the University of New England's English Language Centre.

Bachelors

Bachelor of Nursing

CRICOS	008620G
Duration	3 years
Clinical Placement	880 Hours
Commencement	February
2019 Annual Fee	\$28,000
2020 Annual Fee	\$30,096

Overview

Nursing plays a key role in health services across the world, and professional nurses work in a wide variety of settings. UNE's Bachelor of Nursing equips graduates with the key knowledge and skills necessary for the practice of nursing. Graduates are eligible to seek Registered Nurse status with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) as a professional nurse in Australia. This course aims to give graduates an appreciation of the value of life-long learning and a firm foundation for further study at a postgraduate level.

Minimum 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 (144cps):

Science for Nursing: Principles, Science for Nursing: Foundations, Professional Communication Practice, Evidence in Health and Social Care Practice, Health Promotion in Practice, Perspectives on Ageing, Foundations of Nursing: Integrated Care Concepts, Foundations of Nursing: Application to Practice, Foundations of Nursing: Medications and Fluids, Foundations of Nursing: Theory of Practice, Foundations of Nursing: Developing Practice, Foundations of Nursing: Principles of Practice, Nursing Practice: Building Integrated Care, Nursing Practice: Focus on Integrated Care, Nursing Practice: Developing Integrated Care, Nursing Practice: Models of Integrated Care, Mental Health Nursing, Professional Practice: Application of Integrated Care Therapies, Professional Practice: Application of Integrated Care, Professional Practice: Preparation for Practice, Professional Practice: Transition to Practice, Nursing Practice: Complex Integrated Care, Professional Practice: Contexts of Acute Care, Working with Aboriginal People.

Practical, Clinical or Work Experience

Candidates must complete 880 hours of clinical placement which is undertaken in each trimester in health facilities in NSW. Clinical placement is normally organised in block placements of two to four 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)

CRICOS	071722M
Duration	2.25 years
Clinical Placement	800 Hours
Commencement	October
2019 Annual Fee	\$28,000

Overview

Nursing plays a key role in health services across the world, and professional nurses work in a wide variety of settings. UNE's Bachelor of Nursing (Conversion) equips graduates with the key knowledge and skills necessary for the practice of nursing. Graduates are eligible to seek Registered Nurse status with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) as a professional nurse in Australia. This course aims to give graduates an appreciation of the value of life-long learning and a firm foundation for further study at a postgraduate level.

Minimum Entry Requirements

Candidates must have successfully completed an AQF Level 5 equivalent 2-year post-secondary Diploma in Nursing and be registered, licensed or recognised in their own country as a registered or a professional nurse in the last ten years.

Course Outline

This course involves the study of 18 core units over 2.25 years: 2 units in Trimester 3 (Year 1, October), 8 Units in Year 2 and 8 units in Year 3. Students must successfully complete the two units in Trimester 3 of Year 1 before they can progress to the second year of the course.

Complete all of the following Core Units (108cps):

Science for Nursing: Foundations, Professional Communication Practice, Evidence in Health and Social Care Practice, Health Promotion in Practice, Perspectives on Ageing, Career Transition to Australian Nursing Practice, Nursing Practice: Building Integrated Care, Nursing Practice: Focus on Integrated Care, Nursing Practice: Developing Integrated Care, Nursing Practice: Models of Integrated Care, Mental Health Nursing, Professional Practice: Application of Integrated Care Therapies, Professional Practice: Application of Integrated Care, Professional Practice: Preparation for Practice, Professional Practice: Transition to Practice, Nursing Practice: Complex Integrated Care, Professional Practice: Contexts of Acute Care, Working with Aboriginal People.

Practical, Clinical or Work Experience

Candidates must complete 800 hours 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 four 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.

Bachelor of Social Work

CRICOS	064581M
Duration	4 years
Commencement	February, June
2019 Annual Fee	\$26,250
2020 Annual Fee	\$28,216

Overview

This course draws together the fields of psychology, sociology, counselling, indigenous studies and law, with social work theory and practice. Graduates are equipped with the theoretical and practical skills required to work as a professional social worker and eligibility to become a member of the Australian Association of Social Workers. Social Workers typically work with disadvantaged and marginalised individuals, groups, and communities within a social justice framework in counselling, advocacy, and the enhancement of quality of life. Social work education is grounded within a framework that examines the nexus of human behaviour and complex social interactions.

Graduates can seek employment as social workers. This course has provisional accreditation with the Australian Association of Social Workers.

Minimum Entry Requirements

Candidates must have successfully completed an Australian Year 12 qualification or an overseas equivalent. Candidates must also meet the University's English Language Requirements for Admission.

Course Outline

Complete the following Core Units (138-150cps):

Foundations for Mental Health Practice, Group Work in Counselling, Counselling for Loss and Grief, Counselling for Trauma, Leadership, Teams and Decision-Making, Foundations of Social Work Practice, Social Work Through the LifeSpan, Responding to Disability and Ageing, Disadvantage and Service Provision, Social Work Direct Practice Skills, Rural Social Work, Juvenile Justice and Child Protection, Community Development Practice, Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Postvention, BSW Fieldwork 1, Social Work Intervention Models and Skills, BSW Fieldwork 2, Human Rights, The Law and Social Justice, Working with Aboriginal People.

Complete the following Units (12cps):

Research Methods for Human Services, Emerging Issues and Innovation in Social Work.

Students must complete 2 of the following Units at 300 level or above in consultation with the

Course Coordinator:

Crime Prevention, Criminological Perspectives, Crime in Rural Communities, Health Promotion in Practice, Focused Psychological Strategies in Mental Health, Assessment and Management of Substance Abuse and Dependence, Child and Adolescent Counselling, Management of Health Services, Leadership in Healthcare, Overseas Study Experience, Active Resistance: Contemporary Nonviolence, Resolution or Transformation of Conflict, Post-Conflict Justice and Reconciliation Processes, Social Policy.



Masters

Master of Nursing Practice

CRICOS	075433K
Duration	2.25 years
Clinical Placement	800 Hours
Commencement	June, October
2019 Annual Fee	\$28,000
2020 Annual Fee	\$30,096

Overview

UNE's Master of Nursing Practice is a graduate entry-level course designed for students who hold an existing AQF Level 7 or overseas equivalent Bachelor degree and who are not registered to practise as a nurse in Australia.

Students who successfully complete the Master of Nursing Practice are eligible to seek Registered Nurse status with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (APhRA) as a professional nurse in Australia.

Minimum Entry Requirements

A candidate shall have successfully completed an AQF Level 7 equivalent Bachelor degree from a recognised university in Australia or overseas, and not be currently registered to practice as a nurse in Australia. A minimum of two C+ scores in the OET in each of the four components of listening, reading, writing and speaking and a minimum overall PTE Academic score of 58 in each of the four communicative skills (listening, reading, writing, speaking).

Course Outline

This course involves the study of 18 Core Units over 2.25 years: 2 Units in Trimester 3 (Year 1, October), 8 Units in Year 2 and 8 Units in Year 3. The 2 units in Trimester 3 in Year 1 (HHSC157 Science for Nursing: Foundations and HSNS206 Career Transition to Australian Nursing Practice) must be successfully completed before candidates can proceed to Year 2.

Complete the following Core Units (108cps):

Science for Nursing: Foundations, Professional Communication Practice, Mental Health Nursing, Evidence in Health and Social Care Practice, Health Promotion in Practice, Perspectives on Ageing, Career Transition to Australian Nursing Practice, Nursing Practice: Building Integrated Care, Nursing Practice: Focus on Integrated Care, Nursing Practice: Developing Integrated Care, Nursing Practice: Models of Integrated Care, Professional Practice: Application of Integrated Care Therapies, Professional Practice: Application of Integrated Care, Nursing Practice: Complex Integrated Care, Professional Practice: Contexts of Critical Care, Professional Practice: Preparation for Practice, Professional Practice: Transition to Practice, Working with Aboriginal People.

Practical, Clinical or Work Experience

Candidates must complete 800 hours 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 four 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 Social Work (Professional Qualifying)

CRICOS	084828E
Duration	2 years
Commencement	February, June
2019 Annual Fee	\$27,300
2020 Annual Fee	\$29,344

Overview

This course provides graduates with the theoretical and practical skills required to work as a professional social worker and eligibility to become a member of the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW). While covering all the core requirements of a professional social work degree, the Master of Social Work (Professional Qualifying) provides students with a rural focussed program, with additional focus on Indigenous peoples, child protection and law. The course incorporates the mandatory supervised professional fieldwork experience in relevant social work settings.

Minimum Entry Requirements

A candidate shall hold an AQF Level 7 Bachelor degree in a discipline other than social work or an overseas equivalent. The Bachelor degree must include at least 2 units/subjects in Psychology; and at least 2 units/subjects in Sociology; and at least 1 unit/subject in Political systems in Australia; and at least 1 unit/subject in research methods. Candidates must also meet the University's English Language Admission Requirements for Admission.

Course Outline

Complete the following Core Units (90cps):

Foundations for Mental Health Practice, Capstone Project, Social Work Through the Lifespan, Disadvantage and Service Provision, Social Work Direct Practice Skills, Fieldwork 1 (18cps), Juvenile Justice and Child Protection, Social Work Intervention Models and Skills, Groups and Communities, Human Rights, the Law and Social Justice, Fieldwork 2 (18ps).

Complete the 1 of the following Listed Units (6cps): Counselling for Loss and Grief, Counselling for Trauma, Focused Psychological Strategies in Mental Health, Assessment and Management of Substance Abuse and Dependence, Leadership in Healthcare, Incident Management in Healthcare, Managing People in Healthcare, Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Postvention, Working with Aboriginal People, Overseas Study Experience.

Master of Philosophy (Health)

CRICOS	069343G
Duration	2 years
Commencement	February, June
2019 Annual Fee	\$29,400
2020 Annual Fee	\$31,600

Overview

The Master 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 Entry Requirements

To be eligible for admission applicants must : (a) hold an AQF Level 8 Bachelors Honours degree with at least second class honours or overseas equivalent in an appropriate field of study; or (b) hold an AQF Level 7 Bachelor degree or overseas equivalent and have adequate relevant preparation since graduation. Adequate relevant preparation may be gained by an approved academic course, professional training during an occupation or through peer reviewed publications; and (c) have completed and had approved by the relevant Committee a Master of Philosophy research proposal. Candidates must also meet the University's English Language Admission Requirements for Higher Degrees by Research.

Course Outline

Research/Thesis Only

Students must complete a thesis without any coursework units (96cps).





Doctorates and Postgraduate Research

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD Health)

CRICOS	012927J
Duration	4 years
Commencement	February, June
2019 Annual Fee	\$29,400
2020 Annual Fee	\$31,600

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD Nursing)

CRICOS	014586J
Duration	4 years
Commencement	February, June
2019 Annual Fee	\$29,400

Overview

This course is the highest research degree for which a student can enrol. UNE offers PhD enrolment to those applicants who meet the demanding admission standards and who demonstrate the necessary commitment to undertake advanced research. Research topics cover all academic fields offered at UNE, and are a reflection of the comprehensive research interests of UNE's academic staff. Candidates must complete a thesis without any coursework units.

UNE also has designated a range of Targeted Research Areas which are a priority in terms of existing, emerging and developing research. The latest information on these Research Areas can be found online at: <http://www.une.edu.au/research/une-research-priorities>

Commencement

Students undertaking a PhD may commence at any time during the year subject to supervisor and resource availability.

Applications

Applications for PhD candidature must include a completed International HDR Student and Scholarship Application Form and all supporting documentation as required by this form; evidence of research; a proposed program of research; and a research proposal.

For more information and to apply visit: <http://www.une.edu.au/research/res-services/hdr/hdrformsandpolicies>

Scholarships

UNE has a range of scholarships available for specific projects and research areas; for information on current opportunities visit:

<http://www.une.edu.au/research/res-services/hdr/hdr-scholarships>

Minimum Entry Requirements

Any applicant for admission to PhD candidature must:

- (a) have an AQF Level 9 Master degree or overseas equivalent with at least a 25% research component undertaken at a sufficiently high standard; or
- (b) have an AQF Level 8 Bachelors Honours degree with at least second class honours; or
- (c) have an AQF Level 8 or 9 Bachelor degree and have adequate research preparation since graduation. Adequate preparation may be gained by an approved academic course, professional training during an occupation, or through peer reviewed publications; or
- (d) have previously undertaken work of sufficiently high standard towards a higher degree by research (AQF Level 9) but have not submitted it for any degree; and
- (e) have produced documented evidence of capacity to undertake work at the PhD level; and
- (f) have completed and had approved by the relevant Committee, a PhD research proposal.

Doctor of Philosophy (Innovation) PhD.I

Duration	CRICOS	2019 Fee
3 Years (only on campus for 1 year)	084916E	\$29,400

Overview

This course is a unique, project-based, higher research degree. The PhD.I cuts across all schools and disciplines, linking professional and industry expertise with academic theory in creating innovation.

It involves contextual research on a project that identifies one or more tangible or process-based innovations that have identifiable impacts when implemented.

This doctorate suits anyone wishing to carry out project-based research on an innovation within their field of expertise. It currently attracts candidates from Australia and internationally who want to research a chosen field of expertise and develop innovation through research.

To read more about UNE's current and completed PHDI research project visit [une.edu.au/research/hdr/doctor-philosophy-innovation-practice-professional#examples](http://www.une.edu.au/research/hdr/doctor-philosophy-innovation-practice-professional#examples).

Commencement

Studying for the PhD.I is broken up into two parts, or phases. Students undertaking a PhD may commence at any time during the year subject to supervisor and resource availability.



Applications

Applications for PhD candidature must include a completed International HDR Student and Scholarship Application Form and all supporting documentation as required by this form; evidence of research; a proposed program of research; and a research proposal.

For more information and to apply visit: **une.edu.au/research/hdr/how-to-apply-for-postgraduate-research-courses**

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UNE has a range of scholarships available for specific projects and research areas; for information on current opportunities visit: **une.edu.au/research/hdr/hdr-scholarships**

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- (b) have an AQF Level 8 Bachelors Honours degree with at least second class honours; or
- (c) have an AQF Level 8 or 9 Bachelor degree and have adequate research preparation since graduation. Adequate preparation may be gained by an approved academic course, professional training during an occupation, or through peer reviewed publications; or
- (d) have previously undertaken work of sufficiently high standard towards a higher degree by research (AQF Level 9) but have not submitted it for any degree; and
- (e) have produced documented evidence of capacity to undertake work at the PhD level; and
- (f) have completed and had approved by the relevant Committee, a PhD research proposal.



Admission and tuition

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.

01

All international students applying to study a coursework program at UNE must complete the online International Student Admission Application. Students can complete the application online at:

www.une.edu.au/study/international/applying

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:

<http://www.une.edu.au/research/research-services/hdr/how-to-apply-for-postgraduate-research-courses>

Applicants who wish to apply through one of UNE's authorised agents can locate their nearest agent at:

<http://www.une.edu.au/study/international/agents/our-agents>

Applicants should ensure that they submit 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 in the application.

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.

02

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

If the applicant is from a country deemed to be high risk from an immigration perspective, then they must undergo additional assessment to determine they meet Genuine Student (GS), Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) and financial evidence requirements.

Their Offer of Admission will be conditional upon successfully completing the GTE assessment and they must complete an additional International Student Application for GTE and submit further documentation required by this form.

The University will advise students on the outcome of their GTE application and advise if students can proceed to acceptance and payment or if they have not satisfied the universities GTE requirements

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

03

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 document required to apply for a student visa from an Australian Embassy, High Commission or the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) 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.homeaffairs.gov.au**

04

Upon being granted their student visa, students should make travel arrangements including applying on-line for accommodation at: **www.une.edu.au/campus-life/une-accommodation**

Students should advise UNE International of their travel arrangements and request airport or railway station pick-up as instructed in the International Offer Guide.

05

After arriving in Armidale, on-campus students must attend the compulsory International Student Orientation Information session- after this formal courses will commence as per the UNE timetable.

Tuition Fees

Annual course fees only cover the cost of tuition. They do not include other expenses associated with university study such as books, 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 to accept the offer. The Offer of Admission will also list other fees payable including compulsory Overseas Student Health Cover for on campus students.

Tuition Protection Service (TPS)

The Tuition Protection Service (TPS) is an Australian Government initiative to assist international students whose education providers are unable to fully deliver their course of study. The aim of this protection is to ensure that students receive the tuition they have paid for or, as a last resort, a refund of unspent tuition fees.

The legislation sets out what happens when an education provider or an international student defaults (i.e., when a provider fails to start or finish providing a course to a student, or a student fails to start or finish a course with a provider). The TPS provides a flexible and streamlined approach to student placement and refund arrangements in the event a defaulting provider does not meet its refund obligations under the ESOS Act. Students will be given an active role in selecting a suitable placement options through an online information service. Where a student does not access a placement through the placement facility provided by the TPS Director, the student may be eligible for a refund of their unspent tuition fees from the TPS Director. Students will be eligible for a refund of the unused portion of any prepaid tuition fees (i.e. tuition for which you have paid but which has not yet been delivered) rather than a full refund, in recognition of the fact that you may obtain credit for the study already completed.

International students should be familiar with the UNE Refund of Tuition Fees Policy at **<http://www.une.edu.au/study/international/applying/admissions-information#refund>** of tuition fees policy. Further information about the TPS can be obtained from the Australian Government Department of Education and Training **<https://internationaleducation.gov.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 Student 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: **<http://www.une.edu.au/study/international/applying/admissions-information>**

Health cover and visas —

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

International Students and their dependents are required to purchase private health insurance, Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) as a condition of their student visa. UNE currently has a Preferred Provider Agreement with Bupa Australia OSHC, to facilitate the provision of OSHC for International Students.

Bupa Australia OSHC pays the cost of most medical and hospital treatment students may require while studying in Australia. The current cost of Overseas Student Health Cover and further information about what is covered is available online at: **<http://www.bupa.com.au/health-insurance/cover/oshc>**

Cover for the student and all dependents for the entire length of the student visa must be arranged prior to the student visa being granted. Students should note that it is a condition of their student visa to maintain the currency of their OSHC for the duration of their visa.

Obtaining a Student Visa

International Students intending to study full-time on-campus at UNE will need to obtain a student visa. The Department of Home Affairs website **www.homeaffairs.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 DHA website and students' obligations are also outlined in the International Offer Guide issued with the Offer of Admission. Students should regularly check the DHA website for updated information and changes to legislation and processing arrangements affecting their intention to study in Australia on a student visa.

Simplified Student Visa Framework (SSVF)

The Australian Government's SSVF is designed to make the process of applying for a Student visa simpler for genuine students. Under the SSVF, each education provider registered with the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) is allocated an immigration risk rating by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection. This risk rating is based on the immigration risk outcomes of the provider's international students over a twelve month period. Likewise, an immigration risk rating is allocated to each country. The combination of these two risk ratings is used to guide the level of financial capacity and English language proficiency and related documentation that students will need to provide with their Student visa application.

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: **<https://internationaleducation.gov.au/Regulatory-Information/Pages/Regulatoryinformation.aspx>**

Campus life

Campus Life

UNE is proud that students from more than 80 nations study on campus, creating a multicultural atmosphere. The campus is well equipped with first rate sporting facilities, shops, restaurant, cafe, childcare centre, a post office and an ATM. In addition to excellent study facilities, UNE provides an environment that encourages the creation of lifelong friendships. Also, living costs in Armidale are comparatively lower than in metropolitan cities, and students can immerse themselves in the 'real' Australian academic experience.

On Campus College Accommodation

UNE remains one of the few universities to provide the complete on-campus experience combining affordability, student support and social life. Our graduates consistently rate living at UNE as being 'an affordable lifestyle, priceless experience'. Our residential system gives you the benefit of academic, social and personal support networks and a rich tradition of vibrant inter-college competitions in sporting and cultural activities.

UNE's residential accommodation consists of eight colleges, including six traditional college residences, a village of self-contained units and modern studio apartments at Wright College, complete with your own private kitchen and bathroom.

Whatever your lifestyle choice and budget, UNE has an accommodation style to suit you.

The weekly fee for college accommodation ranges from \$170 to \$470 depending on the college, your length of stay and catering options. For more information about fees for individual colleges, see **<http://www.une.edu.au/campus-life/une-accommodation/colleges>**

Additional information on each college can be found on their websites:

Austin	www.une.edu.au/campus-life/une-accommodation/colleges/austin
Duval	www.une.edu.au/campus-life/une-accommodation/colleges/duval
Earle Page	www.une.edu.au/campus-life/une-accommodation/colleges/earle-page
Mary White	www.une.edu.au/campus-life/une-accommodation/colleges/mary-white
Robb	www.une.edu.au/campus-life/une-accommodation/colleges/robb
Wright College and Village	www.une.edu.au/campus-life/une-accommodation/colleges/wright-college-and-village
St Albert's	www.stalbertscollege.catholic.edu.au/

About Living Costs

Living costs in Australia sourced from:
www.studyinaustralia.gov.au

Migration regulations in Australia require international students to show evidence that they can afford the cost of living and studying in Australia. This helps to ensure students are better able to make the most of their studies and have a safe and enjoyable experience in Australia.

While international students may be able to supplement their income with money earned through part-time work in Australia, the 'living costs' requirement helps to support the success of students in their studies by ensuring that they don't have to rely on such work to meet all their expenses.

Prospective student visa applicants and their family members must have access to the following funds to meet living costs requirements:

- A\$20,290 a year for the main student;
- A\$7,100 a year for the student's partner;
- A\$3,040 a year for each child;

Students must demonstrate that the funds they are relying upon to meet the costs of studying in Australia will be genuinely available to them during their stay in Australia.

The figures above are indicative only and costs can vary significantly depending on your situation. You should be prepared in case your living costs are greater than the indicated figures.

Off Campus Accommodation

On campus college accommodation may not suit everyone. If you would prefer to live off-campus, most students studying at UNE choose to live in share houses or apartments. Shared housing is a great way to meet new friends and be a part of a learning and social environment off campus. In considering off-campus living you should take into account the terms of tenancy agreements including costs such as rental bonds (in Australia usually four weeks rent), furniture, power/electricity connection and ongoing costs, water and communications (phone, internet connections and ongoing costs) as well as transport arrangements to and from campus – expenses which are included in the on campus college accommodation costs.

When choosing to live off campus, you need to be aware that during the four to six weeks before trimester starts, there is a much higher demand for off campus housing and it may take longer to find suitable accommodation.

Properties for rent can be located through Armidale real estate agent listings at **<http://www.realestate.com.au/rent/in-armidale%2c+nsw+2350/list-1>**

Uni4me can also assist in finding your residential property **<https://www.uni4me.com.au/>**







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