



Australian Registered Nurse Training Program (ARNTP)

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This program is designed to prepare overseas-educated nurses from non-English speaking backgrounds to reach the standard required for nurse registration and employment opportunities in Australia.

Program code	ARNTP
Program length	24 weeks full-time
Program study mode	Internal
Location	City East Campus
Fees	AU\$12,000 Plus Overseas Health Cover
University CRICOS	Provider Number 00121B
Program CRICOS	Number 015025A

This program is delivered by the School of Nursing and Midwifery at the University of South Australia (UniSA) in Adelaide in collaboration with the Centre for English Language at UniSA (CELUSA). For more information on CELUSA visit www.unisa.edu.au/celusa/.

Information about the ARNTP, including the Application Form and a copy of the 'Verification of Nursing Qualification Form' can be downloaded from <http://www.unisa.edu.au/nur/international/arntp.asp>

Entry Requirements

Refer to the ARNTP website for country specific details.

- Certified evidence of being a registered nurse in country of practice.
- Minimum 3 year diploma or 4 year degree in nursing equivalent to the standard of registered nurse preparation in Australia
- Evidence of English proficiency at IELTS overall 6.5 (Academic) or OET minimum of B in reading; writing; speaking and listening
- Recent practice as a registered nurse (within the last 12-18 months) evidenced by a certified employment statement dated in the last 6 months.
- Minimum of 12 months work experience as an RN in country of practice.

Additional Requirements

All students will be required to obtain an entry visa into Australia. To apply for this please contact the Department of Immigration and Citizenship www.immi.gov.au. Please note there is a cost and particular health requirements that students need to satisfy when applying for a Student Visa subclass 575 - non award and prospective students need to be informed about any conditions attached to their visa.

Applicants also need to complete the 'Verification of Nurse Qualification Form'. As part of the application process this cover sheet must be given by the applicant to the Nursing/Midwifery Authority/Council/Board in their country of practice to post to the Nurses Board of South Australia (**nbsa**) with a statement to verify that they are currently registered in their home country. This form must be posted directly from the home country Nursing/Midwifery Authority to the **nbsa** no more than six months prior to the student starting the course. Note that the NBSA will not accept forms sent by applicants or agents themselves.

Professional recognition

This program provides the opportunity for students to demonstrate that they meet the Australian Nursing & Midwifery Council (ANMC) Competency Standards for the registered nurse. On successful completion of the ARNTP, including English proficiency conditions, graduates can seek registration as a nurse with the Nurses Board of South Australia (**nbsa**).

Disclaimer: Please note that as a statutory authority the **nbsa** reserves the right to change conditions of registration and the information provided by the University about registration is current as of November 2008 but may be subject to change by the Board.



Program Structure

The ARNTP is made up of the following four courses (subjects)

Health Professional: Culture, Language and Communication (NURS 1045)

This course enhances English-language skills and medical communication necessary for nurses from non-English speaking backgrounds to practise safely and competently in the Australian healthcare system. It also incorporates OET preparation and study of the language macro-skills as used in academic studies and in interactive communication between nurses, patients and workplace health professionals.

RN: Professional Issues in Australia (NURS 1046)

This course reviews the healthcare system and the legal system in Australia. It also considers nursing ethics and covers topics such as the nursing process, physical examination, standard precautions, alternative health modalities, mental health care issues, Aboriginal health, aged care and nursing research.

RN: Acute Care (NURS 1047)

This nursing course covers theory related to a systematic review of pharmacological principles, respiratory, cardiac, neurological, endocrine, urinary/renal, gastrointestinal and musculoskeletal systems.

RN: Professional Practice (NURS 1049)

This practicum placement focuses on students demonstrating competency for registration. Students apply theory studied in the program to the practice setting (in the workshop prior to placement students must achieve mastery in manual handling, CPR and medication calculations). Students undertake a six week supernumerary placement in a healthcare setting (i.e. students are not paid during the clinical practicum as the cost of the placement, allocation to a suitable hospital and clinical supervision is all undertaken by the University and included in the total program tuition fee).

Program requirements

To successfully complete the ARNTP students are required to:

- Achieve a B pass in each macro-skill of the Occupational English Test (OET) - see note below
- Pass the two nursing theory examinations
- Demonstrate clinical competency as identified in the ANMC Standards for a registered nurse.

Note: It is a requirement of the **nbsa** that nurses and midwives from non-English speaking backgrounds meet the English language conditions identified on their website (see <http://www.nursesboard.sa.gov.au/>) through a test conducted in Australia prior to registration. The English language exam in the ARNTP is the OET (Nursing version) and students must score a minimum B in each macro-skill ie Reading, Writing, Speaking & Listening to register with the **nbsa**. The ARNTP tuition fee covers the cost of OET preparation classes and one OET. Students who need to resit any macro-skill(s) of the OET will need to pay for subsequent tests.

Program schedule

For 2009 the ARNTP will have one intake only in May and a program timetables can be downloaded from the website <http://www.unisa.edu.au/nur/international/armtp.asp> Please note there are limited places available in this program.

Application process

In the first instance, completed application forms should be sent to UniSA International along with certified copies of qualification documents and statements as listed on page 5 of the Application Form.

For more information on the program please visit

<http://www.unisanet.unisa.edu.au/programs/program.asp?Program=ARNTP&Year=2009>

Further information can be obtained from:

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