

Bachelor of Nursing 2010 Application



Dear Prospective Student

The preliminary information provided on the following pages is designed to help you complete your application for the Bachelor of Nursing offered by the University of South Australia. The application form is on the last page of the document.

Successful students will be enrolled with the University of South Australia from 2010. The next intake for the Bachelor of Nursing will commence in Study Period 2 on 1st March 2010, and applications will close on Friday 27th November 2009. UniSA will be making the first round of offers to successful applicants by mid-January 2010. If the University decides to make a second round of offers those will be made by mid-February 2010.

Places in the Bachelor of Nursing are managed via a set quota due to the requirements of clinical placements and the desire of the University to ensure adequate resources to support students. For this reason we will need to undertake a merit selection process. We will, however, be offering places to students from a range of backgrounds, which are outlined in the program's entry requirements. We advise you to give careful consideration to your ability to make a commitment to the program over the time frame it may take you to complete your studies. Successful applicants who commit to their studies throughout the program can look forward to a rewarding career.

Please read all the application information carefully and include the required documentation. Your application must reach Open Universities Australia by **27th November 2009** to ensure it is given due consideration. **Applications and/or supporting documentation received after the closing date of 27th November 2009 will not be considered.**

Please forward the completed application form and the required documentation to:

Fax: (03) 8628 2989

Email: apply@open.edu.au

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM

You will find the entry requirements outline for the Bachelor of Nursing on the OUA Bachelor of Nursing program page one on the OUA website at: www.open.edu.au

In addition, if you have any further queries about the Bachelor of Nursing, you can contact the OUA Student Advisers at:

Enrolment Hotline. 1300 36 36 52 (cost of a local call; mobiles extra)

Tel. +61 3 8628 2555

Fax. +61 3 8628 2955

Note: Applicants may find that they meet criteria from more than one of the entry categories. Applications that span two or more categories will be considered.

General Requirements for all Applicants

All applicants to the Bachelor of Nursing must be:

- registered on the Student Register of Nursing and Midwifery Board of SA (see later information)
- an Australian citizen, or
- the holder of a Permanent Resident Visa who will be residing in Australia for the duration of the program, or
- the holder of a Humanitarian Visa who will be residing in Australia for the duration of the program.

In addition, applicants who are accepted into the program must:

- obtain a National Police Certificate (the fees and process are different for each State and Territory so contact your nearest police station for details)
- possess a current Senior First Aid Certificate (Senior First Aid Course St John or Red Cross or equivalent)

Please note: In some states there can be a considerable delay in police checks being completed. It is recommended that Police Certificate applications are made promptly so it doesn't delay the submission of your application. Certified copies of your Police Certificate and Senior First Aid Certificate will need to be included with your application.

ADDITIONAL POINTS TO NOTE

- Students are advised to consult their general practitioner or local government immunisation service to be screened and immunised for infectious diseases as recommended by the [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#) 9th Edition (Table 2.3.6) and to check that all other standard childhood immunisations are up-to-date, as per the state in which the student resides. Failure to satisfy such requirements may limit placement opportunities in some health care settings.
- Due to the rigorous demands of the program, prospective students are advised that they should be physically fit. In addition, student enrolled of courses involving contact with clients in hospitals or other treatment centre may be required, before commencing their clinical placements, to undergo medical examinations as determined by the relevant hospital authorities.
- The University does have a commitment to assisting students with a disability and arrangements can be put in place to accommodate the specific needs of some students. If you have a short of long term disability it may be advantageous to speak with a [UniSA Disability Adviser](#) prior to applying for the program.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM INFORMATION

The University of South Australia is please to be offering the Bachelor of Nursing to prospective students who are interested in entering or continuing in the nursing profession. The program is available to Australian citizens or permanent residents who are residing in Australia.

Our experience of teaching the program has been a positive one with most students finding the program challenging and rewarding. In response to our experience and the feedback from our students we would however like prospective applicants to be aware of and to consider the following characteristics and requirements of the program.

- From 2010 student registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of South Australia is required before you may commence or continue in the Bachelor of Nursing. Information about student registration is available at the following website and should be available in late 2009 on the Board's website. Do not apply for registration until you have been offered, and accepted, a place in the program. <http://www.unisa.edu.au/health/forms/registration/commencing.asp>
- The program has a clear course structure and the progression through the program needs to be followed in sequential order to ensure that pre-requisite knowledge is met.
- The program is taught by distance delivery via print and online resources. It is essential to have ready access to the internet throughout the program to source resources.
- Attendance at 2-4 day workshops is required for most students twice a year. You will need to consider the additional costs of travel, accommodation and time away from family and work commitments.
- Professional placements are arranged in capital cities and regional centres within reasonable commuting distance, in most cases, to students' home locations. Due to the limited availability of placements and the requirement of some placement providers that students are assessed directly by University staff, interstate and non-metropolitan students need to be prepared to attend placements in the Adelaide metropolitan area.
- There are no clinical placements in the 1st stage of the program. The dates for both workshops and placements are pre-set and alternative dates are not negotiable.
- The program is offered either on a full-time or part-time basis, with the part-time load usually half of a full-time load. Your enrolment load may be affected if you receive credit for previous study. Also, due to the sequential nature of the program's courses, and courses currently being offered only once a year, your enrolment load may be affected and progress constrained if you fail and have to repeat a course.
- Academic results are reviewed on an ongoing basis to ensure that satisfactory academic progress is being achieved. If satisfactory academic progress is not attained students may not be able to continue with the program. Students are required to fulfil all requirements of the Bachelor of Nursing in order to graduate from the University of South Australia and to meet the accreditation standards of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of South Australia in order to seek registration with the Board.
- Workload within the program equates to approximately 10 hours per week of study for each 4.5 unit course throughout the study period, and a 9.0 unit course will require 20 hours per week. The distance delivery mode is not less of a commitment than on-campus programs but does provide some greater flexibility in your independent weekly timetabling of study. Applicants intending to study full-time are strongly advised to reduce work or other commitments to undertake the program. For some students assistance with child care may need to be arranged to allow time to study. Part-time study, particularly for first level courses, is recommended if other commitments cannot be easily reduced or if students have not recently or previously undertaken a professional tertiary program.

CREDIT AND EXEMPTION

Students who have undertaken previous study may be eligible to receive either **credit** or **exemption** in the Bachelor of Nursing. The following information is provided for you prior to making your application for the program. If you are offered a place in the program and accept the offer you will then be given the opportunity to apply for credit if applicable. Please note that students applying for credit need to review the entire nursing program and submit one credit application covering all three levels of the program.

Credit

Receiving credit for a course means you will receive recognition for that course on your academic transcript and you are not required to enrol or pay for this course.

Credit for Enrolled Nurses

Enrolled/Division 2 nurses with a current practicing certificate are eligible to apply for credit. Depending on the qualification credit may be awarded in the range 18 – 36 units. The program has a total of 108 units, and 36 units is the equivalent of one year of full-time study.

Students who have a Certificate IV with a current practicing certificate may receive credit for:

- NURS 1033 Being a Health Professional (9 units)
- NURS 1034 Lifespan Development (4.5 units)
- NURS 1036 Cultural Perspectives on Health (4.5 units)

This is 18 units and the equivalent of 6 months full-time load.

Students who have a Diploma of Nursing may receive credit for the following **additional** courses:

- BIOL 1047 Human Body 1 (4.5 units)
- BIOL 1048 Human Body 2 (4.5 units)
- NURS 1035 Determining Australia's Health (9 units)

This is 36 units and the equivalent of 12 months full-time load.

Each credit application is assessed on the basis of the documentation received in the credit application and the subsequent verification undertaken in the credit assessment process.

Previous Study at Degree Level

Students who have undertaken previous study at degree level may also be eligible to receive credit. In addition to providing certified academic transcripts, applications for credit on these grounds will need to include certified copies of subject/course statements for these previous studies in order to demonstrate similarities with the course content within the Bachelor of Nursing program.

Exemption

Receiving exemption for a course means receiving recognition for a **portion** of a course. That is, the student enrolls into the course and pays full fees but does not have to complete all the requirements for the course.

Applying for Credit or Exemption

Students applying for either credit or exemption will need to include certified copies of the appropriate academic transcripts and documentation signed by a Justice of the Peace (uncertified copies will not be accepted).

Note: If certified copies of academic transcripts have been provided as part of the Bachelor of Nursing application, then it is not necessary for students applying for credit to provide these same transcripts a second time.

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Preliminary information to this application should be read prior to completing and submitting this application.

Personal details

Given name(s):

Family name:

Postal Address:

City/Suburb:

State:

Postcode:

Home Address (if different from above):

City/Suburb:

State:

Postcode:

Date of birth:

Gender:

Male

Female

Country of Birth *(please tick one square)*

Born in Australia

Born outside of Australia (please specify your country of birth) _____

If born outside of Australia, please specify year of arrival in Australia _____

Citizenship/Residency Status *(please tick one square)*

Australian citizen (including Australian citizens with dual citizenship)

The holder of a permanent humanitarian visa

The holder of a permanent visa other than permanent humanitarian visa

Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Status *(please tick one square)*

Non indigenous – neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin

Of Aboriginal origin but not Torres Strait Islander

Of Torres Strait Islander origin but not Aboriginal

Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin

No information

Educational Attainment *(please tick one square)*

Enrolled Nurse/Division 2 Nurse with current practicing certificate

A complete higher education course (Bachelor's Degree or Post-Graduate study)

A complete final year of secondary education

A complete TAFE award (Diploma or Advanced Diploma)

LODGING YOUR APPLICATION

Documentary evidence to support your application must be provided - this should include **certified copies** of

- Appropriate academic transcripts
- Current practicing certificate (if Enrolled/Division 2 Nurse)
- Name change if appropriate (ie marriage certificate)
- National Police Clearance Certificate
- Senior First Aid Certificate

Applications in hardcopy must be received by 5.00pm on **Friday 27th November 2009**.

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Application No: NURS _ _ _ _

Date received:

Received by:

Date assessed:

Assessed by:

Notified Student of Outcome:

Yes

No

Comments: