UTS: HEALTH
BACHELOR OF NURSING FOR ENROLLED NURSES
WHY CHOOSE UTS?

Leaders in nursing
UTS has a long-standing reputation as Australia's leading university for nursing education.

Focussed on ENs
Our accelerated registered nursing course has been specifically tailored to meet the needs of TAFE-trained enrolled nurses who are looking to make the transition to university in order to upgrade their qualifications. We value the skills you have acquired during your TAFE course. As a result, the course has been designed to give you extensive opportunities to continue building your practical skill set alongside your academic qualifications.

Supportive learning environment
UTS provides a wealth of free academic and organisational support services through our HELPS centre and UPASS to assist you to develop the skills you need in order to succeed at university level.

Graduate in two years, not three
UTS offers more recognition of prior learning than other universities – if you have already achieved an enrolled nursing qualification within the last 10 years, you may receive up to one year recognition of prior learning from UTS. Recognition of prior learning allows you to complete the course in a shorter period of time – which means the next step in your nursing career may be closer than you think.

COURSE STRUCTURE
The table to the right is the indicative course structure for standard full-time study for EN2, for those who completed their EN qualification in 2009 or later. The EN1 course, for those who completed their EN qualification from 2004-2008, requires students to complete three additional subjects in summer semester prior to the start of years 1 and 2.

EN2 [POST 2009] STRUCTURE

YEAR 1

AUTUMN SEMESTER
92016 Role Transition and Professional Identity
92322 Medical Surgical Nursing
91529 Pathophysiology and Pharmacology 1
92320 Health and Society

SPRING SEMESTER
92317 Contemporary Indigenous Health and Wellbeing
92318 Evidence for Nursing
92319 Family and Children’s Nursing
91530 Pathophysiology and Pharmacology 2

YEAR 2

AUTUMN SEMESTER
91527 Pathophysiology and Pharmacology 3
92316 Complex Nursing Care: Mental Health
92329 Accountability in Nursing Practice
92330 Complex Nursing Care: Medical Surgical

SPRING SEMESTER
92312 Integrated Nursing Practice
92331 Integrated Nursing Concepts
92325 Professionalism in Context
Elective

For Bettina Harris, the first day of the accelerated registered nursing program at UTS was a momentous event.

“It was very nerve wracking,” she says. “I’d always seen uni as the Holy Grail – I thought I’d never be able to go, that I wasn’t academic enough, that I wouldn’t be able to do it.”

Walking in on her first day, however, Bettina was surprised to find that her TAFE degree and subsequent enrolled nurse experience at Hornsby Hospital had already set her up to excel.

“As an EN you already have abundant clinical insight. Becoming registered is just filling in the gaps in knowledge,” she says.

Despite having worked as an EN for seven years, Bettina was inspired to apply to study at UTS on the advice of her work colleagues, many of whom had previously completed the course.

“You hit a wall with an EN. After seven years, you can feel quite stagnant. UTS provides you with a challenge, and the opportunities to study new areas,” she says.

“The educator at my workplace recommended UTS, saying it was the best registered nursing program available,” she says.

“I also met a lot of students from UTS when they came on clinical placement, and they confirmed this viewpoint: they were relaxed about their study, confident in their practice and their facilitators were very professional and approachable.”

“As a registered nurse, your career can go anywhere – you can go into leadership, management, education or research. You can go places – you can do things, you can travel, you can undertake further studies.

“The EN and RN roles overlap to a great extent. TAFE teaches you how to be a nurse, uni teaches you how to be a searcher and a thinker.”

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LEADERS IN NURSING

PORTABLE, SECURE AND EXCITING CAREERS
Registered nurses remain in high demand. Completing the accelerated nursing degree at UTS will create a world of possibilities for you when it comes to your nursing career.

As a registered nurse, you’ll have the skills to make a significant contribution to your profession and you’ll be able to specialise in the nursing discipline of your choice, working anywhere in the world.

Your UTS degree will also provide you with the qualifications you need to become a nursing leader – you’ll be able to start your studies as a nurse practitioner, a clinical nurse consultant, clinical nurse specialist, nurse educator, nurse manager, or rural and remote practice nurse. And of course, if you discover that you love the challenges of studying at university, the accelerated registered nursing course will open the doors to a range of exciting new career options as a researcher and educator.

LEADERS IN NURSING
UTS is a leading provider of nursing education in Australia, with 2276 students and over 137 staff, many of whom are internationally recognised leaders in their fields.

The Faculty has received accolades for teaching and learning and is top rated for nursing and midwifery research by the Federal Government’s Excellence in Research Australia ratings.

As well as having a wealth of experience in industry and academia, many of your nursing lecturers are internationally renowned practitioners with extensive experience in the clinical, education, and research leadership areas of the nursing profession. Their professional contributions have helped to shape current contemporary nursing practices, and their research achievements ensure that UTS remains a key contributor to the international body of nursing research that underpins the activities of the profession.

PRACTICAL COURSES AND STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES
At UTS we are committed to delivering practice-oriented nursing degrees that strike a balance between the clinical and theoretical skills you’ll need to succeed as a registered nurse. Hands-on experience is integrated throughout the accelerated nursing degree, both in on-site simulation environments and through the extensive practical components of your course.

Our nursing clinical labs are set up to be just like modern hospital units, so that you can practise your skills in highly realistic settings. From introductory equipment to cutting-edge robotic patients, our labs allow you to experience a huge range of scenarios in a no-risk environment.

Work experience placements will give you a first-hand experience of the responsibilities and challenges inherent in becoming a registered nurse, so that you’ll be prepared for the workforce when it’s time to embark on your career.

ELIZABETH STODDART
LECTURER
BACHELOR OF NURSING

Elizabeth Stoddart is a former aged care CEO and a nursing lecturer who has taught in the TAFE and university sectors since 2001. Having worked across vocational and tertiary education throughout her career, Stoddart is well aware of the opportunities inherent in a degree like the UTS accelerated registered nursing program.

“The UTS accelerated nursing course has a reputation for being one of the best of its kind in Australia,” says Stoddart, who currently teaches Nursing Care of the Older Person at UTS.

“The level of support for students; the academic rigour of the course, particularly given that students complete in two years instead of three; and the focus on producing workforce-ready graduates with the capacity to become leaders in their fields is quite unique to UTS.”

What the course does particularly well, she says, is provide an academic challenge that sets them up for the realities of a registered nursing career.

“Registered nurses are consistently required to make decisions about patient care that rely on both their clinical and academic skills. Coming from the TAFE sector, our nursing students already have high-level clinical skills; what we want to do here at UTS is give them the academic foundations they need to become confident and effective clinical leaders.”

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STAFF PROFILE

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Having completed her enrolled nursing qualification at TAFE, Flo Huynh made the jump to the UTS accelerated nursing degree in 2011 to see where her career could take her.

“Studying at university has helped me develop my critical thinking skills and learn how to use my judgement,” she says. “As a registered nurse, you have more responsibilities and the capacity to make decisions about patients that you cannot make as an enrolled nurse. It also opens the door to postgraduate qualifications – if you’re interested in a specialty like critical care or paediatrics, you can use your Bachelor of Nursing degree to get there.”

The course has been a dramatic change from Flo’s experiences at TAFE, particularly the heavier focus on science and health care theory. But while the course content has been academically challenging, Flo says that the support she has received from staff and the university’s student services have made all the difference.

“If you need help there are so many people to support you,” she says. “I got so much help from the academic staff and the English language centre. I also asked my teachers a lot of questions, and they were always responsive.”

To prospective students, she has a simple message: “Just stop thinking about whether you can do the course or not – you definitely can! But you’ll never know what you can achieve until you try.”

## HOW TO APPLY

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must hold a recognised TAFE Diploma or Advanced Diploma (Enrolled Nurse) or a TAFE Certificate IV or above in Nursing (Enrolled Nurse) completed within 10 years of applying for your bachelor degree. A variety of scholarships are available for domestic and international students. Find out which scholarships you might be eligible for by visiting our scholarships information page at [www.uts.edu.au/future-students/scholarships](http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/scholarships).

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Applications for the accelerated nursing course must be lodged online through the Universities Admission Centre (UAC) at [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au). Applications open in August and must be received by UAC by the end of September. Late fees apply for applications received after this date.

Places are limited. Applicants will be assessed on their previous academic performance and will have the opportunity to submit a personal statement that outlines life or work experiences that demonstrate potential to successfully undertake the accelerated nursing degree. Visit [www.uts.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/non-current-school-leavers/additional-selection-criteria-uac/personal](http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/non-current-school-leavers/additional-selection-criteria-uac/personal) for more information.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

The UTS: Health website contains detailed information about courses, news, events and more.

health.uts.edu.au

VISIT UTS

Discover Health @UTS

This series of informal and interactive information sessions on all disciplines plus Men in Nursing are scheduled on campus throughout the year. Led by current students, recent graduates and academics you’ll find out exactly what it’s like to study at UTS. For details visit health.uts.edu.au/discover

UTS Open Day
Held in August/September each year on a Saturday. Visit openday.uts.edu.au

UTS Info Day
Held in the first week of January, just before the final UAC preferences close. Visit infoday.uts.edu.au

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CAMPUS LOCATIONS

UTS: Health delivers its courses on both UTS campuses. The UTS City campus is located adjacent to Central Railway Station and Chinatown. It’s easily accessible by bus and train.

The UTS Kuring-gai campus is located at Lindfield near Chatswood, on Sydney’s North Shore. A regular bus service operates from Lindfield Railway Station or you can catch the free UTS shuttle bus from the City campus. There is also limited car parking available.