



## NURSING

Want a career that gives you the option to work as you travel?

Would you like to work in a caring environment making a difference in the lives of others?

Want to complete a degree that can lead into specialty areas and expanded job prospects?

Nursing at Avondale offers you the opportunity to train within a hospital environment in a course that is highly regarded for its strong clinical focus. Avondale is associated with the Sydney Adventist Hospital, which is one of the largest and most comprehensive private hospitals in Australia.



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Course Name:

## **BACHELOR OF NURSING (BN)**

Degree Type:	Undergraduate
Locations Offered:	Primarily offered at the Sydney Campus – Wahroonga (with option to complete the first year at the Lake Macquarie Campus)
Study Mode:	Full-time or part-time on campus
Course Duration:	Three years full-time (or part-time equivalent)

### ENTRY Requirements:

#### Direct Entry:

- ATAR of 63.00+ (or equivalent eg.OP of 17 or less).
- HSC (or equivalent) Biology and/or Chemistry (or completion of a Chemistry Bridging course) is recommended.
- Current First Aid Certificate from an accredited course is strongly recommended prior to commencement of course or must be completed by the end of the first semester.

#### Alternative Entry:

Students with an ATAR below 63.00 (or equivalent) may still be able to gain entry into this degree on a conditional basis. Previous work experience and educational qualifications will also be considered for each student upon application. For further information on alternative pathways into a course visit the Avondale website [www.avondale.edu.au/future\\_students::Admission\\_Requirements/](http://www.avondale.edu.au/future_students::Admission_Requirements/)

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Bachelor of Nursing (BN) degree prepares students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes required for nurse registration. Clinical experience is gained in a wide range of health care areas including one of Sydney's leading private hospitals, the Sydney Adventist Hospital (SAH), providing students with exceptional training for a nursing career. The Bachelor of Nursing course aims to equip students with high ethical standards, critical thinking and problem-solving skills, and sound knowledge to provide safe and competent care.

### WHERE IT COULD TAKE YOU

There is a high demand for registered nurses in the health system in public, private and community settings. Opportunities for employment are diverse and span work in local, national and international settings. Employment may be in areas such as:

- medical, surgical or critical care areas
- maternal or paediatric health
- mental health areas
- international hospitals and communities
- aged care and community health
- perioperative areas
- rural/remote nursing
- health related industries such as medical products and services
- education, administration and management.

As a registered nurse, the opportunity is yours to diversify into other health areas and/or specialise in a particular area.

Postgraduate studies are available in nursing at Avondale at Graduate Certificate and Masters levels. These courses are tailored to meet your needs and interest, and offer specialisations in different areas of nursing.



## CLINICAL COMPONENT

The clinical component of the course is undertaken as a clinical practice unit each semester. The content of each clinical unit is related to the areas being studied in the concurrent theoretical units. Some clinical placements are provided by the courtesy and cooperation of the Sydney Adventist Hospital, but there are many placements in other public/private hospitals, mental health facilities, paediatric units, and aged care and community facilities.

In order to maximise clinical learning there is occasionally a need to travel off campus to settings where specialist nursing practice is occurring. Because of the variety of settings there is a requirement for students to travel to clinical learning venues using own transport. It should be noted that clinical learning experiences are a compulsory component of the course.

### SUMMARY OF MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS IN BN

Component of course	Credit points
Nursing studies	96
Health Sciences and Behavioural Sciences	48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>144</b>

## BACHELOR OF NURSING

### YEAR ONE

#### Level 1

HESC14700	HEALTH SCIENCE I
HESC14800	HEALTH SCIENCE II
HEPS11900	INTRODUCTORY PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY
NURS10100	FOUNDATIONS OF HEALTH AND NURSING

#### Level 2

HESC14900	HEALTH SCIENCE III
NURS10300	PRIMARY HEALTH CARE
CSTD10400	SPIRITUAL CARE IN HEALTH
NURS10200	CLINICAL PRACTICE II

### YEAR TWO

#### Level 3

NURS20200	MEDICAL/SURGICAL NURSING A
NURS20800	PROMOTING HOLISTIC HEALTH
NURS20700	UTILISING RESEARCH
NURS20300	CLINICAL PRACTICE III

#### Level 4

NURS20500	MEDICAL/SURGICAL NURSING B
NURS21900	MATERNAL, CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH
NURS20600	MENTAL HEALTH
NURS20400	CLINICAL PRACTICE IV

### YEAR THREE

#### Level 5

NURS30200	MEDICAL/SURGICAL NURSING C
NURS30300	COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING
NURS31900	HEALTH CARE OF THE AGEING ADULT
NURS30500	CLINICAL PRACTICE V

#### Level 6

NURS30700	HIGH DEPENDENCY NURSING
NURS30800	CLINICAL NURSING ELECTIVE
CSTD30400	ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY
NURS30600	CLINICAL PRACTICE VI



### **AVONDALE CORE REQUIREMENT (CHRISTIAN STUDIES UNIT)**

As Avondale is a private Christian institution there are core requirements in Christian Studies relevant to health care. These units are health care oriented and cover religious beliefs and health behaviour, care of the human spirit during illness, as well as social and ethical issues.

The faculty encourage attendance at a regular student forum program where contemporary topics associated with Christianity, lifestyle or health are discussed.

### **CREDIT TRANSFER**

Avondale has a formal process for the assessment of transfer credit. Requests for credit on the basis of prior learning or experience must be sent to the Course Convenor, supported by official documentation from the institution or organisation where the prior learning/experience occurred. Documentation will normally be in the form of an original copy of an official academic transcript (in English) supported by unit outlines and any other relevant documentation. The Faculty or School Learning and Teaching Committee decides on credit to be granted on the basis of prior learning.

### **EQUIPMENT AND ADDITIONAL COSTS**

Students will need to purchase a range of equipment in order to complete the Bachelor of Nursing degree. Equipment includes a designated student uniform for undertaking clinical practice (including trousers, two shirts, and Avondale name badge), faculty-approved personal protective equipment such as goggles/glasses, and other equipment that may be determined as necessary for safety in the workplace. The Faculty of Nursing and Health coordinates this upon commencement of the course.

Some additional transport costs associated with transport to required clinical venues will arise. The actual cost will depend on the distance travelled and the transport used. A public bus service links the Sydney Campus to the City Rail line.

### **TEXTBOOKS**

Purchase of textbooks is at the student's discretion. The library will usually hold copies of the texts.

### **NSW HEALTH DEPARTMENT VACCINATION GUIDELINES**

There is a requirement to adhere to the NSW Health Department vaccination guidelines in order to access clinical practice areas. This may require vaccination for various diseases as required by the Health Department and there may be a cost associated with this that students would need to meet. The cost will depend on the previous exposure to diseases and the vaccinations required as a result of this. Further detail on this is available from the NSW Health Department, the National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia, or the Faculty of Nursing and Health.

If you are unwilling to complete vaccinations you must consult with the Faculty of Nursing and Health staff prior to submitting your application.

### **NURSE REGISTRATION**

On successful completion of the course, graduates are eligible to apply for nurse registration in Australia. Nurse registration requirements may be amended by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia at any time and can include additional language competency requirements. Students from other countries should ascertain the requirements for those countries in which they intend to register.

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Students have the opportunity to apply for work in the holidays and semester breaks, at the Sydney Adventist Hospital and many other nearby health facilities, to earn a proportion of their fees and living expenses. While paid work experience in hospital wards does not form part of the course and is available to student nurses in their own time, its value in providing educational reinforcement, increased confidence and practical skills, as well as financial benefit, has led the Faculty of Nursing and Health to encourage students to take advantage of this work experience.



### **ALTERNATIVE ENTRY**

Decisions on alternative pathways to admission are made by the Academic Registrar in consultation with the relevant Course Convenor and other appropriate personnel. Alternative admission may be obtained by one or more of the following methods:

- Previous post-secondary qualifications
- Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)
- Special Consideration (disadvantaging factors impacting on Year 12 results).

Detailed information on alternative admission is available from Avondale's Enquiry & Enrolment Centre or the Avondale Handbook.

### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

Applicants from other countries will have their qualifications assessed by the Enquiry and Enrolment Centre. Overseas applicants are also required to satisfy Australian Government visa requirements.

#### **> English Language Proficiency Requirements**

All students for whom English is not a first language and who did not undertake their senior schooling in English in an approved country are required to demonstrate proficiency in English by obtaining an overall International English Language Test (IELTS) score of 6.5 or better, with a score of at least 6.5 on each individual band score and dated within 2 years of the expected commencement of the degree.

Exemptions to this requirement will normally be granted to Permanent Residents/Australian citizens who have completed all their secondary schooling in Australia and completed the Higher School Certificate or equivalent.

Upon completion of the Bachelor of Nursing course, in order to meet government and nursing board requirements, international students will most likely be required to sit an International English Language Test (IELTS) and obtain a score of at least 7.0. An International English Language Test Score (IELTS) of at least 7 on all bands may also be required prior to being employed as a graduate nurse in New South Wales Health facilities. These regulations for nurse registration and employment in Australia can be amended by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia at any time and the Board's website should be checked for any updates available.

### **DELIVERY APPROACHES**

Contemporary and proven approaches are utilised in the teaching of the course. These include video conferencing and flexible delivery of some course components, computer based learning, along with lectures, small group tutorial discussions, clinical skills demonstrations in simulated and real clinical environments, and clinical placement in varied nursing areas.

### **ASSESSMENT METHODS**

Assessment methods are varied within units and consist of major or minor essays, examinations, projects, tutorial presentations by students, short reports, clinical practice appraisals, and clinical skill assessments. Examinations are held in approximately 60% of units. Others rely on different types of written assessments or clinical practice assessments.

### **ACCREDITATION**

The Bachelor of Nursing degree is accredited by the NSW Department of Education and Training and by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. The CRICOS registration number for Bachelor of Nursing degree is 057311C.

### **COURSE ASSURANCE**

In the event that Avondale is unable to continue to offer courses of study and confer degrees, agreements have been developed with other higher education providers that offer comparable courses. If Avondale is unable to continue to offer the Bachelor of Nursing, students will be offered a transfer of their course of study to the Australian Catholic University and 'block credit' will be approved for the semesters that have been successfully completed at Avondale.

### **FEE ASSURANCE**

If

- (i) Avondale ceases to be able to provide a course of study and
- (ii) Avondale has not transferred to another provider with whom the student has enrolled

the Seventh-day Adventist Church (SPD) Limited has provided a guarantee that students enrolled in the Bachelor of Nursing would either receive a refund of the student contribution or tuition fee paid for any incomplete units of study, or the funds paid for such incomplete units of study would be transferred (with the student's agreement) to an alternate provider with whom the student has enrolled.

A full explanation of Tuition Assurance and Fee Assurance is located on the Avondale website.



### FEES

For further information on tuition, residential and meal costs, see the current fee sheet or refer to Avondale's website [www.avondale.edu.au](http://www.avondale.edu.au).

Residential facilities are available at both campuses for reasonable rent thus avoiding the cost of living expenses and additional transport costs when off campus. Accommodation rooms at the Sydney Campus are limited and are available on a first served basis.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

For a complete list of scholarships that are available to students, refer to Avondale's website [www.avondale.edu.au](http://www.avondale.edu.au).

### COMMONWEALTH SUPPORTED PLACES – AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND (HECS – HELP)

If you are a Bachelor of Nursing student from Australia or New Zealand, you may be eligible for a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP), formerly known as a HECS place. These will be allocated on the basis of academic merit.

If you are an Australian citizen with a CSP you are able to benefit from HECS-HELP assistance which enables you to defer repayment of your student contribution or to receive a discount if all or part of the student contribution is paid up-front. New Zealand students and permanent residents in Australia can still have a Commonwealth Supported Place but are not able to defer repayments.

More information about your entitlements and conditions is available at [www.goingtouni.gov.au](http://www.goingtouni.gov.au)

### FEE HELP

Australian citizens not awarded a Commonwealth Supported Place (i.e. full fee paying) are able to apply for assistance with payment of tuition fees through a Commonwealth loans program called FEE-HELP. In brief, the scheme enables both undergraduate and postgraduate students from Australia, who are not offered or are not eligible for a Commonwealth supported place, to defer payment of tuition fees until study is completed. Deductions are then made from your salary through the taxation system after you earn more than the specified minimum salary threshold. As a guide, the minimum salary threshold for the 2010-2011 financial year was \$44,912. At this point a percentage is deducted from your salary towards payment of your HELP debt.

More information about your entitlements and conditions is available at [www.goingtouni.gov.au](http://www.goingtouni.gov.au).

### HOW TO APPLY

For an information pack and application form contact the **Avondale Enquiry & Enrolment Centre** or apply online at [www.avondale.edu.au](http://www.avondale.edu.au)

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