

Master of Nursing

Propel your career through world-class learning





Looking to elevate your nursing career?

Step up to a leadership, management or nurse education role.

Get there faster with JCU's 100% online Master of Nursing.



100% online learning – study to your own timetable with no on-campus classes or exams



Qualify sooner with one of Australia's fastest part-time Master of Nursing



Learn with one of Australia's top 10 universities in nursing education



Nurse leaders are in-demand

Across the world, the healthcare industry is booming. In Australia and overseas, demand for health services is rising rapidly against the backdrop of longer life expectancies and the growing burden of chronic disease.

At the frontline of healthcare delivery, nurses are some of the world's most in-demand professionals. Locally, the healthcare workforce is presently experiencing acute nursing shortages, creating significant opportunity for skilled and qualified nurse leaders to take their pick of positions across a wide range of clinical and non-clinical settings.

Why earn your Master of Nursing?

- Understand and implement the latest research
- Make astute decisions in complex environments
- Embrace executive, leadership or educational practice roles
- Step up to drive the change needed to optimise patient outcomes

JCU Online's Master of Nursing delivers cutting-edge education, leadership and management knowledge from within the nursing sector and beyond to help you realise your nursing career aspirations.

Position yourself for success and open the door to a whole new world of career opportunities with a JCU Online Master of Nursing.

Masters-qualified nurses command higher salaries



Nurse unit managers earn between \$95,530 - \$130,586p/a which is about \$30,000p/a more than the salary of registered nurses

Nurse leaders and managers are in-demand



Higher qualifications needed in hospitals, healthcare facilities, community care, aged care and more

Roles for Masters-qualified nurses are highly varied



Nurse unit manager, clinic manager, director of nursing, nurse educator, nurses in academia



Need to know

Fees

A\$2,500 per subject.

FEE-HELP is available to eligible students.

Duration

- 24 months (duration depends on Recognition of Prior Learning)
- 12 subjects in total
- Complete up to six subjects per year

Majors

- Leadership and Management
- Education

Study periods

Enrol in January, March, May, July, September or October

First available study period for 2017 is October.



Need to know

Entry requirements

- Completed an AQF Level 7 Bachelor of Nursing, or equivalent qualification, and;
- Registration as a Registered Nurse (Division 1) or Registered Midwife with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) or equivalent registration with the relevant registering authority for applicants outside of Australia;
- Completed a minimum of one year of full-time clinical experience, or the part-time equivalent, as a registered nurse.
- Applicants of non-English speaking backgrounds must meet the English language proficiency requirements of **Band 3a – Schedule II of the JCU Admissions Policy.**

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

If you have previously studied related subjects, experienced on-the-job training or gained skills that are relevant to this course, you may be eligible to receive credits towards your Master of Nursing, cutting the overall time it could take to complete your degree. Contact us to find out more.

Course overview

The Master of Nursing is an innovative, fully online course for registered nurses, which opens the door to wide-ranging leadership, management and nurse educator opportunities. A future-focused program enables nurses to significantly advance their practice in two areas: Leadership and Management, or Education.

Subjects

Core subjects:

- Informatics for Health Professionals
- Effective Clinical Governance
- Persuasive Communication
- Synthesising Evidence for Healthcare
- Research in Applied Contexts
- Transforming Practice – Parts 1 and 2
- Professional Portfolios for Career Advancement

Leadership and Management major subjects:

- Leading and Managing in Health
- Ethics and Health Management
- Business and Finance for the Health Manager
- Conflict and Dispute Resolution in Healthcare

Education major subjects:

- Principles of Education for the Health Professional
- Teaching in Practice Settings
- Clinical Coaching
- Contemporary Healthcare Education

Subject descriptions

To achieve JCU Online's Master of Nursing, you will study up to 12 of the following subjects.

Each subject runs for seven weeks, with six teaching periods per year.

Choose from two nursing majors

Tailor your Master of Nursing degree to your own interests and career aspirations. With a choice of two specialisations – in either **Leadership and Management** or **Education** – you can progress your career in your preferred direction.

These are the subjects you will study:

Master of Nursing core subjects

Informatics for Health Professionals

Get introduced to the scope and practice of informatics in healthcare. In the context of the health care system from a global perspective, explore information and communication technologies, concepts related to eHealth, and emerging topics such as clinical intelligence as they inform and support health professional practice.

Effective Clinical Governance

With a focus on improving patient care, explore the development of clinical governance and apply these principles to contemporary health care, particularly in relation to addressing nursing and midwifery problems in clinical settings.



Subject descriptions

Persuasive Communication

Explore professional communication strategies across a variety of mediums in which healthcare professionals will use at their workplace. Additionally, expand digital communication and digital literacy, along with development of persuasive argument.

Synthesising Evidence for Healthcare

Against the backdrop of extensive and widely available health information, learn how to identify, assess and analyse reliable and credible sources during the research process.

Research for Applied Contexts

Learn to develop and apply research to enhance practice. Build on an existing understanding of research design in nursing and midwifery, with a focus on both methodology and methods.

Transforming Practice – Parts 1 and 2

Explore contemporary theories of knowledge translation and practice development via a service-learning project, which will either investigate an aspect of clinical practice or involve the development of a practice development plan based on existing evidence for practice.

Professional Portfolios for Career Advancement

Compile your own professional portfolio based on subject content applied to your area of expertise, and in the context of continuing professional development and Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) registration standards.

Subject descriptions

Leadership and Management major

Leading and Managing in Health

Extend and enhance knowledge and skills by exploring foundational concepts applicable to health management in diverse healthcare settings and geographic locations.

Ethics and Health Management

Understand ethical principles and theories, explore how these may be used to help nurse leaders recognise and analyse the ethical aspects of their work and promote the ethical standing of their own practices and those of co-workers.

Business and Finance for the Health Manager

Gain tools and skills needed to assume effective business and financial management functions. Healthcare is a business, and health managers must be able to manage their units in a fiscally appropriate way. This subject will explore topics such as building, understanding and monitoring budgets; accounting tools; capital investment management; and reporting.

Conflict and Dispute Resolution in Healthcare

Acquire the knowledge, skills and ability to take effective action when confronting the challenges involved in leading nursing in a healthcare environment, characterised by increasing change and complexity.

Subject descriptions

Education major

Principles of Education for the Health Professional

An introduction to key theories and concepts applicable to health professional education including adult learning, experiential learning, scaffolding and active learning. Learn to plan an effective learning session and to apply best-practice educator knowledge and skills.

Teaching in Practice Settings

Explore specific strategies related to clinical teaching for health professionals. Examine the components of the clinical learning cycle, how learning is facilitated through clinical practice and how reflective practice can be incorporated in clinical learning.

Clinical Coaching

Gain knowledge in clinical teaching and in the use of specific strategies related to nursing and midwifery contexts. Develop a personal teaching portfolio, engage in reflective practice, explore clinical teaching techniques and develop the skills to manage learners within a clinical context.

Contemporary Healthcare Education

Explore the role of the nurse educator in the context of contemporary issues relevant to nurse education, such as the changing health environment, societal, health and technological advances and the political and economic influences on the nursing profession.

Why choose JCU Online?

Qualify from a world-class university

Ranked among the world's top universities and in the top 10 nursing schools in Australia,* a Master of Nursing from JCU Online is a highly respected qualification that will give your CV an edge.

Earn your degree sooner with one of Australia's fastest part-time Masters

JCU Online offers six study periods each year, meaning you can complete your Master of Nursing in as little as two years, part-time.

Qualify-as-you-go study options

Build towards your Masters through flexible entry points and 'qualify-as-you-go' through our nested qualifications; gain a Graduate Certificate of Nursing after completing four subjects and a Graduate Diploma of Nursing after completing eight subjects.

Receive personalised support

A dedicated Success Advisor will be by your side from enrolment to graduation, assisting you throughout your degree and helping you stay motivated and on-track.

Exceptional teaching, strong industry connections

JCU's School of Nursing, Midwifery and Nutrition is staffed by some of Australia's leading nursing educators and researchers. Our strong partnerships with hospitals and healthcare professionals ensures our course content is not only relevant, but informed by the latest approaches to high-quality, innovative and cost-effective nurse leadership and care.

** Source [universityreviews.com.au/australian-rankings/best-nursing](https://www.universityreviews.com.au/australian-rankings/best-nursing)*



Online learning with a personal touch

Be personally supported while earning your degree from JCU Online.

Success Advisors

Benefit from the support of a one-on-one Success Advisor during your online degree.

Along with your tutors, your Success Advisor is there for you from your first day as a student with JCU Online. They are readily available to help you navigate your online degree and to help keep you motivated throughout the duration of your course.

Live chat sessions

Discuss a topic, ask for help, collaborate with fellow students and get the information and support you need via live chat sessions with peers and tutors – when and where it suits you.

Build a professional nursing network

The opportunity to connect with fellow students as well as nurse researchers, academics and leaders – regardless of location – means you'll build a professional network, without even having to leave your lounge room.



Rankings

JCU is a world-class university. Our ranking in the top 10 nursing schools in Australia guarantees that a degree from JCU Online will help your CV shine.

JCU graduates go on to make a positive mark on the world and achieve professional success through further education.

When you qualify from JCU, you'll join a long line of nursing postgraduates already achieving career success throughout Australia and beyond.



JCU is ranked in the top two per cent of the world's universities according to the Academic Ranking of World Universities.



JCU's School of Nursing and Midwifery is ranked in the top 10 Nursing Schools in Australia, according to University Reviews.



JCU has received five stars for job success in the Good Universities Guide for the past six years running.

Why study online?

JCU Online makes postgraduate study achievable and manageable.

100% online

JCU Online courses are delivered 100% online, on any device. Maintain work, family and other commitments without the hassle of a fixed timetable, and study whenever and wherever suits you.

Our online learning programs provide access to leading academics, cutting edge research and ongoing support, with materials available at any time of day, from any location.

Enjoyable learning

JCU's interactive, immersive online environment makes learning enjoyable, no matter what topic you're studying.

Video, audio, forums, live chats and practical exercises suit a wide range of personal learning styles and help learning come to life.

Fast track your degree

JCU Online offers six study periods each year, meaning you can complete your Master of Nursing in as little as two years, part-time.

- **Enrol in January, March, May, July, September or November**
- **Qualify sooner by completing up to six subjects per year.**

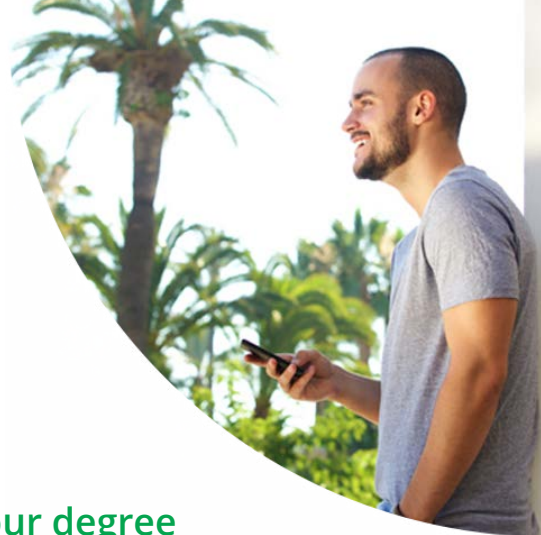
Our innovative online structure means you can focus on a single subject at a time and still complete your Masters ahead of most other university programs.

What's more, you can enrol in a JCU Online degree at any one of the six study periods throughout the year. We're ready whenever you are!

✓ Study whenever, wherever suits you using any device

✓ Fit study around existing commitments

✓ Graduate faster than traditional part-time courses



How to apply

Why wait to start building your brighter future?

Applying to undertake a Master of Nursing with JCU Online is a simple, three-step process.

Step 1: Call or email us

 1300 535 919

 learn@online.jcu.edu.au

Call us or send us an email to speak to a dedicated Enrolment Advisor who will:

- Discuss your career goals and if this degree is the right choice for you
- Assist you with questions about fees, subject selection and majors
- Help ensure your enrolment experience is a smooth one.

Our team of Enrolment Advisors are available to chat at the following times:

- **Monday and Tuesday:** 8am – 6pm (AEST)
- **Wednesday and Thursday:** 8am – 7pm (AEST)
- **Friday:** 8am – 5pm (AEST)





Step 2: Gather your documents

- **Transcripts and certificates**
Documents to confirm any past studies and AHPRA or equivalent registration evidence
- **Advanced standing documents (if applicable)**
Your CV, including details of relevant work history and any contact details for previous employers
- **Proof of English language skills (if applicable)**
If you have completed Year 12 in Australia, that's usually all the evidence you need.

Step 3: Apply online

Once you've completed Steps 1 and 2, you're ready to **apply online** using our straightforward process.





Student story

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Balancing work and family commitments is challenging for any nurse, especially once they take on study. I chose to study with JCU for the flexibility that was offered. With guidance from the advisors, I was able to map out a plan that would fit with my lifestyle.

Leisa Sanderson

Master of Nursing graduate