THE SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

Student Profile

Jessica Walker
Canadian Bachelor of Midwifery student

“When I decided to come to Australia, I had the option of attending a couple of different universities. UQ has a high academic standing and is ranked well worldwide, so that definitely contributed to my decision in choosing to study here. Another big deciding factor for me was the amount of clinical experience my program offered; having had the opportunity to consolidate my theoretical learning and apply it to practice every week throughout the whole three years has given me confidence and a solid foundation for my career.

“My experience at UQ and in Australia has been fantastic. I feel right at home really; I’ve met new people, experienced life in another country and explored some beautiful parts of Australia, and pursued the career of my dreams!”

The UQ Advantage
UQ is one of Australia’s leading learning and research institutions and is internationally renowned for its highly awarded teaching staff, world class facilities and superior campus environments.

The University of Queensland (UQ) has been placed in the top one per cent of all universities in the world for seven years in a row, and placed in the top 10 in the Asia Pacific. With a well-recognised reputation for excellence in Australia and around the world, UQ’s health graduates play a key role in achieving this world-class recognition.

Top Reasons students choose Nursing and Midwifery at UQ
1. Reputation of UQ
2. UQ is ranked 48 in the QS World University Rankings
3. Reputations of the School
4. Clinical Placement structure
5. Program content
6. Graduate employment opportunities
7. Canadian CASN Accreditation

Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN) Accreditation
The UQ School of Nursing and Midwifery is the first School of Nursing and Midwifery outside Canada to receive international accreditation from the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN) for its Bachelor of Nursing program.

This means that on successful completion of the UQ Bachelor of Nursing program, graduates will be eligible to apply for registration as a nurse in Canada.

A mutual recognition agreement between the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) in the United States, will mean that UQ educated nurses who become registered in Canada will also be eligible to seek registration within the United States.

Nursing and Midwifery programs

Bachelor of Midwifery
During the 3 year full-time degree students will undertake clinical placement in clinical schools providing them with ongoing and consistent exposure to midwifery practice. This program can be fast tracked and completed in 2.5 years.

Bachelor of Nursing and Midwifery Dual Degree
This 4 year full-time degree once successfully completed will give students two degrees, a Bachelor of Nursing and a Bachelor of Midwifery. This program can be fast tracked and completed in 3.5 years.

Master of Nursing Studies (Graduate Entry)
A 2 year Masters program students can complete in 1.5 years. Applicants must have completed any bachelor degree within the last 10 years and graduated with a GPA of 4 and above (Australian scale of 1-7).

Excellence in Teaching
At the UQ School of Nursing and Midwifery undergraduate students undertaken extensive clinical learning in one of our 10 Clinical Schools and are in hospitals with patients from Semester 1, year 1. The learning received in Clinical schools is a vital component of the student developing as a health care professional. The clinical experience is designed to integrate directly with the academic learning component of the program.

UQ Nursing and Midwifery undergraduate students have the opportunity to undertake an international experience through our exchange program with partner Universities at the University of Pennsylvania USA, University of Auckland, NZ, University of Virginia USA, University of Glasgow, and the University of Lund Sweden, or undertake our Community Health Placement in Cambodia. All exchange programs receive course credit.

Scholarships
The UQ School of Nursing and Midwifery understands that financial awards can make a world of difference. There are a range of Scholarships for international students.
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Learn from the best, with the best, to be the best

Entry Requirements
International applicants must demonstrate one of the following requirements:

• A score equivalent to four semesters with a minimum grade of Sound Achievement in Queensland Authority English. Find information regarding English – Queensland Year 12 equivalents table at www.uq.edu.au/study

• Achieve a score of at least 7.0 overall with 7 in each section (reading, writing, speaking and listening) of the IELTS Academic test (or equivalent).

• For undergraduate programs – a GPA of 5.0 (Australian scale 1-7) is also required.

Support for International Students

Housing and Accommodation
www.accommodation.uq.edu.au

UQ’s Accommodation Services will help you find a suitable place to live, and provide ongoing accommodation assistance and advice to make your move to Brisbane a pleasant experience. Take advantage of the following accommodation services, at no additional cost:

• Airport reception and temporary accommodation booking service

• Information sessions designed to assist in finding and sustaining a tenancy

• Access to UQ Rentals Online

• Tenancy advice should students experience any problems with their rental accommodation

Student Services
www.uq.edu.au/student-services

UQ provides you with accessible professional support during the settling-in period and throughout your entire stay. The services are provided at no additional cost and include:

• Careers and graduate employment

• Student counselling

• International student advisers

• Disability support

• Learning assistance

• Student equity

• Student clubs and societies

Academic Support
www.uq.edu.au/student-services

Make the most of your studies at UQ with the following programs designed to help you adjust to Australian academic expectations. These programs are offered at no additional cost:

• Jump Start Academic Preparation program

• International student workshops

Brisbane:
Australia’s New World City
With a population of over 1.8 million people, Brisbane has been described as one of Australia’s most liveable cities. It offers a vibrant, friendly and multicultural environment. Labelled the second fastest growing city in the world, Brisbane’s clear blue skies, warm sunny days and mild nights and tropical ambience promote an outdoor lifestyle. Queensland is located in North-Eastern Australia, with many natural attractions including the Great Barrier Reef, the Whitsunday Islands, Fraser Island and the Daintree Rainforest. For more information on living and studying in Brisbane, please visit www.studybrisbane.com.au.

Registration Requirements
The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) from 1 July 2010, require nurses and midwives applying for registration in Australia (i.e. applicants who have not completed their secondary education as well as a nursing or midwifery program taught and assessed in English) to demonstrate they have the necessary English language skills required for registration i.e. English language proficiency equal to an IELTS overall 7: writing 7: speaking 7: listening 7 and reading 7.

LIVING COSTS

Brisbane is an affordable city and it has a low cost of living when compared to other Australian capital cities.

Visit www.uq.edu.au/international and click on ‘Cost of living’ for a summary of estimated expenses (excluding UQ tuition fees).

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2013

Semester 1
Orientation Week 18 – 22 February
Semester 1 begins 25 February
Semester 1 ends 22 June

Semester 2
Orientation 15 – 19 July
Semester 2 begins 22 July
Semester 2 ends 16 November

GRADUATE OUTCOMES

UQ School of Nursing and Midwifery graduates have a very high employment rate once they have successfully completed their undergraduate program.

UQ was given four-star rankings for getting a job, positive graduate outcomes and graduate starting salaries in the 2011 edition of the Good Universities Guide

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for UQ School of Nursing and Midwifery programs are submitted through GlobalLinks Learning Abroad. Apply at www.degreesoverseas.com.

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