



# MASTER OF NURSING (NURSE PRACTITIONER)

Innovative and flexible health care delivery. Complementing other health care providers and working autonomously to make a substantial contribution to future health care directions.



## ABOUT NURSE PRACTITIONERS

The role of the nurse practitioner is developing rapidly in the Australian health care system. First introduced in New South Wales in 1998 nurse practitioners are now working throughout the health care system in a range of general and specialty areas.

The Nurse Practitioner (NP) is defined by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council as, "a registered nurse educated and authorised to function autonomously and collaboratively in an advanced and extended clinical role ... The nurse practitioner role is grounded in the nursing profession's values, knowledge, theories and practice and provides innovative and flexible health care delivery that complements other health care providers. The scope of practice of the nurse practitioner is determined by the context in which the nurse practitioner is authorised to practise."

## WHY STUDY AT SYDNEY?

The Nurse Practitioner program at the University of Sydney meets the needs of extended practice nurses from a range of health care settings to develop capability to fulfill the nurse practitioner role.

This course prepares nurses to develop the knowledge, skills and attributes required to develop initiatives in health care and make a substantial contribution to future health care directions.

Sydney Nursing School offers excellent opportunities for postgraduate students. We have a strong commitment to teaching and research in many aspects of nursing and its practice, including nurse practitioners. Our degrees are highly regarded and prepare nurses for leadership in clinical practice and research.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

The Nurse Practitioner program is offered at master's level.

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Credit points	72
Units of study	10
Duration:	2 years full-time or part-time equivalent
Intake	March/July

All units offered by Sydney Nursing School for the Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner), excluding the Capstone, have up to five study days.

In the second year of study, students will undertake two 12 credit point practice-based units of study which collectively include 300 advanced clinical practice hours.

Students have the opportunity to undertake flexible and independent study that is supported by the University of Sydney's eLearning platform.

### Prerequisites

This postgraduate course requires students to have completed a graduate certificate in their chosen specialty. Before starting the course you must have a minimum of three years experience as a registered nurse and a minimum of two years in a specialty area of which one year is at an advanced practice level.



*Whether nurse practitioners work in rural or remote areas as the only available health care professionals, or in busy emergency departments of major tertiary hospitals, there are terrific opportunities to function autonomously and collaboratively with other health professionals.*

## WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Registered nurses who have a graduate certificate and a minimum of three years experience (one year at an advanced practice level in a relevant area of clinical practice). Students must also have an approved clinical supervisor (senior clinician) to oversee the clinical assessment component of the course.

## HOW TO APPLY

Local students apply directly to Sydney Nursing School. Application forms are available from our website: [sydney.edu.au/nursing](http://sydney.edu.au/nursing)

The application closing date is 1 December. Late applications will be considered.

## FEES

The Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) is a full fee-paying course.

## WANT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS COURSE?

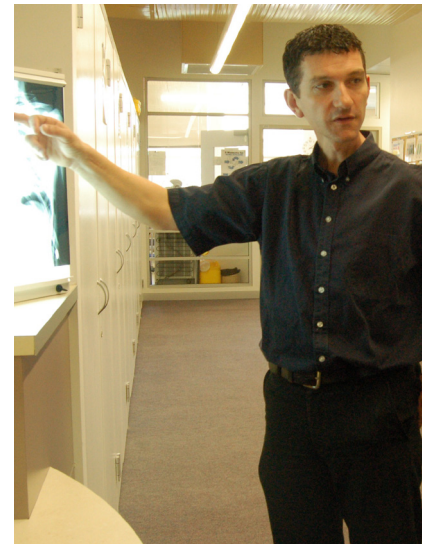
More information about Sydney Nursing School's Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) program is on our website: [sydney.edu.au/nursing/course\\_information/specialty\\_courses/specialty\\_courses\\_index.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/nursing/course_information/specialty_courses/specialty_courses_index.shtml)

## GRADUATE CAPABILITIES

Graduates from this course will be recognised as having advanced knowledge relevant to the nurse practitioner application.

Students will develop their capability to practise according to the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council (2006) Competency Standards for the Nurse Practitioner.

Students will be able to perform as autonomous learners capable of integrating prior learning while demonstrating their competence in a variety of extended practice roles.



## WHAT WILL YOU STUDY?

YEAR 1 FULL-TIME STUDY PATTERN		YEAR 2 FULL-TIME STUDY PATTERN	
SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2	SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
PATHOPHYSIOLOGICAL PHENOMENA IN NURSING 6 CREDIT POINTS	STRENGTHENING NURSING LEADERSHIP 6 CREDIT POINTS	DEVELOPING NURSE PRACTITIONER CAPABILITY* 12 CREDIT POINTS	CAPSTONE (PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE)* 12 CREDIT POINTS
SPECIALIST PRACTICE ELECTIVE 6 CREDIT POINTS	PHARMACOLOGY FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE 6 CREDIT POINTS	RESEARCH IN NURSING AND HEALTH CARE 6 CREDIT POINTS	QUALITY USE OF MEDICINES IN PRACTICE 6 CREDIT POINTS
ASSESSMENT AND CLINICAL JUDGEMENT 6 CREDIT POINTS	ASSESSMENT AND DIAGNOSTIC REASONING 6 CREDIT POINTS	*INCLUDING 150 ADVANCED CLINICAL PRACTICE HOURS	
18 CREDIT POINTS	18 CREDIT POINTS	18 CREDIT POINTS	18 CREDIT POINTS

## CAPSTONE

The Capstone (Professional Practice) unit of study will assist students to extend their development of advanced and extended nursing practice within their specialty and develop a professional portfolio demonstrating their capability to practise as nurse practitioners.

## PRIMARY CLINICAL SUPERVISOR

Students will be required to be supported by an approved Primary Clinical Supervisor while undertaking the degree. The Primary Clinical Supervisor will be required to hold a minimum qualification at the master level or deemed equivalent by other achievements and professional activities. Further details about this role are available on the Sydney Nursing School website.

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