

Master of Nursing Science

These Program Rules should be read in conjunction with the University's policies (<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/policies>).

1 General

The Master of Nursing Science offers the following plans:

- Acute Care Nursing
- Anaesthetic and Recovery Nursing
- Burns Nursing
- Cardiac Nursing
- Community Health and Primary Care
- Emergency Nursing
- Gerontological Nursing
- Infection Control Nursing
- Intensive Care Nursing
- Mental Health Nursing
- Oncology Nursing
- Orthopaedic Nursing
- Peri operative Nursing
- Renal Nursing
- Generic Nursing Science plan (for those who do not want to focus on one specialty)

2 Duration of program

Except with the permission of the faculty, the Master of Nursing Science shall be completed in a minimum of four semesters or a maximum of twelve semesters.

3 Admission

3.1 An applicant for admission to the program of study for the Master in Nursing Science shall:

a be registered, or be eligible for registration, as a nurse in Australia

and

b have qualified for a degree of Bachelor of Nursing, or equivalent, of a university accepted for the purposes by the University

or

c have at least two years experience as a registered nurse in the field of the specialisation to be undertaken.

Students seeking entry directly into Stage 2 of the program must have a minimum GPA of 4.0 (or equivalent)

3.2 The Faculty may, subject to such conditions as it may see fit to impose in each case, accept as a candidate for the Master of Nursing Science a person who does not satisfy the requirements of Rule 3.1 above, but who has presented evidence satisfactory to the Faculty of fitness to undertake work for the program.

3.3 Status, exemption and credit transfer

3.3.1 No candidate shall be granted status for courses with a total value of more than 24 units on account of courses presented for any other award.

3.3.2 A candidate who fails a course and desires to repeat that course shall, unless exempted partially by the Executive Dean of Faculty, again complete the required work in the course to the satisfaction of the teaching staff concerned.

3.4 Articulation with other awards

3.4.1 A candidate for the Master of Nursing Science who does not complete the requirements for the Masters degree but satisfies the requirements for the Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma may be admitted to one or other of those awards as appropriate.

4 Assessment and Examinations

4.1 There shall be four classifications of pass in any course for the Master of Nursing Science: Pass with High Distinction, Pass with Distinction, Pass with Credit and Pass.

- 4.2 A candidate shall not be eligible to attend for examination unless the prescribed work has been completed to the satisfaction of the teaching staff concerned.
- 4.3 A candidate who fails a course twice may be subject to a Review of Academic Progress.

5 Qualification requirements

5.1 Academic program

To qualify for the Master degree a candidate shall:

- a Successfully complete the Stage 1 requirements

or

- b Satisfactorily complete of a program of study to the value of 24 units, approved by the School of Nursing, selected from a range of postgraduate courses offered by the School

and

- c Satisfactorily complete the requirements of Stage 2

STAGE 1

5.1.1 Core Courses

Core courses, listed below, to the value of 9 units:

NURSING 7102 Research Literacy.....	3
NURSING 7101 Professional Practice.....	3
NURSING 7100 Knowledge Translation.....	3

5.1.2 Specialty Courses

A specialisation set of courses, listed below, to the value of 15 units:

Acute Care Nursing

NURSING 7113 Recognition & Response to Clinical Deterioration	3
NURSING 7105 Acute Care Nursing I.....	6
NURSING 7106 Acute Care Nursing II.....	6

Anaesthetic and Recovery Nursing

NURSING 7114 Introduction to Anaesthetic & Recovery Nursing.....	6
NURSING 7115 Specialised Anaesthetics & Recovery Nursing Practice	6
NURSING 7116 Concepts Anaesthetics & Recovery Nursing Practice	3

Burns Nursing

NURSING 7110 Fundamentals of Burns Nursing.....	6
NURSING 7111 Advanced Burns Nursing.....	6
NURSING 7112 Coordinated Systems of Burn Care.....	3

Cardiac Nursing

NURSING 7118 Critical Care Essentials.....	3
NURSING 7117 Primary & Secondary prevention	3
NURSING 7125 Cardiovascular Disease.....	3
NURSING 7108 Foundations of Cardiac Care	3

or

NURSING 7109 Foundations of Intensive Cardiac Care	3
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And one of the following elective courses:

NURSING 7107 Acute Coronary Care	3
NURSING 7119 Cardiothoracic Critical Care.....	3
NURSING 7120 Interventional Cardiology	3
NURSING 7121 Heart Failure Management	3

Community Health and Primary Care

NURSING 7122 Primary Health Care.....	3
NURSING 7148 Population Profiling in Chronic Illness	6
NURSING 7124 Management of Chronic Illness.....	6

Emergency Nursing

NURSING 7118 Critical Care Essentials.....	3
NURSING 7149 Emergency Nursing Care I.....	6

NURSING 7128 Emergency Nursing Care II.....	3
NURSING 7129 Emergency Nursing III	3
Gerontological Nursing	
NURSING 7130 Contemporary Issues in Aged Care	6
NURSING 7131 Gerontological Nursing.....	3
NURSING 7132 Assessment of the Elderly	3
NURSING 7133 Palliative Nursing in Aged Care	3
Infection Control Nursing	
NURSING 6117HO Infection Control Nursing	6
NURSING 5104HO Microbiology and Epidemiology	6
NURSING 7134 Advanced Infection Control practice.....	3
Intensive Care Nursing	
NURSING 7118 Critical Care Essentials.....	3
NURSING 7135 Intensive Care I	6
NURSING 7136 Intensive Care II.....	6
Mental Health Nursing	
NURSING 7104EX Introduction to Mental Health	3
NURSING 7103EX The Art & Science of Mental Health.....	6
NURSING 7150EX Counselling & Comorbidity	6
Oncology Nursing	
NURSING 7138 Haematology/Oncology Nursing I.....	6
NURSING 7139 Haematology/Oncology Nursing II.....	6
NURSING 7140 Haematology/Oncology Nursing Practice.....	3
Orthopaedic Nursing	
NURSING 7142 Advanced Orthopaedic Nursing Practice I.....	3
NURSING 7143 Therapeutic Management of the Orthopaedic Patient.....	6
NURSING 7144 Advanced Orthopaedic Nursing Practice II.....	3
NURSING 7141 Orthopaedic Trauma Nursing	3
Peri operative Nursing	
NURSING 7145 Intro to Perioperative Nursing	6
NURSING 7146 Specialised Perioperative Nursing Practice	6
NURSING 7147 Concepts Perioperative Nursing Practice.....	3
For a general Nursing Science stream courses could include:	
NURSING 5111HO Critical Reading in Clinical Nursing	3
NURSING 5109HO Intro to Evidence Based Health Care	6
NURSING 5110HO Change Management and Evaluation	6
Or any other course from stage 1 as approved by the School.	

STAGE 2

5.1.3 Masters Combination 1

This combination provides the student with 12 units of coursework study and 12 units of research study.

NURSING 7002HO Interpretative & Critical Research in Health..... 3

Electives to the value 9 units from the approved electives

NURSING 7005HO Research Dissertation A 12

or

NURSING 7006HO Research Dissertation A Stage I..... 6

NURSING 7007HO Research Dissertation A Stage II..... 6

5.1.4 Masters Combination 2

This combination provides the student with 24 units of coursework study.

NURSING 7002HO Interpretative & Critical Research in Health..... 3

NURSING 7012HO Systematic Reviews of Research	3
NURSING 7013HO Systematic Review Project.....	6
Electives to the value 12 units from the approved electives	
5.1.5 Approved Electives	
PUB HEALTH 7074 Introduction to Biostatistics	3
NURSING 7003HO International Issues in Nursing Service Delivery	3
NURSING 7011HO Leadership & Management in Nursing.....	3
NURSING 7012HO Systematic Reviews of Research	3
NURSING 7013HO Systematic Review Project.....	6
NURSING 7015HO Applied Pharmacology in Nursing	3
Or any other course from stage 1 as approved by the School.	
5.2 Unacceptable combinations of courses	
No candidate will be permitted to count towards an award any course, together with any other course, which, in the opinion of the Faculty concerned, contains a substantial amount of the same material; and no course or portion of a course may be counted twice towards an award.	
5.3 Graduation	
Subject to Chapter 89 of the Statutes, candidates who have satisfied the requirements for any award of the University shall be admitted to that award.	
6 Special circumstances	
When in the opinion of the relevant Faculty special circumstances exist, the Council, on the recommendation of the Faculty in each case, may vary any of the provisions of the Academic Program Rules for any particular award.	