



# *Why study a* **MASTER OF NURSING?**

Gaining a Master of Nursing qualification at Avondale University puts you in the best position to further your career by:

- | **giving you advanced skills and confidence to step into a clinical leadership, clinical education or a nursing management role**
- | **becoming a more qualified candidate for higher level positions**
- | **gaining a sense of accomplishment and personal satisfaction by having completed further studies underpinned by a strong values based framework.**

**A Master of Nursing can help you achieve these goals.**

## IS NOW THE RIGHT TIME?

Nurses pursue postgraduate study at various points in their career. Some have recently completed their first year as a registered nurse, while others enter postgraduate study after many years of clinical experience.

We will support you in pursuing your academic and clinical goals wherever you find yourself in your career.

At Avondale, we respect our postgraduate students' perspectives, skills and experience.

We know this is important because our students consistently give great feedback about the university environment and the collegiality of the academics.

## HOW WILL I MANAGE MY STUDY COMMITMENTS?

Because we know your life is busy as a working professional, our program is flexible to meet the needs of your personal and professional life.

The Master of Nursing is offered as a part-time, distance-education degree. Students interact with academics and other students through forums, optional face-to-face lectures, online lectures, video recordings, and Zoom drop-in sessions. You can receive as much or as little support as you need.

**Avondale's Master of Nursing is unique because of its focus on holistic wellbeing, through our Centre of Lifestyle Medicine, and leadership skills, in partnership with our Business School.**

## WHAT WILL I BE STUDYING?

Our Master of Nursing by coursework has optional exit points at **Graduate Certificate** and **Graduate Diploma in Nursing**. You can choose to specialise in Clinical Nursing, Clinical Teaching or Leadership and Management.

**Major areas of study include:**

- | Nursing research and evidence-based perspectives of practice
- | Clinical education and teaching
- | Holistic assessment and caring
- | Lifestyle disease
- | Health promotion
- | Counselling
- | Leadership and management approaches

The degree will extend and deepen a registered nurse's knowledge, skills and appreciation of advanced practice that considers professional, legal, and ethical requirements.



# WHAT DO OUR *students say?*

Zoe, a recent graduate, experienced a direct and positive impact on her career from studying her Master of Nursing at Avondale.

*"I cannot thank Avondale enough for their well-designed units, the structuring of the Master of Nursing and in particular the compassion, guidance and support they offer to students."*

## **Relevant to my Workplace**

Undertaking a range of units has been relevant to my career, helping me transition to a management role.

## **Alignment with Professional and Workplace Requirements**

As the primary nurse planner in the Ausmed Education Learning Centre, Australia's only ANCC Accredited Provider Unit, my role aims to enhance the nursing profession development through research. The research skills I learned during the course have been useful.

## **Published Research**

Additionally, I was able to submit an abstract, based on the assignments, to an international nursing professional development conference.

## **MEET THE COURSE CONVENOR**



Dr Dawson promotes excellence in her teaching. Areas of her expertise and interest include clinical reasoning skills and advanced nursing assessment. Her passion is to equip and support nurses to function in all environments. Her research interests are both in Infection Prevention and Humanitarian Nursing. Her PhD research focused on looking at the culture of care in a specific community of practice with a humanitarian non disaster context. That resulted in the development of a global professional practice model for use by faith based health-focused organisations delivering assistance.

Dr Dawson has over 30 years experience as a registered nurse with clinical, mentoring and leadership experience in medical/surgical, critical care and low-middle income primary care settings.

## IMPORTANT PROGRAM DETAILS

### Fees

Tuition fees for 2023 are A\$2,495\* per unit of study for domestic students, and A\$3,405 per unit of study for international students. Eligible domestic students can apply to defer their tuition fees to a FEE-HELP loan.

\*This is the fee for a standard unit of study. Some units attract higher fees.

### Program Intakes

There are two intakes a year:  
February/March and July/August.

### Program Duration

The Master of Nursing includes 11 units of study over 1.5 years full-time or part-time equivalent. The maximum duration allowed for the completion of this course is five years from commencement.

### Entry Requirements

Prospective Australian or New Zealand students will need to:

- | Have completed a Bachelor of Nursing; or
- | Have completed a Graduate Certificate or Diploma in Nursing; or
- | Are currently practicing as a registered nurse (with AHPRA); and have a minimum of 12 months of experience within the last five years working as a registered nurse; and
- | Be employed as a registered nurse in clinical settings for Clinical Teaching and Clinical Nursing specialities.

NB: Equivalent qualifications include a Bachelor of Health Science in Nursing or an overseas qualification equivalent to a Bachelor of Nursing qualification in Australia by the Department of Education and Training Country education profile.



Prospective International students will need to meet the university's English language requirements. **Scan or click here for more information.**

## WHAT NOW?

Your advanced nursing journey starts here. Get in touch with our postgraduate student advisors and we will guide you through the online application process, or provide you with more information.

**Book a 15-minute consultation**

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