

## Bachelor of Nursing (Honours)

### Introduction

The Bachelor of Nursing Honours Course comprises a fourth year of study following the completion of the three years Bachelor of Nursing course or the equivalent.

The course allows students with strong cognitive abilities to proceed with a program academically more demanding. Students study quantitative and qualitative research methods in nursing, and they conduct a substantial research project. The program can be undertaken full-time (2 semesters) or part-time (up to 5 semesters).

### Admission requirements

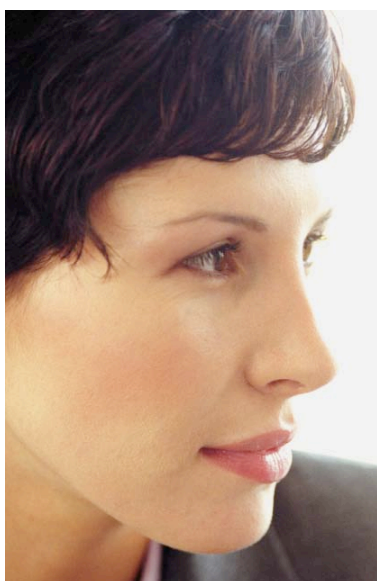
Students who have completed the requirements for a Bachelor of Nursing course may apply to enter the Honours program. Graduates from other Universities are welcome to apply.

Preference is given to applicants who have demonstrated a high degree of academic excellence and application to clinical practice, characterised by a course average of 70% or above.

### Course Structure and Progress

The course consists of three units of study and a thesis preparation seminar in first semester. A research thesis is undertaken in second semester. Students work with their supervisor for the entire year.

In the first semester the focus is on refining the research question and developing a research proposal for approval by scientific and ethical review committees. Formal research method units and an independent study unit guide the student through this process.



In the second semester students implement and evaluate their project and write their thesis. Student progression for full-time study is as follows:

#### Semester 1

RES510C	Research Preparation: Qualitative Research Methods
RES510D	Research Preparation: Quantitative Research Methods
HUN5105	Research Proposal

#### Semester 2

HNU5102	Thesis Development
HNU5103	Thesis Development
HNU5104	Thesis Development

Full-time students enrol in HNU5102, HNU5103 and HNU5104 in Semester 2.

Part-time students enrol in any combination of one or two HNU units until all three have been undertaken and the thesis is submitted for examination.

### More information

Information about the Honours student journey is available at <http://www.chs.ecu.edu.au/org/rhd/journeys/honours/>

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