

## PhD

### Doctor of Philosophy (Course Code 654)

#### Introduction



The Doctor of Philosophy involves a three year full-time (or part-time equivalent) research program which culminates in the submission of a thesis. The program will further extend the research expertise and clinical knowledge of a practising nurse who has mastered the skills and professional requirements of a particular practice setting.

Students will be required to have access to a computer and modem capable of accessing online resources. Students are also expected to have access to the required software for word processing, and quantitative and/or qualitative data analysis. Shared office facilities with individual computers are generally available for PhD students on campus. Additional shared facilities are available in student computer laboratories.

#### Admission requirements

The minimum admission requirement is a Master degree or an Honours degree (First Class or Upper Second Class) or the equivalent in a relevant field from a recognised university.

Applicants must be currently registered nurses and must meet the requirements for registration of the Nurses Board of Western Australia.

All applicants must have a minimum of two years post-registration nursing experience.

#### Course location and mode of study

The course is available by full-time or part-time study on Churchlands campus or externally.

#### Course structure and progress

Studies will be undertaken by research and thesis presentation. Students may be required to undertake coursework specified by the supervisory panel. Candidates should be available for consultation with the supervisory team appointed. Students seeking to conduct research on an external basis will be required to reach agreement with the University on arrangements for supervision.

Each semester students enrol into research thesis unit: NUR7200 at 50, 75 or 100% of full-time enrolment.

Students are required to continue re-enrolling in the thesis component of their study until the thesis is submitted for examination.

Doctoral candidates will normally complete no less than two years and no more than four years of full-time equivalent study by the time their thesis is submitted for examination.

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

#### Fees

Under current Research Training Scheme funding arrangements with the Commonwealth Government, ECU grants tuition fee exempt places to commencing doctoral candidates (Australian Citizens only) enrolling in research awards, for up to four years (equivalent full-time enrolment). This means that students are not required to pay up-front course fees nor will they accrue a HECS debt for that four year (or part-time equivalent period). NOTE: the period of candidature may be less if transferring from another research award program.

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