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**FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH**

**MASTER OF NURSING (Pre-registration)**

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SYDNEY NURSING SCHOOL

ADMISSION GUIDE, 2021

DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS



## INTRODUCTION

The Master of Nursing (Pre-registration) program at Sydney Nursing School is for students with a previous bachelor level qualification who want to become registered nurses in Australia. The program is two years full-time or four years part-time. Places in this program are capped and the admission process is highly competitive.

The Master of Nursing program is delivered in two distinct, comparable cohorts: one based at the University's Camperdown Campus and one based at the Westmead Precinct. Students based at Westmead will attend the majority of their lectures within the Westmead Precinct, which includes teaching hospitals and university facilities, and will undertake most clinical placements with partner institutions at Westmead or elsewhere in Western Sydney. Students based at Camperdown will attend lectures at the Mallet Street Campus and will have the opportunity to undertake clinical placements at many partner institutions, including those at Westmead.

Sydney Nursing School's admission guide for entry into the Master of Nursing program in 2021 has been developed to help you understand the admission process. We aim to answer some of the most commonly asked questions, explain the admission criteria, help you develop a strong application and prepare you for the selection process.

Before you proceed with your application, please check that you meet the admission requirements for the [Master of Nursing](#) program.

Applications for the Master of Nursing combined degree programs are through the [Universities](#)

[Admissions Centre \(UAC\)](#). International applicants completing an overseas secondary qualification may apply direct to the University.

As the School Academic Director Education, I am proud to be part of Australia's most highly regarded nursing school and am delighted that you have chosen to apply for entry.

Dr. Jennifer Green



**Please note:** Applicants who are registered as a nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia are not eligible to apply for this course.

# THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Closing dates to apply for admission to the Master of Nursing program are as follows:

- Round 1 – Sunday 24 May 2020, 11.59pm AEST
- Round 2 – Sunday 16 August 2020, 11.59pm AEST
- Round 3 – Sunday 4 October 2020, 11.59pm AEDT
- Round 4 – Monday 4 January 2021, 11.59pm AEDT

You are encouraged to submit a completed application as early as possible due to the high level of competition for places in the program.

International applicants are encouraged to apply well in advance of the closing date to ensure a timely response to your application. This will allow adequate time to organise necessary visa and travel arrangements, and for you to arrive in time to commence your studies.

To be considered for numeracy and literacy testing and an interview, your application must be complete and include all the required documents. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applicants will be given the opportunity to preference either the Camperdown Campus or Westmead Precinct during the admission process.

Places are limited at both campuses. If your application is successful and Westmead is your first choice but oversubscribed, you will automatically be considered for admission into the Master of Nursing program at the Camperdown Campus. Duplicate applications will not be accepted.

Offers will be made in rounds as set out in the table on page 4 for domestic applicants and page 6 for international applicants.

# DOMESTIC APPLICANTS

If you are an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident, a New Zealand citizen or the holder of a permanent humanitarian visa you are considered to be a domestic applicant.

## **Document checklist**

*(Certified copies not required)*

- Bachelor's degree testamur and transcript equivalent to level 7 of the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)
- Identification (passport, driver's licence or birth certificate)
- [English language declaration form](#) stating that:
  - English is your primary language\* or
  - You have or will undertake an IELTS academic exam (or equivalent) and achieve the required score (7 in each band with an overall score of 7)

\*Primary language means the language you primarily use and the language that you know best and are most comfortable with. You need to have completed at least six years of schooling including at least two years of secondary school (years 7-12) in English in one of the following countries: Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, United States, Canada, republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom.

Bachelor's degree qualifications older than 10 years will be considered subject to you providing further information substantiating appropriate further education and development. In these cases, admission will be at the discretion of Sydney Nursing School. If you do not meet this criterion, you will need to undertake a tertiary unit of study prior to admission. It is recommended that you complete [Human Health HEA110](#) from OPEN Universities or the [Human Biology Short Course](#) at Monash University. If you wish to complete a different subject, please provide a detailed unit of study outline for approval by Sydney Nursing School. Please contact Admissions if you wish to discuss this further.

All domestic applicants applying for admission to the Master of Nursing program must complete the following steps:

## **STEP 1: Submit an online application**

Go to [Master of Nursing](#) and click on the 'Apply Now' button.

Remember to upload all required documents with your application. When you have submitted your application, you will receive a confirmation email from the University.

## **STEP 2: Online literacy and numeracy test**

Applicants who meet the admission criteria will receive a conditional offer and an invitation to the online testing. The online testing will consist of two short tests in literacy and numeracy. For further information on what to expect from the online numeracy and literacy test please refer to page 7 of this guide.

## **STEP 3: Attend an interview**

On successful completion of the online literacy and numeracy test, applicants will receive an invitation to attend a group interview\* at Sydney Nursing School. You will be required to attend the group interview in-person at Camperdown Campus on the relevant date listed in the table on page 4. For further information about the interview please refer to page 7 of this guide.

The admission process for the Master of Nursing program is highly competitive. Applicants who successfully meet all admission criteria will be ranked and may be made a formal offer of a place in the program. Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) in this program are capped and if the cap is reached, applicants may be offered a full fee-paying place instead.

<b>DOMESTIC TIMETABLE</b>				
	<b>Application deadlines</b>	<b>Online numeracy and literacy test dates</b>	<b>Group interviews</b>	<b>Offers made</b>
<b>Round 1</b>	<b>Sunday 24 May 2020, 11.59pm AEST</b>	<b>Tuesday 9 June 2020</b> <i>(site open for 24 hours only)</i>	<b>Tuesday 7 July 2020</b>	<b>13 - 17 July 2020</b>
<b>Round 2</b>	<b>Sunday 16 August 2020, 11.59pm AEST</b>	<b>Monday 7 September 2020</b> <i>(site open for 24 hours only)</i>	<b>Wednesday 30 September 2020</b> (all applicants that reside Interstate will be invited to a group ZOOM interview on Tuesday 29 September 2020)	<b>5-9 October 2020</b>
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# INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

If you are NOT an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or New Zealand citizen or the holder of a permanent humanitarian visa you are considered to be an international applicant.

## Document checklist

- Bachelor's degree testamur and transcript equivalent to level 7 of the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)
- Explanation of the grading system
- Identification - current and valid passport
- [English language declaration form](#) stating that:
  - English is your primary language\* or
  - You have or will undertake an IELTS academic exam (or equivalent) and achieve the required score (7 in each band with an overall score of 7)

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International applicants applying for admission to the Master of Nursing program must complete the following steps:

## **STEP 1: Submit an online application.**

Go to [Master of Nursing](#) and click on the 'Apply Now' button. International applicants may also go through an international representative.

Remember to upload all required documents with your application.

Documents submitted in a language other than English must be accompanied by a complete English translation. The University accepts translations to English made by an accredited translator with a government body, or the Registrar of the issuing institution.

The University of Sydney charges an application processing fee (APF). For further information on the APF visit [sydney.edu.au/future-students/international/postgraduate/coursework/apply/application-processing-fee.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/future-students/international/postgraduate/coursework/apply/application-processing-fee.shtml)

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## **STEP 3: Attend an Interview**

Interviews for international applicants will be held via Zoom or face-to-face. Applicants residing in Sydney will be invited to Sydney Nursing School for a group interview\* at the Camperdown Campus (please refer to the domestic table on page 4). Applicants residing overseas will be invited to attend a Zoom interview. The dates for interviews are listed in the table on page 6. For further information on the interview please refer to page 7 of this guide.

<b>International Timeframe</b>	<b>Application deadlines</b>	<b>Online Numeracy and Literacy test dates</b>	<b>Skype / Zoom or group interviews</b>	<b>Offers made</b>
<b>Round 1</b>	<b>Sunday 24 May 2020, 11.59pm AEST</b>	<b>Tuesday 9 June 2020</b> <i>(site open for 24 hours only)</i>	<b>Tuesday 7 July 2020</b>	<b>13 - 17 July 2020</b>
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**PLEASE NOTE:** *International applicants applying for the Master of Nursing program, please review the Round 4 timelines before you apply. The decision for an interview will be available as tabled above. Candidates require enough time to apply for a student visa as the commencement of semester starts on Monday 22 February 2021.*

# THE INTERVIEW & TESTING PROCESS

## LITERACY AND NUMERACY TESTS

It is essential that Master of Nursing applicants are able to demonstrate satisfactory literacy and numeracy skills. As part of the admission process, you will be asked to complete two short tests in literacy and numeracy. All applicants will be provided with instructions for completing the literacy and numeracy tests online.

The numeracy test will assess fundamental mathematical ability and will consist of 15 questions addressing addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, percentages and units of measurement. Calculators will be permitted; however, **no mobile devices are to be used**. Applicants are given 15 minutes to complete the numeracy test.

The aim of the literacy test is to provide applicants with the opportunity to demonstrate their comprehension of written English, and writing skills including spelling, punctuation and grammar. Your ability to critically analyse and think independently will also be assessed. To facilitate this, you will be provided with a short reading and asked to write a brief critical appraisal. Applicants are given 20 minutes to complete the literacy test.

**Once you have completed the literacy test, your response will be submitted to a text-matching software program, in accordance with University policy.** This will enable you to demonstrate academic integrity in your work. It is therefore important that you write using only your own thoughts and words and do not use any additional sources or material. If it is discovered that you have used previously published sources to complete your written response, your application will no longer be considered.

Applicants are required to achieve a “satisfactory” rating for the online literacy and numeracy test in order to be invited to an interview.

## INTERVIEWS

The interview is designed to assess your suitability for the Master of Nursing program based on qualities and attributes important for success in nursing, including:

- interpersonal and communication skills
- intelligence and cognitive ability
- teamwork
- decision-making ability
- respect for diversity

- a sense of caring, empathy and sensitivity; and
- motivation and commitment within the context of nursing.

Your interview will be conducted in a group setting\* with up to nine applicants and will be facilitated by two academic staff members. It is envisaged that the interview process will take approximately one hour. The group will be set a task which you will work together to complete within a 30-minute timeframe. Examples of issues that the group may need to consider include allocation of roles, available talents or skills of individual group members that could be useful, and resource issues.

For applicants that are overseas or interstate, a group or one-on-one interview will be arranged Zoom. The group interview is as stated above and will take approximately one hour. In a one-on-one interview, you will be asked a series of questions and the interview will be approximately 30 – 45 minutes and will be facilitated by two academic staff members.

The way in which candidates present themselves will also be taken into consideration and it is expected that smart-casual attire is worn.

\*Sydney Nursing School (SNS) is prioritising the health and safety of all staff, students and applicants. SNS may need to conduct group interviews online via ZOOM due to government regulations in relation to COVID-19. Applicants will be notified of this change when invited to attend an interview.



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