



FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH

MASTER OF NURSING (Graduate Entry)

SUSAN WAKIL SCHOOL OF NURSING AND
MIDWIFERY |

SYDNEY NURSING SCHOOL

ADMISSION GUIDE, 2024

DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS



INTRODUCTION

The Master of Nursing (Graduate Entry) program at Sydney Nursing School is for students with a previous bachelor level qualification who want to become registered nurses in Australia. This pre-registration 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 (Graduate Entry) 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 their classes 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 classes at the Camperdown Campus and will have the opportunity to undertake clinical placements at a range of partner institutions, including those at Westmead.

Sydney Nursing School's admission guide for entry into the Master of Nursing (Graduate Entry) program in 2024 has been developed to help you understand the admission process. We aim to answer some 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](#) (Graduate Entry) 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 Director of Academic Education, I am proud to be part of Australia's most highly regarded nursing school where we aim to prepare nursing graduates who are locally knowledgeable and globally aware and have the capability to be future nurse leaders. I am delighted that you have chosen to apply for entry.

Associate Professor Andrea McCloughen



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. We encourage you to consider application for one of our [postgraduate advanced studies](#) courses instead.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Closing dates to apply for admission to the Master of Nursing (Graduate Entry) program are as follows:

- Round 1 – Sunday 23 July 2023, 11.59pm AEST
- Round 2 – Sunday 24 September 2023, 11.59pm AEST
- Round 3 – Sunday 10 December 2023, 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.

Please note: *Should this course reach its capacity prior to the scheduled date for Round 3 Online test or interview, Sydney Nursing School may reserve the right not to proceed. We strongly encourage you to apply as early as possible.*

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 as stated in the document checklist. 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 preference but oversubscribed, you will automatically be considered for admission into the Master of Nursing (Graduate Entry) 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, Australian citizenship certificate or birth certificate)
- ☐ [English language declaration form](#) stating that:
 - English is your primary language* or
 - You have undertaken an IELTS academic exam (or equivalent) and achieved 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.

Please note: all applicants must meet the English language requirements before they can progress to online numeracy and literacy tests and interview.

Bachelor's degree qualifications older than 10 years will be considered subject to you providing further information substantiating appropriate further education and development. If you have completed, or are currently completing any further study within the last 10 years, you will need to provide the academic transcript(s) for consideration. 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 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 (Graduate Entry) program must complete the following steps:

STEP 1: Submit an online application

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

Please note – we encourage all applicants to submit the required documents in advance and prior to the relevant deadline in each round to ensure sufficient time for assessment. Applicants that have not submitted all documents may not be included in the expected round online testing and interview.

STEP 2: Online literacy and numeracy tests

Applicants who meet the admission criteria and have a fully completed application (which includes the submission of relevant documents) 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 tests please refer to page 7 of this guide.

STEP 3: Attend an interview

On successful completion of the online literacy and numeracy tests, applicants will receive an invitation to attend a group interview conducted by Sydney Nursing School. Applicants residing in Sydney will be invited to Sydney Nursing School for a group interview* at the Camperdown Campus. Applicants residing interstate or in regional NSW will be invited to attend a Zoom interview on the relevant dates 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 (Graduate Entry) 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.

| DOMESTIC TIMETABLE | | | | |
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| | Application deadlines | Online numeracy and literacy test dates | Group interviews (via In-person or ZOOM) | Offers made |
| Round 1 | Sunday 23 July 2023, 11.59pm AEST | 10am Monday 28 August 2023 (AEST) <i>(site open for 24 hours only)</i> | In person - Tuesday 26 September 2023 ZOOM – Wednesday 27 September 2023 | 3 – 6 October 2023 |
| Round 2 | Sunday 24 September 2023, 11.59pm AEST | 10am Monday 23 October 2023 (AEDT) <i>(site open for 24 hours only)</i> | In person - Tuesday 14 November 2023 ZOOM – Wednesday 15 November 2023 | 27 Nov - 1 Dec 2023 |
| Round 3 | Sunday 10 December 2023, 11.59pm AEDT | 10am Thursday 11 January 2024 (AEDT) <i>(site open for 24 hours only)</i> | In person – Monday 29 January 2024 (AM Session) ZOOM – Monday 29 January 2024 (PM Session) | 31 January – 2 February 2024 |

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

STEP 1: Submit an online application.

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

International applicants may also go through an international representative.

Please note – we encourage all applicants to submit the required documents in advance and prior to the relevant deadline in each round to ensure sufficient time for assessment. Applicants that have not submitted all documents may not be included in the expected round online testing and interview.

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

When you have submitted your application, you will receive a confirmation email from the University.

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STEP 3: Attend an Interview

Interviews for international applicants will be held via Zoom or in-person. Applicants residing in Sydney will be invited to Sydney Nursing School for a group interview* at the Camperdown Campus. 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.

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PLEASE NOTE: International applicants applying for the Master of Nursing (Graduate Entry) program, please review the Round 3 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 before the start of semester which is 19 February 2024.

INTERVIEW AND TESTING PROCESS

LITERACY AND NUMERACY TESTS

It is essential that Master of Nursing (Graduate Entry) applicants can 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 applicants have completed the literacy test, the 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 both the online literacy test and online numeracy test to be eligible to be invited for an interview. Tests results will not be published to applicants

INTERVIEWS

The interview is designed to assess your suitability for the Master of Nursing (Graduate Entry) 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* (either in-person or via Zoom) with up to nine applicants and will be facilitated by two academic staff members. The interview process will take approximately one hour. The group will be set a task which you will work through together to complete within a 30-minute timeframe. Examples of issues that the group may need to consider as part of the task include allocation of roles, available knowledge or skills of individual group members that could be useful, and resource issues.

The way in which candidates present themselves during the interview process 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 all group interviews online via ZOOM due to government regulations in relation to COVID-19. Applicants will be notified of any change when invited to participate in an interview.

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