The Virtual Health Environment

During the last five years, academics at ACU National’s School of Nursing (NSW & ACT) have been engaged in the development of a Virtual Health Environment (VHE) which consists of:

- sophisticated nursing laboratories that simulate facilities in hospitals and include technologically advanced mannequins;
- the VHE website, hence the term ‘virtual,’ which is the educational and information system platform (www.virtualacu.com).

Central to the VHE model is a patient / client scenario that helps students identify as a nurse. These scenarios are developed in consultation with practising clinicians and are suited to a range of clinical settings including: aged and palliative care, acute care (medical / surgical nursing), maternity, paediatrics, mental health, developmental disability and community.

The VHE includes databases that comprise teaching and learning materials that may be accessed from any PC with an internet connection, allowing students flexibility in their lifestyles.

www.acu.edu.au/ACTnursing

The Canberra Campus (Signadou)

ACU National’s Canberra Campus (Signadou) offers academic programs in arts, education, social work, nursing and theology.

Situated just five kilometres from the Canberra city centre, the campus comprises two prominent historical buildings, Signadou and Blackfriars, with a delightful central courtyard and facilities including a student centre, library, computer labs, nursing labs, cafe, art gallery and swimming pool.

This campus community is friendly and the campus is well served by public transport.

To discuss your study options and to arrange a personalised tour of our campus and nursing laboratories, please contact:

ACU National Canberra Campus (Signadou)
223 Antill Street Watson ACT 2602
(02) 6209 1116
studentcentre@signadou.acu.edu.au

www.acu.edu.au/ACTnursing
### Bachelor of Nursing

The Bachelor of Nursing includes studies related to the art and science of nursing, as well as the professional and personal development of individual students. It aims to develop a graduate who will, at beginning level, be an independent life long learner, a competent practitioner, a creative and critical thinker and a motivated researcher.

Graduates of the Bachelor of Nursing will be eligible for registration as a nurse with the ACT Nursing and Midwifery Board and also throughout Australia (with the mutual recognition of registration between the States and Territories.) They will be able to practice at beginning levels of performance in the four domains of nursing identified by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council (ANMC).

Bachelor of Nursing graduates will be able to practice nursing in the following areas: aged care, community, developmental disability, maternal and infant care, medical/surgical, mental health and paediatric nursing.

### Admission Requirements

ACU National offers direct entry into the second year of our Bachelor of Nursing for students who:

- have completed a Certificate IV Health (Nursing) and an Enrolled Nurse bridging course;*
- have completed the first year of ACU National’s Bachelor of Nursing in North Sydney, Melbourne, Ballarat or Brisbane and wish to relocate to Canberra;
- have completed the first year of a Bachelor of Nursing at another university and wish to transfer to ACU National;
- have graduated from an Allied Health course or a Bachelor's degree (note - individual assessment required to determine eligibility).

* For students finishing their HSC or without nursing experience, ACU National recommends initially undertaking the Enrolled Nursing Course at Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) and enrolling straight into the second year of the Bachelor of Nursing at ACU National.

To enquire about eligibility for admission to any stage of the Bachelor of Nursing please call us on (02) 6209 1116.

### Bachelor of Nursing Program

The Bachelor of Nursing course is designed to be studied over three years (full-time) or six years (part-time). Students may be given credit for subjects usually studied in the first two semesters (the first year of a full-time program or equivalent part time program).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Course Strand</th>
<th>Credit for Semester 1</th>
<th>Credit for Semester 2</th>
<th>Semester 3</th>
<th>Semester 4</th>
<th>Semester 5</th>
<th>Semester 6</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Nursing Foundations</td>
<td>Nursing Practice</td>
<td>Exploring Professional</td>
<td>Spirituality in Health Care</td>
<td>Elective</td>
<td>Ethics for Holistic Practice</td>
<td>Realising Professional Practice</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Foundations</td>
<td>Practice</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Indigenous Culture</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>and Health</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Practice 1</td>
<td>Practice 1</td>
<td>Practice 2</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Applied Science for Practice 4</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Applied Science for Practice 5</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Contexts of Nursing</td>
<td>Contexts of Nursing 1</td>
<td>Contexts of Nursing 2</td>
<td>Contexts of Nursing 3</td>
<td></td>
<td>Contexts of Nursing 5</td>
<td>Contexts of Nursing 6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clinical Nursing</td>
<td>Introduction to</td>
<td></td>
<td>Contexts of Nursing 4</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Practice</td>
<td>Nursing Practice</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Complex Nursing Practice 1</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Towards Professional Practice 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Complex Nursing Practice 2</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Towards Professional Practice 2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Studying Nursing at ACU National

ACU National is a recognised national leader in nursing education and prides itself on the quality of its nursing programs, staff and graduates.

ACU National’s School of Nursing has nursing laboratories that simulate facilities in hospitals, nursing wards, medication/treatment rooms and preparation rooms. Students learn and practice nursing skills on technologically advanced mannequins, including paediatric mannequins.

The Bachelor of Nursing program encourages additional regular practice of nursing skills outside of class hours by providing the use of fully equipped nursing practice rooms.

ACU National incorporates comprehensive clinical placements at various hospitals and health care facilities in Canberra to provide students with a first hand understanding of the profession. Hands-on practical experience is a major component of our Bachelor of Nursing.