

## **AN INTRODUCTION TO THE FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

The Faculty of Health Sciences at the Australian Catholic University prepares highly qualified graduates in the areas of Nursing, Midwifery, Exercise Science and Paramedicine. Staff of the Faculty are located across six campuses: one School of Nursing in New South Wales and ACT; two Schools of Nursing and Midwifery in Queensland and Victoria; and one National School of Exercise Science with courses offered at Mount Saint Mary's campus in New South Wales and St. Patrick's campus in Victoria.

The Faculty offers courses that have a focus on health and range from undergraduate to postgraduate programs of study. Many postgraduate courses have been developed in conjunction with hospitals and health fitness agencies in order to meet specific needs of the professions and industry. Some postgraduate units are offered in flexible learning mode by online study.

All students have field and clinical experience that is supervised by specially qualified practitioners. Catholic hospitals and other public, private and specialty organisations, as well as schools and various health and fitness centres, are involved with preparing and offering this valued and essential experience.

The goals of the Faculty are closely linked to and emanate from the Mission of the University. The areas of achievement by the Faculty include the key areas of teaching and learning, research and scholarship and community engagement with specific objectives regarding internationalisation, quality and revenue generation. It has well-established procedures for evaluating performance and ensuring quality which involve students and representatives of the various statutory registration authorities and professional organisations, as well as recent graduates and employers.

The Faculty has an increasingly vigorous research program. Students who wish to undertake a research degree have the opportunity to do so in fields of research mutually arranged by candidates and staff who may supervise them.

If you are enrolling in one of our courses for the first time this year I extend a warm welcome to you. The Faculty endeavours to promote a warm, friendly atmosphere in which students can pursue their studies under well-qualified and enthusiastic staff. We aim to enhance the dignity of each individual and I am sure you will find your studies with the Faculty of Health Sciences a rewarding experience.

Professor Pauline Nugent

**Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences**