



Charles Sturt  
University



# Master of Nursing (with specialisations)

## Are you ready to take your nursing career to the next level?

If you're a registered nurse who wants to transition into more diverse and challenging nursing roles, Charles Sturt University's Master of Nursing (with specialisations) will give you the necessary critical-thinking skills and ability to apply evidence to practice.

There is increasing demand for highly qualified nurses. Upskill and step into leadership and advanced nursing practice positions, including clinical nurse specialist and nurse educator, clinical nurse consultant, and nurse manager. You can be part of the solution by preparing for in-demand health roles in rural and regional areas – now and into the future.

# New master's developed with industry

## Study 100% online and part time

Move forward in your career while you study part-time and completely online, fast-tracking your career while you work. There are no on-campus intensive schools or study required. Everything you need, from lectures and discussion groups to assessments, is online. Learn in small virtual classes, with personalised support and direct access to your subject coordinators. You'll also have the option to exit with a graduate certificate or graduate diploma, allowing you the flexibility to complete your study when it suits you and still receive a qualification.

This course allows you to apply knowledge and skills to your current employment. For example:

### Leadership and management

Develop a new policy to address practice improvements in your workplace.

### Clinical education

Plan, develop, implement and evaluate an education session or program.

### Rural and remote nursing

Undertake comprehensive patient assessment and develop a care plan and briefing paper that analyses primary healthcare services in your community.

### Aged care

Develop a practice portfolio that demonstrates your ability to undertake focused assessments and collaboratively plan for the care of older people.

“A major factor in my decision to study at Charles Sturt University was that I could do the whole degree online. As a working mum, I couldn't commit to face-to-face learning, and Charles Sturt had the best platform for online study.

“The role I started at the same time as my postgraduate study was as a nurse educator. Since then, I've moved into a nursing research intern position – a role I would never have thought of before I did my postgraduate degree. I've found there are so many more pathways that I feel I can pursue in my career. And the degree has paid so many dividends for my family – we can spend more time together. It was a challenging three years, but the gains have been so great.”



Frances Brogan

Charles Sturt nursing postgraduate

## Choose from five specialisations and study with leaders in rural and regional health education at Australia's most experienced online university.

### Aged Care

Designed for nurses working in aged care as clinicians, as well as emerging or current leaders working in aged care settings. Advance your assessment skills with a focus on age-related changes and the needs of ageing groups. Build your ability to plan and provide person-centred care that enhances quality of life.

### Clinical Education

This specialisation has been designed to match current industry demands and focuses on the knowledge and skills required for advanced nursing practice. Develop your ability to plan, deliver and evaluate clinical education in a range of healthcare settings through a focus on adult and transformative learning principles.

### Leadership and Management

Created for clinicians, leaders and managers at all levels of healthcare, this specialisation has a focus on practice improvement and transformative leadership. Revitalised to meet industry needs, this course helps you develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours needed to be a successful nurse leader in the rapidly changing healthcare environment.

### Research for Clinical Practice

Interested in developing your research skills so you can contribute and improve advanced nursing practice and leadership? This specialisation is for you. You'll increase your skills in critiquing research literature, understanding research methodologies, developing research questions, preparing a proposal, implementing a research project and reporting the findings. Complete your master's and continue your research with a Doctor of Philosophy at Charles Sturt.

### Rural and Remote Nursing

Closely developed with industry, this specialisation is the only one of its kind in New South Wales – and one of only two in Australia. Learn from leaders in rural and regional health education. Develop your capacity for safe and effective advanced nursing practice that meets the complex healthcare needs of people living in rural and remote communities. With a focus on primary healthcare, advanced assessment skills, emergency nursing care and quality improvement, you'll graduate with the diverse skill set needed to make a real difference.

Charles Sturt University has led the way in nursing education for more than 40 years. Learn from and connect with industry leaders and experienced nursing academics.

### Example study pattern

<b>Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Rural and Remote Nursing)</b> (Exit point) Typically one year of part-time study Discounted course fees and Commonwealth supported places available for 2022 study.*	Advanced Nursing Practice
	Health Assessment for Advancing Nursing Practice
	Strengthening Primary Healthcare with Rural Communities
	Advancing Emergency Care Nursing Practice
<b>Graduate Diploma of Nursing (Rural and Remote Nursing)</b> (Exit point) Typically two years of part-time study	Completion of the graduate certificate subjects above, plus:
	Value Based Healthcare and Critical Inquiry
	Critical Studies: Indigenous Australian Cultures, Histories and Contemporary Realities
	An elective, chosen from a restricted set
<b>Master of Nursing (Rural and Remote Nursing)</b> Typically three years of part-time study	Completion of the graduate diploma subjects above, plus:
	Practice Improvement Proposal
	Practice Improvement Project
	An elective, chosen from a restricted set

This is an example study pattern for the Master of Nursing (Rural and Remote Nursing).  
 \*Discounted course fees are for 2022 and are subject to change.

### Study duration

Study part-time and typically complete your master's in three years, your graduate diploma in two years and your graduate certificate in a year. Choose when you study with intakes in February and July.

### Entry requirements

You must be a registered nurse with 12 months' experience and need a Bachelor of Nursing or professional qualification which leads to registration as a Registered Nurse Division 1 with the Australian Health Professional Regulation Agency or equivalent.

### Credit

You may be eligible for credit for prior learning if you've completed a graduate certificate or graduate diploma in nursing from an Australian university. This includes our range of new graduate certificates.

### Course cost

Our Master of Nursing (with specialisations) is a full fee-paying course. Charles Sturt alumni may be eligible for a 10 per cent discount on course fees.

## New graduate certificates in 2022

Our new graduate certificates in nursing offer a pathway into your master's. You can complete your graduate certificate in as little as eight months of part-time study – while you work. Start small and build on your qualification. You can choose to continue your study with credit into the Master of Nursing (with specialisations) or take some time away and, when you return, receive credit into the master's.

There are four graduate certificates to choose from. Help address the strong industry demand for nurse educators and researchers, nurse managers and supervisors, community nurses, private and public hospital nurses, and aged care nurses. You'll learn through highly practiced-based, authentic assessments and incorporate your new skills and knowledge into your workplace.

### Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Aged Care)

- NRS566 Advanced Nursing Practice
- GER501 Contemporary Issues in Gerontology
- NRS575 Leadership and Clinical Governance in Aged Care
- NRS578 Advanced Clinical Assessment of the Older Person

### Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Clinical Education)

- NRS566 Advanced Nursing Practice
- HLT518 Foundations of Clinical Education
- HLT521 Teaching and Learning in Clinical Education
- Plus, choose from restricted electives

### Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Leadership and Management)

- NRS566 Advanced Nursing Practice
- NRS576 Clinical Leadership in Nursing
- NRS577 Leading Health Care Improvement
- HML508 Creativity Innovation and Change

### Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Rural and Remote Nursing)

- NRS566 Advanced Nursing Practice
- NRS532 Health Assessment for Advancing Nursing Practice
- NRS570 Strengthening Primary Health Care with Rural Communities
- NRS533 Advancing Emergency Nursing Practice

## Study in 2022 and save

Our graduate certificates are part of the government's Job-Ready Graduates package. Start and complete study in 2022 and you could save more than \$9,500\* – that's 82 per cent – on your course fees with a Commonwealth supported place (CSP). A CSP also means you can apply for HECS-HELP to pay for your course fees and defer repayment until you earn above a certain amount – meaning upskilling has never been more affordable.

\*Fees and savings are indicative only and are subject to change.

### Our nursing postgraduates get jobs.

97% of our grads are employed full-time within 4 months of graduating.



More than 40 years' experience delivering nursing education



More than 12,000 Charles Sturt nurses have graduated in the last 25 years



Study 100% online with Australia's most experienced university in online education



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## Making an impact through health research

### Improving the nation's health with research

Charles Sturt is leading the way in healthcare research. From aged care to child and family health, from health equity to First Nations health, our researchers are making a difference. They're developing nursing capability for advanced nursing practice, treating Parkinson's disease, chronic care nursing, dementia and rural ageing. And we've built strong industry connections along the way, including local health districts from the Murrumbidgee and Western New South Wales, primary health networks, First Nations medical services, not-for-profits and non-government organisations.

### Improving aged care

Charles Sturt Associate Professor Maree Bernoth has been involved with the residential aged care sector as a registered nurse and academic for 32 years. She has undertaken extensive research and practice development projects in the residential aged care sector and has led a number of research teams exploring rural ageing, mentoring nurses, partnerships and elder abuse.

"We found some pretty sad outcomes about what's happening in rural New South Wales, with older people and the provision of services for them. The outcomes were challenging for me as a researcher: they were also challenging with the response of government, the community, and residential aged care facilities."

### Leaders in telehealth and virtual care

We're helping to connect regional and rural Australians with access to vital healthcare resources. Through telehealth education, we're enhancing healthcare, public health and health support.

Associate Professor Melissa Nott is one of our passionate healthcare researchers who is involved in telehealth and virtual care. Melissa is a regionally based occupational therapist working with rural communities. She has a strong background in collaborative and partnership-based research that focuses on translating evidence into healthcare practice.

### Partner with us

At Charles Sturt University we share your vision for developing a qualified, skilled and capable health workforce. And you can partner with us to provide your staff with professional development. Contact us to discuss your workforce learning and development requirements. We can consider special fee arrangements for industry groups.

Please contact us for more information

→ [study.csu.edu.au/partner-with-us](http://study.csu.edu.au/partner-with-us)

"The Charles Sturt rural and remote nursing program was developed in consultation with very experienced rural nurses from Western NSW Local Health District. The university listened to our feedback to make sure each unit in the program was applicable to rural and remote advanced clinical nursing practice."



**Liz Shaw**

Manager, Rural Generalist Nurse Education Program