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2019 POSTGRADUATE
COURSE GUIDE

NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

COURSEWORK AND RESEARCH DEGREES

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NURSING AND MIDWIFERY AT CURTIN

Our nursing and midwifery postgraduate degrees offer a balance of theory and practical study, letting you build on your current skills to prepare for the next step in your career as a nurse or midwife.

Many of our postgraduate courses can be tailored to suit specialised healthcare interests, and are available on a part-time basis, allowing you to continue working while you study.

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ACCESS NEW KNOWLEDGE AND DISCOVERIES

A Curtin health sciences degree can give you access to the latest knowledge and research to help you improve the standard of healthcare in Australia and make a real difference to people's lives, locally and globally.

MOVE UP THE CAREER LADDER

A postgraduate course can add new or specialist skills and knowledge to your repertoire. Our postgraduate coursework and research programs are diverse, ranging from life sciences and clinical sciences to population health sciences.

CHANGE YOUR CAREER

A graduate entry master degree can give you the right skills to change careers.

GET AN EDGE IN THE JOB MARKET

A postgraduate qualification may help you stand out from other candidates in an increasingly competitive job market.

PROFESSIONALLY RECOGNISED

Many of our courses are accredited nationally and are internationally recognised, allowing you to potentially work in a number of countries around the world when you graduate.



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An international university, with campuses in Dubai, Malaysia, Singapore and Western Australia.



GRADUATE ENTRY FOUNDATION COURSE

This course is for students who want to start a career in health, but have a degree in a different field. The enabling course allows domestic students who have completed their undergraduate degree in a different field to complete the essential prerequisite undergraduate-level units for application to our graduate entry master courses.

You may select prerequisite units that you need to become eligible to apply for a postgraduate program. You can study a maximum of four units.

Completion of this enabling course may allow entry to:

- Master of Occupational Therapy
- Master of Nursing Practice
- Master of Pharmacy
- Master of Physiotherapy
- Master of Speech Pathology.

Please note: entry to these master courses is competitive and a strong course weighted average is required.

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INDUSTRY SNAPSHOT

Nursing is one of the largest health professions in Australia. In 2017 there were more than 387,000 registered nurses and midwives.

Nurses play a crucial role in providing ongoing healthcare for communities and individuals, and demand for the profession is predicted to exceed supply by 2030. Factors influencing this demand include an ageing population, longevity of life and more complex medical problems. Health areas forecast to have a high demand for nurses include acute care, aged care, critical care and emergency, and mental health.

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CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH NURSING

The following three courses offer effective and specific education for registered generalist, child and adolescent community health nurses. They provide you with relevant skills and knowledge based on a primary healthcare framework, and enable you to address the specific socio-cultural health needs of individuals, families, groups and whole communities.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH NURSING

COURSE ESSENTIALS

COURSE CODE	LOCATION	DURATION
GC-CAHNU	Perth	1 year part-time
STUDY MODE	INTAKE	
Part-time	Feb, July	

Please note: this course is only available to Australian and New Zealand students.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

A bachelor degree or equivalent and current registration as a general nurse in Division One with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH NURSING

COURSE ESSENTIALS

COURSE CODE	LOCATION	DURATION
GD-CAHNU	Perth	2 years part-time
STUDY MODE	INTAKE	
Part-time	Feb, July	

Please note: this course is only available to Australian and New Zealand students.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

You are required to complete certificate level before proceeding to diploma and master level.

You must have a Graduate Certificate in Child and Adolescent Health Nursing (with a course weighted average of at least 70) or equivalent, and current registration as a general nurse in Division One with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH NURSING MAJOR (MSC ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE)

COURSE ESSENTIALS

COURSE CODE	LOCATION	DURATION
MJRP-CAHNG	Perth	3 years part-time
STUDY MODE	INTAKE	
Part-time	Feb, July	

Please note: this course is only available to Australian and New Zealand students.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

You are required to complete certificate and diploma level before proceeding to master level.

You must have a Graduate Diploma in Child and Adolescent Health Nursing (with a course weighted average of at least 70) or equivalent, and current registration as a general nurse in Division One with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.



CLINICAL LEADERSHIP

This master degree course will enhance your professional career development and prepare you for a leadership role in a healthcare setting. You will learn clinical theory and conduct clinical research, develop core skills in critical thinking and decision making, and understand the multiple roles of clinical leaders.

The course will give you the skills to apply for managerial and leadership roles within healthcare teams, units and organisations, including at executive levels.

CLINICAL LEADERSHIP MAJOR (MSC HEALTH PRACTICE)

COURSE ESSENTIALS

COURSE CODE	LOCATION	DURATION
MJRP-CLINL	Perth, Singapore*	1.5 years full-time
CRICOS CODE	STUDY MODE	INTAKE
096303B	Full-time, part-time	Feb

International students: if you are studying in Australia on a student visa, you must study on-campus and full-time.

*This course is available at the Curtin Singapore Campus to Singaporean and permanent resident applicants, or foreigners holding relevant working visas.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND STUDENTS

A bachelor degree in a relevant health field (with a course weighted average of at least 70) or equivalent, OR current registration as a general nurse in Division One with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

You must also have a minimum of one-year postgraduate experience in a clinical area of practice.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (INCLUDING STUDENTS STUDYING IN SINGAPORE)

A recognised bachelor degree in a relevant health field (with a course weighted average of at least 70) or equivalent, AND current registration as a general nurse in Division One with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, or equivalent nursing registration in your home country.

You must also have a minimum of one-year postgraduate experience in a clinical area of practice.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

This course requires a higher level of English language proficiency: IELTS (Academic) overall band of 7.0 with a minimum of 7.0 in each band (or equivalent English test).

WHAT IS A CLINICAL LEADER?

A clinical leader must be as proficient in relational skills as they are in clinical skills. Clinical leaders are seen as experts in their field who use their interpersonal abilities to inspire and enable other nurses and health care providers to deliver quality patient care.





CRITICAL CARE NURSING

In these courses you will learn the theoretical foundations of nursing science and core aspects of critical care nursing. When you enrol, you will choose to specialise in emergency, intensive care, paediatric intensive care, neonatal intensive care, coronary care or high dependency, and develop advanced knowledge and clinical proficiency in the nursing care of critically ill patients within your chosen discipline.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN CRITICAL CARE NURSING

COURSE ESSENTIALS

COURSE CODE	LOCATION	DURATION
GC-CLINNU	Perth	1 year part-time

STUDY MODE	INTAKE
Part-time	Feb

Please note: this course is only available to Australian and New Zealand students.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

A bachelor degree or equivalent and current registration as a general nurse in Division One with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

You should also have a minimum of 12 months' experience in a specialist area of practice, and must be concurrently employed in an approved area, working a minimum of 24 hours per week.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Eligible registered nurses may be able to use successful completion of this major as evidence for professional recognition, for example by the Western Australian Department of Health (Certificate Allowance).

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CRITICAL CARE NURSING

COURSE ESSENTIALS

COURSE CODE	LOCATION	DURATION
GD-CLNURS	Perth	2 years part-time

STUDY MODE	INTAKE
Part-time	Feb

Please note: this course is only available to Australian and New Zealand students.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

You are required to complete certificate level before proceeding to diploma and master level.

You must have a Graduate Certificate in Critical Care Nursing (with a course weighted average of at least 70) or equivalent, and current registration as a general nurse in Division One with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

You should also have a minimum of 12 months' experience in a specialist area of practice, and must be concurrently employed in an approved area, working a minimum of 24 hours per week.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Eligible registered nurses may be able to use successful completion of this major as evidence for professional recognition, for example by the Western Australian Department of Health (Certificate Allowance).

CRITICAL CARE NURSING MAJOR (MSC ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE)

COURSE ESSENTIALS

COURSE CODE	LOCATION	DURATION
MJRP-CLINN	Perth	3 years part-time

STUDY MODE	INTAKE
Part-time	Feb

Please note: this course is only available to Australian and New Zealand students.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

You are required to complete certificate and diploma level before proceeding to master level.

You must have a Graduate Diploma in Critical Care Nursing (with a course weighted average of at least 70) or equivalent, and current registration as a general nurse in Division One with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

You should also have a minimum of 12 months' experience in a specialist area of practice, and must be concurrently employed in an approved area, working a minimum of 24 hours per week.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Eligible registered nurses may be able to use successful completion of this major as evidence for professional recognition, for example by the Western Australian Department of Health (Certificate Allowance).



DIABETES

These courses advance your knowledge and skills in diabetes self-management while building your understanding of diabetes as a chronic disease and its associated health impacts. In the master degree course you can put your research skills to practice to complete a supervised scholarly project, or a small-scale research study.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN DIABETES

COURSE ESSENTIALS

COURSE CODE	LOCATION	DURATION
GC-DIABET	Perth	1 year part-time

STUDY MODE	INTAKE
Part-time	July

Please note: this course is only available to Australian and New Zealand students.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

A bachelor degree or equivalent and a minimum of 12 months' postgraduate experience in a specialist area of practice.

If you are an Indigenous Australian health worker, you may gain entry to this course based on your current clinical practice, education experience and professional development.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

The Graduate Certificate in Diabetes is recognised by the Australian Diabetes Educators Association (ADEA) as an award that can be used towards an application for credentialing with ADEA.

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN DIABETES

COURSE ESSENTIALS

COURSE CODE	LOCATION	DURATION
GD-DIABET	Perth	2 years part-time

STUDY MODE	INTAKE
Part-time	July

Please note: this course is only available to Australian and New Zealand students.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

You are required to complete certificate level before proceeding to diploma and master level.

You must have a Graduate Certificate in Diabetes (with a course weighted average of at least 70) or equivalent, and a minimum of 12 months' postgraduate experience in a specialist area of practice.

If you are an Indigenous Australian health worker, you may gain entry to this course based on your current clinical practice, education experience and professional development.

DIABETES MAJOR (MSC HEALTH PRACTICE)

COURSE ESSENTIALS

COURSE CODE	LOCATION	DURATION
MJRP-DIABE	Perth	3 years part-time

STUDY MODE	INTAKE
Part-time	July

Please note: this course is only available to Australian and New Zealand students.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

You are required to complete certificate and diploma level before proceeding to master level.

You must have a Graduate Diploma in Diabetes (with a course weighted average of at least 70) or equivalent, and a minimum of 12 months' postgraduate experience in a specialist area of practice.

If you are an Indigenous Australian health worker, you may gain entry to this course based on your current clinical practice, education experience and professional development.

MIDWIFERY



This graduate diploma course for registered nurses leads to initial registration as a midwife. You will engage in critical thinking, self-discovery, self-direction and lifelong learning. Through a combination of theory and practice, you will learn to apply evidence-based knowledge and skills in midwifery to provide safe care to both the mother and her baby.

You will also study legislation and common law affecting midwifery practice and complete supervised clinical practice in a maternity setting.

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MIDWIFERY

COURSE ESSENTIALS

COURSE CODE	LOCATION	DURATION
GD-MIDW	Perth	1.5 years part-time
STUDY MODE	INTAKE	
Full-time	Feb, July	

Please note: this course is only available to Australian and New Zealand students.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

A bachelor degree in nursing or equivalent. You are required to have secured an employment position as a student midwife at a maternity hospital for the duration of the clinical component of the course, which involves a minimum of 1300 hours of practice. Recent clinical experience is necessary. You are also required to submit a current CV with your application.

This course has high contact hours and you are expected to be available for lectures, tutorials and midwifery practice for five full days a week. This will also include being available nights, weekends and during semester break.

You will also be required to recruit 10 pregnant women over the 18 months of the course to follow their pregnancy, birth and postnatal journey, which will involve an on-call component and include approximately 200 hours. Please be aware that you may need to be rotated to a larger health service to gain clinical experience if this cannot be obtained in your employing hospital.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

This course is accredited by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council and approved by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

Successful graduates may be eligible to apply for registration as a midwife with the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council.



"I graduated from high school wanting to work within the field of health to improve the care and services provided to people in Western Australia. After studying psychology at Curtin, I started working at a busy maternity hospital and I was instantly in awe of the power of women and midwives. Seeing the influential nature of midwives and the care and support they provided to their patients made me want to follow in their footsteps. I completed a Master of Nursing Practice at Curtin to develop sound clinical skills and I'm now completing a Graduate Diploma of Midwifery.

"My goal is to provide women in pregnancy with continuity, care and support. I strive to ensure every woman I work with feels safe, validated and has been given evidenced-based information so she can make informed decisions regarding her pregnancy. I feel my training at Curtin has provided an excellent framework for me to achieve this, and to further develop my clinical skills."

Kate Brazzale
Graduate Diploma in Midwifery

NURSING PRACTICE



This graduate entry master degree course provides a comprehensive program of study involving a diverse range of simulated practice and fieldwork, interprofessional learning, contemporary blended learning and advanced clinical skill development.

The course emphasises close integration of evidence-based theory and clinical practice. Theory content is comprehensive and includes the physical, biological, psychological and social sciences.

MASTER OF NURSING PRACTICE

COURSE ESSENTIALS

COURSE CODE	LOCATION	DURATION
MG-NURSPR	Perth	2 years full-time, plus a summer term
CRICOS CODE	STUDY MODE	INTAKE
064467B	Full-time, part-time	July

Please note: international students studying in Australia on a student visa must study on-campus and full-time.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

A bachelor degree or equivalent with a course weighted average of at least 70. However, as selection is competitive, this cut-off may be higher.

You must also have completed a human biology unit and a research unit at tertiary level. If you do not have this background you may be required to undertake additional bridging units. Please refer to the information on the Health Sciences Graduate Entry Foundation course at the front of the brochure.

You will also be required to provide supplementary information with your application. For more information, visit curtin.edu/nursing-prac-admission

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

This course requires a higher level of English language proficiency: IELTS (Academic) overall band of 7.0 with a minimum of 7.0 in each band (or equivalent English test).

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Successful graduates may be eligible to apply for registration as a Registered Nurse (Division 1) with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.



"I really enjoyed the variety of clinical placement experience this course offered – it confirmed that nursing was the right career for me. I also liked that we only had a small student cohort as it allowed me to get to know everyone and make some really great friends while studying. It also meant we could support one another throughout our learning."

Kia Harris
Master of Nursing Practice

NURSE PRACTITIONER

In this course you will explore theoretical and clinical practice components of the roles of nurse practitioners and study advanced practice across a range of clinical applications. Your studies will focus particularly on professional accountability, competency to practice, evidence-based practice, critical thinking, diagnostic reasoning, clinical decision making and the quality use of medicines.

As part of this course you will complete two supervised internship practicums and design and undertake a health project under the guidance of our experienced staff.

MASTER OF NURSE PRACTITIONER

COURSE ESSENTIALS

COURSE CODE	LOCATION	DURATION
MC-NPRACT	Perth	3 years part-time
STUDY MODE	INTAKE	
Part-time	July	

Please note: this course is only available to Australian and New Zealand students.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

A bachelor degree or equivalent and a minimum postgraduate qualification in a clinical field with a course weighted average of at least 70.

You must also have current registration as a general nurse in Division One with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, and must be able to demonstrate a minimum of two years' full-time equivalent (FTE) as a registered nurse in a specified clinical field and two years' FTE of current (within the previous six years) advanced practice nursing in this same clinical field.

In addition, you must also provide a detailed CV including education, clinical experience, professional development, and employer statements of experience (FTE).

Curtin University requires indicative support from employers for the applicant to be released for completion of 300 hours of clinical internship experience.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Successful graduates may be eligible to apply for registration as a nurse practitioner in Division One of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. They may also apply for mutual recognition of registration in other Australian states where equivalency of specialisation applies.



"I decided to undertake postgraduate study in nursing because I felt it was time to build on the knowledge and skills I have learned over the years as a registered nurse with current, evidence-based education. Curtin was one of only two universities in Western Australia which offered the nurse practitioner course at the time I enrolled. The information provided and application process was easy and efficient.

The most helpful and enjoyable areas of the course included learning advanced diagnostics and pharmacology, and completing my own research. Ideally, I would love to be involved in advocating the role of nurse practitioners in Australia, particularly in primary healthcare. There is huge potential for nurse practitioners to make a lasting difference to disadvantaged communities."

Holly Tisdall
Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner)

WOUND, OSTOMY AND CONTINENCE PRACTICE

In these courses you will focus on the care and management of patients with an ostomy (those who have had a bowel or bladder diversion), and patients with continence conditions (those with bladder and bowel control issues) and associated skin care complications. The courses will allow you to continue your work in your current practice setting and apply the skills and knowledge you learn to your healthcare role.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN WOUND, OSTOMY AND CONTINENCE PRACTICE

COURSE ESSENTIALS

COURSE CODE	LOCATION	DURATION
GC-WOCP	Perth, Singapore*	1 year part-time
STUDY MODE	INTAKE	
Part-time	Feb	

Please note: this course is only available to Australian, New Zealand and Singaporean students.

*This course is available at the Curtin Singapore Campus to Singaporean and permanent resident applicants, or foreigners holding relevant working visas.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND STUDENTS

A bachelor degree and current registration as a general nurse in Division One with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

SINGAPOREAN STUDENTS

A bachelor degree recognised by Curtin University and current registration as a registered nurse with the Singapore Nursing Board.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

This course requires a higher level of English language proficiency: IELTS (Academic) overall band of 7.0 with a minimum of 7.0 in each band (or equivalent English test).

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN WOUND, OSTOMY AND CONTINENCE PRACTICE

COURSE ESSENTIALS

COURSE CODE	LOCATION	DURATION
GD-WOCP	Perth, Singapore*	2 years part-time
STUDY MODE	INTAKE	
Part-time	Feb	

Please note: this course is only available to Australian, New Zealand and Singaporean students.

*This course is available at the Curtin Singapore Campus to Singaporean and permanent resident applicants, or foreigners holding relevant working visas.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND STUDENTS

You are required to complete certificate level before proceeding to diploma and master level.

You must have a Graduate Certificate in Wound, Ostomy and Continence Practice (with a course weighted average of at least 70) or equivalent, and current registration as a general nurse in Division One with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

SINGAPOREAN STUDENTS

You must have a bachelor degree in nursing (with a minimum course weighted average of 70) that is recognised by Curtin University. You must also have current registration as a registered nurse with the Singapore Nursing Board.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

This course requires a higher level of English language proficiency: IELTS (Academic) overall band of 7.0 with a minimum of 7.0 in each band (or equivalent English test).

WOUND, OSTOMY AND CONTINENCE PRACTICE MAJOR (MSC HEALTH PRACTICE)

COURSE ESSENTIALS

COURSE CODE	LOCATION	DURATION
MJRP-OSCNM	Perth, Singapore*	3 years part-time
STUDY MODE	INTAKE	
Part-time	Feb	

Please note: this course is only available to Australian, New Zealand and Singaporean students.

*This course is available at the Curtin Singapore Campus to Singaporean and permanent resident applicants, or foreigners holding relevant working visas.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND STUDENTS

You are required to complete certificate and diploma level before proceeding to master level.

You must have a Graduate Diploma in Wound, Ostomy and Continence Practice (with a course weighted average of at least 70) or equivalent, and current registration as a general nurse in Division One with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

SINGAPOREAN STUDENTS

A Graduate Diploma in Wound, Ostomy and Continence Practice (with a minimum course weighted average of 70) or equivalent recognised by Curtin University. You must also have current registration as a registered nurse with the Singapore Nursing Board.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

This course requires a higher level of English language proficiency: IELTS (Academic) overall band of 7.0 with a minimum of 7.0 in each band (or equivalent English test).



RESEARCH

Nursing and midwifery research at Curtin helps improve the health outcomes of individuals, families and communities at a national and international level.

In meeting the above goal, emphasis is placed on:

- creating a vibrant research environment to facilitate positive research outcomes for higher degree by research students, academic staff and industry partners
- the development of international evidence-based best practice in healthcare
- building on established links within the Faculty of Health Sciences, Curtin University and Australian and international partners.

Priority areas of research are: quality/safety, older persons and cancer and palliative care, mental health, wound care, maternal and children's health, and pre-hospital, resuscitation and emergency care.

We offer a range of higher degree by research courses:

- Master of Philosophy (Nursing and Midwifery)
- Master of Philosophy (Health Sciences)

- Master of Philosophy (International Health)
- Doctor of Philosophy (Nursing and Midwifery)
- Doctor of Philosophy (Health Sciences)
- Doctor of Philosophy (International Health).

THE BUSINESS OF BEING A DAD

The role of fathers has changed significantly in the last 10-20 years. Many dads are now more intimately involved with their children than previous generations, and new research is demonstrating just how important the father-child connection is to family functioning and wellbeing.

Dr Dawson Cooke is a Curtin Postdoctoral Fellow who is working with Dr Garth Kendall on research funded by the Fathering Project. He has recently had a study published that assesses how well families understood both their babies' and their own mental and emotional states, and how the father-baby relationship was related to family functioning.

"I am particularly interested in the very early stages of the father-infant relationship because I believe if a good quality relationship is established from the start of a child's life, this provides a resilient foundation for the father's involvement throughout their lifespan," says Dr Cooke.

"We assessed the parent capacity to consider mental states in the self and the infant, which is called 'Reflective

Functioning' (RF) or 'Mentalising'. It's all about thoughts, feelings and intentions, and how these influence behaviours.

"What we found was that the quality of family functioning was related to the fathers' RF more than the mothers' RF. Also, the quality of the mother-infant relationship was not predictive of the quality of their partner's relationship with the infant – these two relationships were independent."

"[The fathers'] RF was also strongly related to men's identification with the fathering role, more father-time with the child on weekends, and fathers' parenting self-efficacy."

Dr Cooke notes that while there is more awareness about the importance of the father-child relationship, and increased expectations for dads to develop healthy connections with their children, one of the greatest barriers to this is personal experience. Many men may not have had good relationships with their own fathers, and are uncertain about how to nurture their children. This can impact on the quality of the family relationships they develop.

"Fathers sometimes have a tough time relating well with their infant – for all the same reasons as why mothers struggle at times in early parenting. Many men have not had great role models of how to be an involved father. It may even be counter-cultural for them to be a hands-on dad in those first months," says Dr Cooke.

"Working in partnership with the child's mother is one important key to being an involved dad. Another is having the courage to have a go – not fear doing it the 'wrong way' and being prepared to ask for help if you need it."



HOW TO APPLY

COURSEWORK DEGREES

To make applying to Curtin as easy as possible, we have put together online guides and services to help you.

DOMESTIC STUDENTS

You are a domestic student if you are:

- an Australian citizen or Australian dual citizen
- a permanent resident of Australia
- a holder of an Australian permanent humanitarian visa
- a New Zealand citizen.

To apply now or for more information, visit curtin.edu/pg-apply

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

You are an international student if you are required to hold a student visa to study in Australia. This includes temporary residents, and non-residents of Australia and New Zealand.

To apply now or for more information, visit curtin.edu/int-apply

RESEARCH STUDENTS

To find a thesis supervisor and for information on how to apply for both domestic and international students, visit howtoapply.curtin.edu.au/research

Alternatively, you can contact our Graduate Research School for more information:

Tel: +61 8 9266 3337

Email: GRS.FutureStudents@curtin.edu.au

Web: curtin.edu/postgrad-research

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Curtin requires all students to demonstrate proficiency in English. You will meet the English language proficiency requirements by demonstrated completion of at least one year full-time of an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree at recognised universities in Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, Singapore, South Africa, United Kingdom or United States of America.

Alternatively, you can demonstrate your English language proficiency via other tests, such as the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

For further information on the postgraduate English language proficiency requirements, visit curtin.edu/pg-english

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Satisfying the admission requirements enables you to be considered for entry to a course but does not guarantee an offer. Admission is at the discretion of the course coordinator/school, and is dependent on a number of considerations, including your ability to meet the specific course entry requirements.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Health sciences students who will be working with children aged from newborn to 17 need to have a Working With Children Check. Your course coordinator will advise you when this is required. Courses that include supervised practice in a clinical setting require screening for and vaccination against a range of infectious diseases before beginning placement. A recognised first aid certificate and a criminal record screening are also necessary. curtin.edu/hs-fieldwork-requirements



FEES AND SCHOLARSHIPS



DOMESTIC STUDENTS

TUITION FEES

Your tuition fee is calculated and charged on a semester basis.

Indicative course fees for the 2018 commencement year are available at courses.curtin.edu.au

Indicative course fees for the 2019 commencement year will be available from September 2018.

For more information on individual unit (subject) fees, visit fees.curtin.edu.au/course_fees.cfm

STUDENT SERVICES AND AMENITIES FEE

Your Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) supports a range of non-academic services and amenities at Curtin. For information on the cost and services covered by the SSAF, visit fees.curtin.edu.au/amenities.cfm

COMMONWEALTH SUPPORTED PLACE

A number of our postgraduate health sciences courses are commonwealth supported. A Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) is subsidised by the Australian Government and is available to Australian and New Zealand applicants only. For more information, visit studyassist.gov.au

EMPLOYER-PAID STUDY

Your employer may be able to help you with the cost of postgraduate study. Many employers have developed formal employee education assistance policies in which education costs may be shared.

FEE-HELP

If you are an Australian citizen or hold a permanent humanitarian visa, you have the option of applying for FEE-HELP – a loan to help pay for part or all of your tuition fees. For more information, visit fees.curtin.edu.au/feeHELP.cfm

TAX BENEFITS

You may be entitled to an income tax deduction for tuition fees and related expenses if there is a direct connection between your course and your current work. For more information, please consult the Australian Tax Office at ato.gov.au

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Tuition fees are based on a normal full-time workload of 100 credits per semester (200 credits per year) unless otherwise stated. If you study more than 100 credits per semester you will have a higher annual tuition fee. The tuition fee is calculated in Australian dollars and is charged on a semester basis. Individual unit (subject) fees are listed at fees.curtin.edu.au/course_fees.cfm

Please note: All listed fees are subject to annual increases.

OFFER LETTER (100 CREDITS) FEE

As an international student, you need to pay the fee for your first study period (one semester or 100 credits) before arriving in Australia, in order to receive a confirmation of enrolment. The fee quoted on the international offer letter is an approximation and may differ slightly in accordance with the units you choose to study upon your enrolment.

INDICATIVE ESSENTIAL INCIDENTAL FEE

Some courses require compulsory additional payment for retainable materials and course-related fees, known as essential incidental fees. Some individual units may have optional fees for course materials and other course-related items.

REFUND AGREEMENT

The categories under which the University Fees Centre will assess an application for refund are laid out in the University's International Student Refund Agreement. The agreement is supplied to you with your Letter of Offer and can also be accessed online at fees.curtin.edu.au/refunds.cfm, where you can also view the most up-to-date information as the policy is subject to change.

SCHOLARSHIPS

A scholarship at Curtin can offer you great opportunities. The financial, academic and career support received will help you graduate with the skills and networks to make tomorrow better.

Curtin offers a variety of scholarships to students. Some are offered for academic achievement, while others are designed to make university possible for students who face financial hardship.

Scholarships are not loans – the money is given to you provided you fulfil key requirements such as academic performance, work experience or volunteer commitments.

Each scholarship has different eligibility criteria, application procedures and closing dates, so check these early in the process.

Visit our scholarships website to find out more and to sign up for a scholarships email alert.

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