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VU is leading an education revolution. The New Way To Do Uni is creative, practical, informed and connected; so you get the most out of not only your education, but your whole study experience.

DESIGN YOUR CAREER SUCCESS

Whether you’re entering the next stage – or a whole new phase – of your career, our postgraduate courses in counselling, psychology, nursing, osteopathy and public health offer career-focused learning for the leaders of tomorrow.

Our partnerships with industry and world-class research both inform our curriculum and provide extensive networking opportunities; while our lecturers are professional experts, who are ready to share current practices with you.

We are all about practical learning that leads to real career outcomes, and supporting you throughout your study journey.

STUDY YOUR WAY

If you’re busy juggling work or family commitments, we can help you achieve success on your terms.

You have the opportunity to apply based on your life experience, not just your academic qualifications – and in many cases, receive credits towards your course.

With flexible entry and exit points into our courses and the option of full and part-time studies, we make education accessible for everyone.

THE VU BLOCK MODEL

VU’s award-winning Block Model has transformed higher education in Australia. Founded on its effectiveness in universities in Sweden, Canada and the US, we were the first in Australia to introduce the Block Model of teaching in 2018. Following the overwhelming success in our undergraduate offering, we will be offering the Block Model in many of our courses from 2021.

VU’s Block Model delivers more focused coursework (rather than the traditional four units at once) so you can focus more and stress less. And with smaller, workshop-style classes, your lecturers have more time for individual attention.

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

VU offers world-class research opportunities. Our researchers work across multidisciplinary research focus areas to develop new technologies and solve real world problems.

Research is supported by our partnerships with industry and our research institutes and centres to provide beneficial outcomes to organisations, governments and communities. VU achieved the highest ranking of five (well above world standard) in the research areas of Nursing, Medical Physiology and Public Health and Health Services, and above world standard in Medical and Health Sciences.

MASTERS BY RESEARCH

In addition to our postdoctoral research (PhDs), VU offers Masters by Research degrees across our Institute for Sustainable Industries & Liveable Cities, and Institute for Health & Sport. These vary in length from one to two years and have different prerequisites and outcomes depending on your individual goals. Visit the website to find out more and contact us

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I had been a registered psychologist for six years when I decided to return to do my masters in clinical psychology.

“During my masters I did two internal placements in the VU Psychology Clinic; as well as two external placements in a private hospital. All these placements were so beneficial. The supervision really helped me to improve my skills in assessment and treatment.

I’d started my practice around the time I began my masters, providing counselling to children, adolescents, adults and couples – with a particular emphasis on helping clients to improve relationships.”

Alana Howell
Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)
# Counselling and Psychology

## Course/Code Overview

### Graduate Diploma in Counselling
**Code:** AGPD  
**Duration:** 2 years part time  
**Campus:** City Flinders  
[vu.edu.au/courses/agpd](http://vu.edu.au/courses/agpd)

Advance your counselling skills and learn how to apply them ethically. Develop your theoretical knowledge with industry-based learning and placement. Choose course specialisations that meet the current needs of the public and private industry. You can choose either the ‘General’ stream or ‘Child and Adolescent’ stream.

### Master of Counselling
**Code:** AMPE  
**Duration:** 2 years full time  
**Campus:** City Flinders  
[vu.edu.au/courses/ampe](http://vu.edu.au/courses/ampe)

Extend your expertise in counselling theory and practice. This course focuses on psychological theory relevant to your workplace and interests, counselling interventions and psychological therapies, and practical skills through industry-based learning and placement.

### Master of Professional Psychology
**Code:** HMPP  
**Duration:** 1 year  
**Campus:** Footscray Park, Footscray Nicholson  
[vu.edu.au/courses/hmpp](http://vu.edu.au/courses/hmpp)

Prepare for your final internship to become a practising psychologist, by undertaking a year of selected fieldwork placements, under the direct supervision of experienced psychologists. The course is based on the scientist-practitioner model of professional training, combining advanced theory with practical classes. This will include the areas of psychological knowledge, skills acquisition, ethical decision-making capacity and the application of evidence-based interventions.

### Master of Applied Psychology (Clinical Psychology)
**Code:** AMAL  
**Duration:** 2 years  
**Campus:** Footscray Nicholson  
[vu.edu.au/courses/amal](http://vu.edu.au/courses/amal)

Become a professional clinical psychologist working with children, adolescents and adults. Undertake clinical field placements in agencies across Melbourne. Study a range of assessments, therapies and rehabilitation techniques. This program has a strong emphasis on psychodynamic perspectives. Graduates qualify for registration as a psychologist in Victoria.

### Master of Applied Psychology (Community Psychology)
**Code:** AMAC  
**Duration:** 2 years  
**Campus:** Footscray Nicholson  
[vu.edu.au/courses/amac](http://vu.edu.au/courses/amac)

Pursue a career as a community psychologist in a vibrant learning environment. This program is founded upon the scientist-practitioner model of professional training, as well as facilitating a clear stance of inquiry in relation to all aspects of theory, research and practice. Graduating students will have completed 1000 hours of supervised practical placement experience.

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WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR COURSE UNITS, STRUCTURE, TIMETABLE, FEES OR HOW TO APPLY?  
Visit the URL listed with your course or browse [vu.edu.au/courses](http://vu.edu.au/courses)
Gain a world-class education from a global leader

Based on our learning, teaching and research strengths, VU is now ranked in the top 2% of universities worldwide (Times Higher Education World University Rankings, 2019).

5-star research

World-leading discoveries

Fourteen of our health and biomedicine research topic areas are ranked ‘above’ or ‘well above world standard’ (Excellence in Research for Australia 2018).

Industri connected

Networks and collaborations

We have links to hundreds of industry connections with leading organisations including Western Health, Peter McCallum Institute, Western Bulldogs FC, British School of Osteopathy and many more.

Graduate certificate, graduate diploma or master?

A Graduate Certificate is a six-month (full time) qualification that may be entered without a degree if you have sufficient experience. If you wish to continue studies for up to a year – or one-and-a-half to two years – you can complete the Graduate Diploma or Master respectively, enhancing your career options with each additional qualification. This flexibility means you can enter our postgraduate degrees with varying admission criteria or experience and exit when it suits you.
# Nursing

## Overview

This course is designed for registered nurses to transform the delivery of healthcare services in Australia. It prepares nurses for the challenges of clinical leadership, research and advanced practice roles. The program is delivered 100% online, giving you the flexibility to fit study around your busy home and professional life. This course helps you become a 21st century problem-solver empowered to challenge, reform, improve and transform Australian healthcare to achieve better patient outcomes.

## Admission Criteria

- Completion of an AQF Level 7 Bachelor of Nursing, or equivalent qualification
- AND
- Registration as a Registered Nurse (Division 1) OR Registered Midwife with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) OR equivalent registration with the relevant registering authority for applicants outside of Australia
- AND
- Completed a minimum of one year of full-time clinical experience, or the part-time equivalent, as a registered nurse.

## Career Outcomes

You’ll further develop your skills to translate years of experience in direct care, training, professional development management and implementing change, into the credentials needed to progress into management and leadership in a specialist area.

## Master of Nursing

- **Code:** HMNG
- **Duration:** 2 Years Part-Time
- **Campus:** VU Online

The Master of Nursing, with specialisation in Chronic Disease and Aged Care, Leadership and Palliative Care, is designed for registered nurses to transform the delivery of health care services in Australia. It prepares you for the challenges of clinical leadership, research and advanced practice roles in your chosen specialisation. The program is delivered 100% online, giving you the flexibility to fit study around your busy home and professional life.

## Admission Criteria

- Completion of an AQF Level 7 Bachelor of Nursing, or equivalent qualification
- AND
- Registration as a Registered Nurse (Division 1) OR Registered Midwife with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) OR equivalent registration with the relevant registering authority for applicants outside of Australia
- AND
- Completed a minimum of one year of full-time clinical experience, or the part-time equivalent, as a registered nurse.

## Career Outcomes

Masters level preparation will assist nurses in becoming a leader in one of three specialist areas: Chronic Disease and Ageing, Leadership or Palliative Care through demonstrating best practice in working collaboratively in interdisciplinary teams to promote better patient outcomes.
## Osteopathy

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<td>Master of Health Science (Osteopathy)</td>
<td>Learn to assess the health status of patients, including physical, socio-economic and psychological aspects. This course equips you with the diagnostic skills and graduate capabilities for Osteopathic practice required by primary health-care practitioners. You will also have the ability to formulate and prescribe a suitable and safe treatment program.</td>
<td>Completion of an Australian Bachelor degree (or equivalent) in the same discipline.</td>
<td>Become qualified to register as a practising osteopath. You may choose to work in your own private practice, or a variety of health settings including private clinics and community organisations.</td>
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**I chose VU because it’s more clinically relevant and engaging – it’s not just textbook learning.**

"The compulsory placement opportunities were so important to expose us to a variety of patient backgrounds. Being immersed within a work-related environment helped ease the transition from university to work, challenged me with real-life cases, and helped to improve both my clinical judgement and my communication skills. I’m now working at Sports and Spinal Group and loving it!"

Jason Izydorczyk  
Master of Health Science (Osteopathy)
I PURSUED MY POSTGRADUATE STUDIES TO ENABLE ME TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF THE COMMUNITY.

"What appealed to me about the Public Health program is the knowledge I will add to my exercise and nutrition expertise, plus implementing nutrition programs for the community and understanding public health policies.

Together with my bachelor degree in sports science, I’m growing my understanding in the needs of the community and building my project management skills. I also look forward to the placements that will help me become a confident and competent public health nutritionist."

Loandy Jourdan
Master of Public Health (Global Nutrition and Active Living)
Bachelor of Sport Science (Human Movement)

PUBLIC HEALTH

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<td>MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (GLOBAL NUTRITION AND ACTIVE LIVING)</td>
<td>This course addresses the global change in public health and the need for health professionals with the capabilities to respond. It brings together nutrition and active living, and focuses on working with diverse communities. Gain specialist knowledge and skills to pursue a career in public health practice in Australia, or overseas, in emergencies or development.</td>
<td>Completion of an Australian Bachelor degree (or equivalent) in any discipline, or Graduate Diploma (or equivalent) in a similar discipline. If you don’t meet the entry requirements, you may be admitted to the Graduate Diploma based on approved work experience. Once completed, you may be eligible for admission to this course.</td>
<td>Roles in global health, nutrition, physical activity research and teaching; community development work in health, nutrition and food security; and delivering health, food and nutrition programs in response to emergencies.</td>
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HAVING COMPLETED THE COURSE MYSELF, VU GRADUATES ARE NOW MY PREFERENCE WHEN HIRING. I KNOW I’M GUARANTEED TO GET A COMPETENT GRADUATE WITH ALL THE ATTRIBUTES OF A SUCCESSFUL OSTEOPATH.

“During my studies, through the student osteopathic clinic I gained a huge amount of clinical, hands-on experience with real patients from the general public, while being supported by registered osteopaths.

My greatest achievement so far would be opening The Osteo Clinic five years ago, with a fellow osteopath. Not only did VU equip me with the skills to become a good practitioner, I’ve continually been provided with support, even to this day.”

Dr Eliza Gleadell
Master of Health Science (Osteopathy)
Bachelor of Science (Osteopathy)