

2011 Course Information for Continuing Students

School of Health & Human Sciences
Bachelor of Health Science in Nursing

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Course and Enrolment Information for Continuing Students

Course Overview

There are two categories of admission:

Strand 3005100 – Certificate Registered Nurse

Category One (1):

- Candidates that have completed an entry level course at certificate level or equivalent that leads to registration as a nurse. This category includes hospital-based certificates, hospital-based diplomas, and/or tertiary associate diplomas.
- Candidates in Category One (1) shall complete one (1) unit in Group A and seven (7) units in Group B.

Strand 3005102 – Diplomate Registered Nurse

Category Two (2):

- Any applicant who has completed an entry level course in a recognised institution at the diploma level or equivalent, leading to registration as a nurse. This category also includes any applicant who has completed at a tertiary institution, a nursing diploma, or graduate nursing diploma, or a post registration nursing course which was the equivalent of at least one year's full-time study.
- Candidates in Category Two (2) shall complete one (1) unit in Group A and three (3) units in Group B.

2011 Course Rules

The Award Rules for each course are published in the *Student Handbook*. Archived Student Handbooks can be viewed online and are available from the Southern Cross University website on the [Past SCU Handbooks](#) page

Level of Award:	Undergraduate Degree
Faculty:	Arts and Sciences
Academic Organisational Unit:	School of Health and Human Sciences
Campus:	Lismore
Course Mode:	External
Duration:	1 year full-time, 2 years part-time
Total Units:	8

Specific Award Rules

See the University's *Rules Relating to Awards*, in conjunction with the Specific Award Rules listed below.

4.1 Requirements for an Award

- (a) To be eligible for the award of Bachelor of Health Science in Nursing a candidate shall successfully complete the prescribed number of units as follows, unless exempted:
- (i) candidates in Category One shall complete eight (8) units from the Schedule of Units attached to these rules, comprising one (1) unit from Part A and seven from Part B;
 - (ii) candidates in Category Two shall complete four (4) units from the Schedule of Units attached to these Rules, comprising one (1) unit from Part A and three (3) from Part B.

2011 Course Structure

Group A

CUL00408 Health and Australian Indigenous Peoples

Group B

BIO10061 Applied Human Bioscience I

BIO10454 Cellular & Neuropathophysiology

CMM10464 Psychosocial Contexts of Health

BIO10062 Applied Human Bioscience II

CMM10469 Enquiry & Critique in Health

BIO10467 Systems Pathophysiology

CMM10471 Nursing & Health Promotion

NRS00229 Clinical Project I N/A

NRS00230 Clinical Project II N/A

HLT00252 Introduction to Natural Therapies N/A

PHA00315 Introduction to Pharmacology

Unit Commencement Dates Table

Unit Code	Unit Name	Study Mode	Availability	Last Offered
CUL00408	Health and Australian Indigenous Peoples	EXT	Session 1 & 2	
BIO10061	Applied Human Bioscience I		Session 1	Session 1 2011
BIO10062	Applied Human Bioscience II		Session 2	Session 2 2011
BIO10454	Cellular and Neuropathophysiology	ONL	Session 1 & 2	
CMM10464	Psychosocial Contexts of Health	ONL	Session 1 & 2	
CMM10469	Enquiry & Critique in Health	ONL	Session 1 & 2	
BIO10467	Systems Pathophysiology	ONL	Session 1 & 2	
CMM10471	Nursing and Health promotion	ONL	Session 2	
PHA00315	Introductory Pharmacology	ONL	Session 2 & 3	

Key

CH	Coffs Harbour Campus	THL	Tweed Heads – Lakeside Campus
GCB	Gold Coast – Beachside Campus	THR	Tweed Heads – Riverside Campus
L	Lismore Campus	EXT	External (Distance Education)
		ONL	Online

Definitions

Internal is a lecture-based course of study at a physical location e.g. Coffs Harbour, Lismore, etc. Such a course may be web enhanced e.g. MySCU.

External (EXT) is an externally delivered course of study with study guides and course materials delivered via the post or made available online. Also called distance education or study via correspondence. It is typically web enhanced.

Online (ONL) is a course of study delivered exclusively online. All material for the unit is delivered online via the web.

Unit Descriptions

CUL00408 Health & Australian Indigenous Peoples

Examines the conflicts between Indigenous healing practices and the mainstream health industry. The concepts of Indigenous wellbeing, spiritual integrity and community cohesion are explored, and the impact of invasion on the health status of Indigenous peoples is analysed from historic and contemporary points of view. Aims to provide students with understanding and awareness of the socio-economic issues and cultural sensitivities required for delivery of effective and appropriate care by health workers and allied personnel.

BIO10061 Applied Human Bioscience I

Introduces the study of the structure and function of the human body relevant to nurses in the health care setting. Provides an introduction to basic chemistry, and examines the structure and function of cells, tissues and organs in relation to the integument, the musculoskeletal and nervous systems. The unit will provide a foundation appreciation of the complementarity of structure and function, essential to the study of human anatomy and physiology.

BIO10062 Applied Human Bioscience II

Continues the study of human anatomy and physiology relevant to nurses in health care settings.

Examines the structure and function of cells, tissues and organs in relation to the endocrine, cardiovascular, respiratory, renal, digestive and reproductive systems. The unit will develop an appreciation of the complementarity of structure and function at cellular, tissue and organ level. The assumed prior knowledge required for this unit includes the objectives for BIO10061 Applied Human Bioscience I.

BIO10454 Cellular and Neuropathophysiology

Pre-requisites: BIO10061 Applied Human Bioscience I, BIO10062 Applied Human Bioscience II

This unit focuses on the body's cellular level responses to disease and to the disease processes that originate from cellular malfunction. In addition, aspects of pharmacological principles of drug action will be considered. The assumed prior knowledge required for this unit includes the objectives for BIO10061 Applied Human Bioscience I and BIO10062 Applied Human Bioscience II.

BIO10467 Systems Pathophysiology

Pre-requisites: BIO10061 Applied Human Bioscience I, BIO10062 Applied Human Bioscience II

Focuses on pathophysiology at the level of the organs. A variety of disorders of the respiratory, cardiovascular, haematological, renal, endocrine, digestive and reproductive systems will be discussed with an emphasis on the causal relationships between aetiology, pathophysiology and clinical manifestations, and the pharmacological therapy used to manage these disorders. The assumed prior knowledge required for this unit includes the objectives for Applied Human Bioscience I and II and Cellular and Neuropathophysiology.

CMM10464 Psychosocial Contexts of Health

Introduces students to the dominant meta narratives of health and illness, enabling them to develop a holistic understanding of health and provides them with foundation concepts which will be explored in greater depth later in their studies.

CMM10469 Enquiry and Critique in Health

Provides students with an overview of research-based and critique-based enquiry methods in contemporary health care practices.

CMM10471 Nursing and Health Promotion

To provide students with skills in the development, implementation and evaluation of health promotion strategies for individuals, groups and communities. It addresses the concepts underpinning health promotion, critiques the various approaches and allows students to develop a health promotion proposal within the context of nursing practice.

PHA00315 Introductory Pharmacology

In this unit the focus is on the principles of drug action, receptor theory, pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics. It will take a systems approach in discussing pharmacotherapeutic agents, focusing on drugs in current clinical use in Australia, as well as new therapeutic agents. This unit will also introduce the student to toxicology, again with reference to agents used in Australia.

School Contacts

Student Liaison Team

The Student Liaison Team aims to provide you with a high level of friendly, efficient and professional service and can be used as the first point of contact for enquires you may have regarding your course. If the Student Support/Liaison Team does not have the answer to your question, they will be able to refer you to the relevant area within the University or to the appropriate staff member.

Staff in the Student Liaison Team can provide you with assistance during the course of your studies in relation to the following types of enquiries:

- enrolment advice
- course structure and planning
- unit selection
- assignment administration
- advanced standing
- special consideration
- general course administration
- support for Distance Education students.

Location: Student Support/Liaison Staff are located on each campus.

Hours: 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday.

Fax: 02 66203022

Email: healthscience@scu.edu.au

Student Liaison Contact Details and Location

Karen Symonds	02 6620 3513	Lismore, Z Block
Michelle Southall	02 6620 3642	Lismore, Z Block

Academic Staff

Academic staff are available to discuss any questions or issues you may have regarding specific unit or course content.

- **Course Coordinators** have responsibility for the overall coordination, development, review and administration of a course. Please familiarise yourself with the name of your Course Coordinator.
- **Unit Assessors** Assessors have responsibility for the overall coordination, development, review and administration of a unit. Please familiarise yourself with the name of your Unit Assessor during each study period by referring to www.scu.edu.au, click on MySCU and click on the unit in your Learning site..

Course Coordinator	Contact details	Campus
Marie Hutchinson Bachelor of Nursing Bachelor of Health Science Nursing Bachelor of Health Science	02 6620 3646 marie.hutchinson@scu.edu.au	Lismore Room: Z2.11

As Academic staff may be in class when you call, voicemail is often in use. Please leave your name and return number, and details of when you will be available. Alternately, you can call the Student Liaison team who may be able to assistance you.

Part Two

General Information

Census dates

Each unit of study in a study period at SCU has a census date that is the day upon which a student's enrolment for unit(s) in the study period becomes fixed and final. After the census date a student cannot enrol or withdraw from units without significant financial and/or academic liability.

If using the HECS-HELP or FEE-HELP Government loan schemes, the debt for units in the study period is deferred on the census date.

Census dates vary depending on the unit/s in which a student is enrolled. Therefore, it is important that students are aware of the census date for each enrolled unit for a particular study period.

To determine the actual census date for each unit of study, students must check My Enrolment:

- Log into My Enrolment
- Select *My Study Plans*
- From the menu to the left of the screen select *Current Enrolment*

Each unit in which a student is enrolled will be displayed with the census date clearly identified.

Academic Skills Development Unit– Learning Assistance

Learning Assistance is a service that is offered to all students at Southern Cross University via the Academic Skills Development Office

Specialist staff provide health science students assistance with academic skills such as analysing assignment questions, assignment writing, preparing for exams, reading, note-taking and time management.

If you would like to take advantage of this wonderful service please contact:

Martina Baumer Tel: 02 6620 3963

Email: learningassist@scu.edu.au

For further information visit the website: <http://www.scu.edu.au/academicskills>

Examinations

Final examinations are held at the end of each study period. Not all units require examinations so you should carefully check the assessment requirements of all the units in which you are enrolled.

It is your responsibility to complete any required examinations. Students will receive notification via their SCU email account when the preliminary timetable is available. When the final timetable is published it will be available on the web and on My Enrolment (select 'Exam Timetable' under 'My Exams'). It is your responsibility to check the details of all your examinations. Details will not be given out by telephone.

The University's rules governing Student Assessment and Examinations are set out in the Rules section of the Handbook.

Special consideration

The Student Assessment and Examination rules provide for you to be granted a special examination or special consideration in appropriate circumstances. In general terms, the rules provide that where you complete an assessment task such as an examination or assignment and believe your performance or preparation was adversely affected by medical or other circumstances, you may apply for special consideration.

If you are unable to sit for an examination due to medical or other exceptional circumstances you may apply for a special examination. Except in exceptional circumstances, a special examination will not be granted once you sit for an examination. Misreading the exam timetable is not grounds for a special examination. You may also apply for special consideration to vary the deadline for an assessment task, other than an examination.

An application form for Special Consideration is available from the Student Centre, from your School or College and on the Student Services website.

Staying in touch with SCU

After completing your unit enrolment you should continue to check your enrolment details on MyEnrolment and access your SCU webmail account. Any enrolment problems will be reported to you at this email address. The University also sends regular all-student notices and reminders to your SCU webmail account, so it is important to check your email account every week.

Forwarding of SCU student email to a private email address is permitted. If you would like to send your webmail to your preferred email please visit <http://webmail.scu.edu.au> Go to – OPTIONS – SETTINGS – Enable Forwarding – Enter your preferred email address - SAVE.

In order to receive the most up-to-date information relating to your university studies it is vital that you keep your contact details up to date, including your home, mobile and residential telephone numbers and your preferred address. You can update your contact details using MyEnrolment.

University Library

You can use the Library to:

- request books, photocopies of articles, subject searches, interlibrary loans
- arrange borrowing privileges from other libraries.

If you have Internet access you can also:

- request books, photocopies and services online
- access the Library catalogue which shows the holdings of all our libraries
- search full-text databases and electronic journals
- access a range of Internet resources.

To contact Library staff:

Freecall: 1800 659 460

Fax: (02) 6620 3875

Email: libdesk@scu.edu.au

Website: www.scu.edu.au/library

Key Dates for 2011

	Session 1, 2011	Trimester A, 2011
Orientation and transition starts	Wednesday, 16 February	
Studies commence	Monday, 21 February	Monday, 17 January
Beat the Stress Week (showcasing Support Services)	Monday, 7 March – Friday, 11 March	
Last date to enrol online	Sunday, 6 March	Sunday, 30 January
Census date	Check your census date in My Enrolment	Check your census date in My Enrolment
Study break	Monday 4 April – Friday 8 April	
Study break	Monday 23 May – Wednesday 25 May	
Last withdrawal without fail	Saturday, 30 April	Saturday, 26 March
Exam period	Tuesday, 26 May – Saturday, 4 June	Monday, 18 April – Friday, 29 April
Grade publication	Saturday, 18 June	Monday, 9 May
Inter-session or inter-trimester break	Monday, 6 June – Friday, 17 June	Monday, 2 May – Friday, 6 May
	Session 2, 2011	Trimester B, 2011
Orientation and transition starts	Wednesday, 15 June	
Studies commence	Monday, 20 June	Monday, 9 May
Beat the Stress Week (showcasing Support Services)	Monday, 4 July – Friday 8 July	
Last date to enrol online	Sunday, 3 July	Sunday, 22 May
Census date	Check your census date in My Enrolment	Check your census date in My Enrolment
Last withdrawal without fail	Saturday, 27 August	Saturday, 16 July
Study break	Monday, 1 August – Friday, 5 August	
Study break	Monday, 19 September – Wednesday, 21 September	
Exam period	Thursday, 22 September – Saturday, 1 October	Monday, 8 August – Friday, 19 August
Grade publication	Saturday, 15 October	Monday, 29 August
Inter-session or inter-trimester break	Monday, 3 October – Friday, 14 October	Monday, 22 August – Friday 26 August
	Session 3, 2011–2012	Trimester C, 2011
Orientation and transition starts	Wednesday, 12 October	
Studies commence	Monday, 17 October	Monday, 29 August
Beat the Stress Week (showcasing Support Services)	Monday, 31 October – Friday, 4 November	
Last date to enrol online	Sunday, 30 October	Sunday, 11 September
Census date	Check your census date in My Enrolment	Check your census date in My Enrolment
Last withdrawal without fail	Saturday, 24 December	Saturday, 5 November

Study break	Monday, 19 December – Friday, 23 December	
Recess	Monday, 26 December – Friday, 30 December	
Study break	Monday, 23 January – Wednesday, 25 January	
Exam period	Friday, 27 January – Saturday, 4 February	Monday, 28 November – Friday, 9 December
Grade publication	Saturday, 12 February	Monday, 9 January

For further enquires please telephone 1800 626 481

Useful University Websites

Getting started

New and re-enrolling student information – ‘Getting Started at SCU’ brochure	www.scu.edu.au/enrol www.scu.edu.au/enrol/index.php/3
Academic Skills Development Unit	www.scu.edu.au/academicskills
Accommodation	www.scu.edu.au/accommodation
Campus maps	www.scu.edu.au/about/maps
Key dates	www.scu.edu.au/services/student-services
Change your password	www.scu.edu.au/change-password
eReadings	www.scu.edu.au/library
Fees and financial assistance information	www.scu.edu.au/fees
Fees and financial assistance – document downloads	www.scu.edu.au/students/fees/index.php/dds
First year student support	www.scu.edu.au/students/first-year
Future students – document downloads	http://www.scu.edu.au/students/prospective/ index.php/dds
International students – unit withdrawal impacts	www.scu.edu.au/students/fees/index.php/14/
International onshore students – document downloads	www.scu.edu.au/international/office/index.php/ dds
Library	www.scu.edu.au/library
My Enrolment	www.scu.edu.au/myenrolment
MySCU	http://study.scu.edu.au
Orientation and transition	www.scu.edu.au/orientation
Policy and information –Academic Standings and Appeals	www.scu.edu.au/governance/academicboard
Principal teaching dates	www.scu.edu.au/about/dates
RapidPrint	http://rapidprint.scu.edu.au

Schedule of units	www.scu.edu.au/scheduleofunits
SCU Connect	www.scu.edu.au/scuconnect
Student associations	www.scu.edu.au/studentassociations
Student Mentoring Program	www.scu.edu.au/equity/index.php/3/
Student Handbook	www.scu.edu.au/handbook
Student life [OASIS]	www.scu.edu.au/studentlife
Student Services	www.scu.edu.au/studentsservices
Student Support Services	www.scu.edu.au/studentssupportservices
Test your browser	www.scu.edu.au/help/browser
Textbooks	www.coop-bookshop.com.au
Timetables	www.scu.edu.au/timetables
Turnitin	http://study.scu.edu.au/turnitin
Webmail	http://webmail.scu.edu.au

About the University

About the University	www.scu.edu.au/about
Academic faculties	www.scu.edu.au/about/index.php/15
General contact details	www.scu.edu.au/contact
International Office	www.scu.edu.au/international
Virtual tour	www.scu.edu.au/virtualtour

Schools and Colleges

Arts and Social Sciences	www.scu.edu.au/sass
Commerce and Management	www.scu.edu.au/business
Education	www.scu.edu.au/education
Environmental Science and Management	www.scu.edu.au/enviroscience
Gnibi – College of Indigenous Australian Peoples	www.scu.edu.au/gnibi
Graduate College of Management	www.scu.edu.au/gcm
Graduate Research College	www.scu.edu.au/research/college
Health and Human Sciences	www.scu.edu.au/healthscience
Law and Justice	www.scu.edu.au/law
Tourism and Hospitality Management	www.scu.edu.au/tourism
The Hotel School Sydney	www.hotelschool.scu.edu.au

