

Graduate Diploma in Clinical Nursing Course Maps

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Please note:

Unit availability is subject to change and minimum enrolment numbers apply to all units. The University reserves the right to cancel units with low enrolment numbers. Students will be advised of cancellations and offered an alternative unit if available.

ACU Term Dates 2025

| Study Period | Commencing - Finishing Dates | Census Date |
|--------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| ACU Term 1 | Mon 03 Feb 2025 to Sun 13 Apr 2025 | Mon 17 Feb 2025 |
| ACU Term 2 | Mon 28 Apr 2025 to Sun 06 Jul 2025 | Mon 12 May 2025 |
| ACU Term 3 | Mon 21 Jul 2025 to Sun 28 Sep 2025 | Mon 04 Aug 2025 |
| ACU Term 4 | Mon 13 Oct 2025 to Sun 21 Dec 2025 | Mon 27 Oct 2025 |

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Students who are out of sequence due to part-time enrolment or progression issues should seek a course advice meeting with the relevant Course Coordinator.

Students commencing in ACU Term 1 – Project-Research Streams Part-time: Specialisation

| YEAR 1 | |
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| ACU Term 1 2025 | <p>NRSG524 (10cp) Advanced Pathophysiology for Specialty Nursing Practice (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 2 2025 | <p>NRSG525 (10cp) Evidence-Based, Person-Centred Family Care in Specialty Nursing (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 3 2025 | <p>*NRSG5XX (10cp) Clinical Nursing Specialisation Unit 1 (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 4 2025 | <p>*NRSG5XX (10cp) Clinical Nursing Specialisation Unit 2 (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| YEAR 2 | |
| ACU Term 1 2026 | <p>HLSC604 (10cp) Quality and Safety in Health Care (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 2 2026 | <p>HLSC640 (10cp) Interpreting Health Research (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 3 2026 | <p>PHIL623 (10cp) Healthcare Ethics: Principles in Practice (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 4 2026 | <p>Project Stream Unit HLSC605 (10cp) Leadership in Health Care (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> <p>Research Stream Unit HLSC642 (10cp) Biostatistics for Health Sciences (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>HLSC646 (10cp) Qualitative Research Methods (Pre: HLSC640 or HLSC641) Online unscheduled</p> |

*** For Clinical Nursing Specialisation Unit availability see 2025 Online Unit Availability – School of Nursing Midwifery and Paramedicine found in the Course Enrolment Guide Unit Offerings 2025 tab.**

Students commencing in ACU Term 1 – Project-Research Streams Part-time: No Specialisation

| YEAR 1 | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ACU Term 1 2025 | <p>NRSG524 (10cp) Advanced Pathophysiology for Specialty Nursing Practice (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 2 2025 | <p>NRSG525 (10cp) Evidence-Based, Person-Centred Family Care in Specialty Nursing (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 3 2025 | <p>NRSG544 (10cp) Clinical Nursing: Advanced Concepts in the Acute and Chronic Care Setting (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 4 2025 | <p>NRSG545 (10cp) Clinical Nursing: Principles in Nursing Specialty Practice (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| YEAR 2 | |
| ACU Term 1 2026 | <p>HLSC604 (10cp) Quality and Safety in Health Care (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 2 2026 | <p>HLSC640 (10cp) Interpreting Health Research (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 3 2026 | <p>PHIL623 (10cp) Healthcare Ethics: Principles in Practice (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 4 2026 | <p>Project Stream Unit HLSC605 (10cp) Leadership in Health Care (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> <p>Research Stream Unit HLSC642 (10cp) Biostatistics for Health Sciences (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled OR HLSC646 (10cp) Qualitative Research Methods (Pre: HLSC640 or HLSC641) Online unscheduled</p> |

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Students commencing in ACU Term 2 – Project-Research Streams Part-time: Specialisation

| YEAR 1 | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ACU Term 2 2025 | NRSG525 (10cp) Evidence-Based, Person-Centred Family Care in Specialty Nursing (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled |
| ACU Term 3 2025 | NRSG524 (10cp) Advanced Pathophysiology for Specialty Nursing Practice (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled |
| ACU Term 4 2025 | *NRSG5XX (10cp) Clinical Nursing Specialisation Unit 1 (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled |
| ACU Term 1 2026 | *NRSG5XX (10cp) Clinical Nursing Specialisation Unit 2 (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled |
| YEAR 2 | |
| ACU Term 2 2026 | HLSC640 (10cp) Interpreting Health Research (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled |
| ACU Term 3 2026 | PHIL623 (10cp) Healthcare Ethics: Principles in Practice (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled |
| ACU Term 4 2026 | Project Stream Unit HLSC605 (10cp) Leadership in Health Care (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled |
| | Research Stream Unit HLSC642 (10cp) Biostatistics for Health Sciences (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled OR HLSC646 (10cp) Qualitative Research Methods (Pre: HLSC640 or HLSC641) Online unscheduled |
| ACU Term 1 2027 | HLSC604 (10cp) Quality and Safety in Health Care (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled |

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| YEAR 1 | |
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| ACU Term 2 2025 | <p>NRSG525 (10cp) Evidence-Based, Person-Centred Family Care in Specialty Nursing (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 3 2025 | <p>NRSG524 (10cp) Advanced Pathophysiology for Specialty Nursing Practice (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 4 2025 | <p>NRSG545 (10cp) Clinical Nursing: Principles in Nursing Specialty Practice (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 1 2026 | <p>NRSG544 (10cp) Clinical Nursing: Advanced Concepts in the Acute and Chronic Care Setting (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| YEAR 2 | |
| ACU Term 2 2026 | <p>HLSC640 (10cp) Interpreting Health Research (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 3 2026 | <p>PHIL623 (10cp) Healthcare Ethics: Principles in Practice (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 4 2026 | <p>Project Stream Unit HLSC605 (10cp) Leadership in Health Care (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> <p>Research Stream Unit HLSC642 (10cp) Biostatistics for Health Sciences (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> <p>OR</p> <p>HLSC646 (10cp) Qualitative Research Methods (Pre: HLSC640 or HLSC641) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 1 2027 | <p>HLSC604 (10cp) Quality and Safety in Health Care (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |

Students commencing in ACU Term 3 – Project-Research Streams Part-time: Specialisation

| YEAR 1 | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ACU Term 3 2025 | NRSG524 (10cp) Advanced Pathophysiology for Specialty Nursing Practice (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled |
| ACU Term 4 2025 | NRSG525 (10cp) Evidence-Based, Person-Centred Family Care in Specialty Nursing (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled |
| ACU Term 1 2026 | *NRSG5XX (10cp) Clinical Nursing Specialisation Unit 1 (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled |
| ACU Term 2 2026 | *NRSG5XX (10cp) Clinical Nursing Specialisation Unit 2 (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled |
| YEAR 2 | |
| ACU Term 3 2026 | HLSC604 (10cp) Quality and Safety in Health Care (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled |
| ACU Term 4 2026 | HLSC640 (10cp) Interpreting Health Research (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled |
| ACU Term 1 2027 | PHIL623 (10cp) Healthcare Ethics: Principles in Practice (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled |
| ACU Term 2 2027 | <p>Project Stream Unit HLSC605 (10cp) Leadership in Health Care (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> <p>Research Stream Unit HLSC642 (10cp) Biostatistics for Health Sciences (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled OR HLSC646 (10cp) Qualitative Research Methods (Pre: HLSC640 or HLSC641) Online unscheduled</p> |

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Students commencing in ACU Term 3 – Project-Research Streams Part-time: No Specialisation

| YEAR 1 | |
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| ACU Term 3 2025 | <p>NRSG524 (10cp) Advanced Pathophysiology for Specialty Nursing Practice (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 4 2025 | <p>NRSG525 (10cp) Evidence-Based, Person-Centred Family Care in Specialty Nursing (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 1 2026 | <p>NRSG544 (10cp) Clinical Nursing: Advanced Concepts in the Acute and Chronic Care Setting (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 2 2026 | <p>NRSG545 (10cp) Clinical Nursing: Principles in Nursing Specialty Practice (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| YEAR 2 | |
| ACU Term 3 2026 | <p>HLSC604 (10cp) Quality and Safety in Health Care (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 4 2026 | <p>HLSC640 (10cp) Interpreting Health Research (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 1 2027 | <p>PHIL623 (10cp) Healthcare Ethics: Principles in Practice (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 2 2027 | <p>Project Stream Unit HLSC605 (10cp) Leadership in Health Care (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> <p>Research Stream Unit HLSC642 (10cp) Biostatistics for Health Sciences (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled OR HLSC646 (10cp) Qualitative Research Methods (Pre: HLSC640 or HLSC641) Online unscheduled</p> |

Students commencing in ACU Term 4 – Project-Research Streams Part-time: Specialisation

| YEAR 1 | |
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| ACU Term 4 2025 | NRSG525 (10cp) Evidence-Based, Person-Centred Family Care in Specialty Nursing (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled |
| ACU Term 1 2026 | NRSG524 (10cp) Advanced Pathophysiology for Specialty Nursing Practice (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled |
| ACU Term 2 2026 | *NRSG5XX (10cp) Clinical Nursing Specialisation Unit 1 (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled |
| ACU Term 3 2026 | *NRSG5XX (10cp) Clinical Nursing Specialisation Unit 2 (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled |
| YEAR 2 | |
| ACU Term 4 2026 | HLSC640 (10cp) Interpreting Health Research (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled |
| ACU Term 1 2027 | HLSC604 (10cp) Quality and Safety in Health Care (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled |
| ACU Term 2 2027 | Project Stream Unit HLSC605 (10cp) Leadership in Health Care (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled |
| | Research Stream Unit HLSC642 (10cp) Biostatistics for Health Sciences (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled OR HLSC646 (10cp) Qualitative Research Methods (Pre: HLSC640 or HLSC641) Online unscheduled |
| ACU Term 3 2027 | PHIL623 (10cp) Healthcare Ethics: Principles in Practice (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled |

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Students commencing in ACU Term 4 – Project-Research Streams Part-time: No Specialisation

| YEAR 1 | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ACU Term 4 2025 | <p>NRSG525 (10cp) Evidence-Based, Person-Centred Family Care in Specialty Nursing (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 1 2026 | <p>NRSG524 (10cp) Advanced Pathophysiology for Specialty Nursing Practice (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 2 2026 | <p>NRSG545 (10cp) Clinical Nursing: Principles in Nursing Specialty Practice (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 3 2026 | <p>NRSG544 (10cp) Clinical Nursing: Advanced Concepts in the Acute and Chronic Care Setting (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| YEAR 2 | |
| ACU Term 4 2026 | <p>HLSC640 (10cp) Interpreting Health Research (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 1 2027 | <p>HLSC604 (10cp) Quality and Safety in Health Care (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 2 2027 | <p>Project Stream Unit HLSC605 (10cp) Leadership in Health Care (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> <p>Research Stream Unit HLSC642 (10cp) Biostatistics for Health Sciences (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> <p>OR</p> <p>HLSC646 (10cp) Qualitative Research Methods (Pre: HLSC640 or HLSC641) Online unscheduled</p> |
| ACU Term 3 2027 | <p>PHIL623 (10cp) Healthcare Ethics: Principles in Practice (Pre: Nil) Online unscheduled</p> |

PLEASE NOTE FOR THE MAPS ABOVE

Pre-requisites ('Pre:') are added in italics. Pre-requisites are other units that you must have passed *before* enrolling in the unit.

Students who do not follow the sequence recommended in their Course Map cannot be guaranteed a clash free timetable or completion within the normal course duration period. Any student studying outside the above sequence should consult with their Course Coordinator prior to enrolling.

Under some circumstances, you might be eligible for a prerequisite waiver. You can find out more about prerequisites and how to apply for a waiver on the [Student Portal](#).

UNIT DELIVERY MODES

OU - Online unscheduled

Fully online with learning activities accessible at any time (including assessments).

OS - Online scheduled

Fully online with learning activities held at scheduled times (including assessments).

Course Advice

Course Coordinators and/or Course Advisors are available to assist you with course advice. Students should in the first instance contact the Course Administrator. If required, your query will be referred to a Course Advisor or the National Course Coordinator. Please email your enquiry or request to make an appointment.

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