

Careers in Nursing & Midwifery

Nurse
Midwife
Aged Care Nurse
Children's Nurse

Clinical Care Nurse
Clinical Educator
Emergency Nurse
Endorsed Midwife

Health Care Manager
Mental Health Nurse
Nurse Practitioner
Researcher



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thinkers
made here.

2026

Shape the future

Creative thinking.
It's essential for tackling challenges.
Seizing opportunities.
For today.
But more importantly, tomorrow.
Creativity is how we move forward.
It sparks innovation.
In every industry.
And at ECU, it's at the core of
everything we do.

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At ECU, we recognise and respect the significance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' communities, cultures and histories.

We also acknowledge and respect the Noongar people as the traditional custodians of the land on which our campuses are located.

ECU City opening in 2026



ECU City represents the future of university education – a place where technology, industry and creativity meet to deliver the creative thinkers the world needs.

Located at the heart of Perth's commercial, cultural and entertainment districts, ECU City will feature state-of-the-art spaces for study and collaboration, cutting-edge learning and technology facilities, and world-leading performance venues.

ECU City will open to students from semester one, 2026.



Find out more –
ecu.edu.au/degrees/ecu-city

Why study at ECU?

There are so many good reasons to choose ECU for study. Here are some of the better ones.



Get career ready while you study

During your studies, we'll help you build your personal brand to prepare you for a new career.



Become a creative thinker

Creative thinking is a skill that's highly valued by employers and we'll help you make it your superpower.



Travel overseas as part of your studies

In lots of courses, you'll have opportunities like study exchanges with other unis, study tours and more.



Experience 5-star teaching and student support

Your lecturers and tutors will help you get the best out of yourself and will introduce you to new networks and possible employers.



Know you'll be supported

We'll help you adjust to your new life as a student, whatever your study or personal challenges.



Gain specialised skills

Our courses allow you to specialise in and gain expertise in a core discipline.



Get practical experience outside the classroom

You'll quickly turn theory into practice with work experience opportunities like internships, practicums and more.



Apply for a scholarship

Our scholarships are awarded to students from all kinds of backgrounds and for all kinds of reasons. It's not just the academically brilliant ones. This includes people who've had a challenging life without the same opportunities as others. A scholarship can help you realise your ambitions by paying for fees, textbooks and living expenses.



Industry partnerships open doors to you

Exciting internship or prac placements through our partnerships with IBM, West Coast Eagles, state-wide schools, hospitals and more.



Find out more – ecu.edu.au/scholarships

Top rated university



World University Rankings
Young
2024 TOP 100

Ranked in the world's top 100 universities under 50 years old.



QILT

Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching

The top public university in Australia for undergraduate overall experience.



Rated 5 stars for undergraduate teaching quality for 18 straight years in a row.

Start your career

It's not unusual for uni students to be unsure about careers or what course to study. Here are some ways to help you decide what to study.

Try our 5-minute Career Finder quiz

This quiz might surprise you with a suggested career direction and courses that take you there.

→ Take the quiz – ecu.edu.au/study/career-finder



Check out our study areas

Our eight study areas cover courses that lead to different careers and industries.

→ Find out more – ecu.edu.au/degrees/study-areas



Parents' guide to university study

Whether your child is the first in the family to go to university or you've been here before, this little guide will help you understand some of the mysteries of higher education.

→ Download the guide – ecu.edu.au/industry/career-counsellor-resources



Come to an event

Visit one of our campuses and attend an Open Day or information session.

→ Find out more – ecu.edu.au/events

Life as a student

It doesn't matter if you've just left high school or you haven't been a student for a few years, study at uni is a whole new world.

The good news is, no matter what your study challenges, we're ready to help you succeed.

Adjusting to study whatever your situation

At ECU, we'll support you through your studies whatever your personal circumstances.

Our Access and Inclusion team will work with you to identify reasonable adjustments to your study and uni life.

This includes if you have a medical condition or disability or have responsibilities for caring for a family member in a similar situation. It might also include ensuring you can continue to observe any cultural or religious practices.

Adjusting to academic life

Learning at university can be a bit daunting to begin with, but we've got you covered whatever help you need.

That includes help with preparing assignments, help with researching or referencing, help with online study and loads more. You can even get a peer leader in your first semester!

Free counselling service

If you need to discuss any personal issues that may be affecting your ability to study, we have a free, professional and confidential counselling service.

Career advice and job skills

You can get support and resources to help you plan your future career, as well as find work or volunteering experience while you're a student.

This includes career-based workshops, industry events, one-to-one career advice and more.

Student health services

All ECU campuses have health centres with doctors (GPs), nurses and allied health services to assist you if you need them.

Sport and fitness

Staying active can help sharpen your mind and reduce the stress of assignments and exams.

ECU has fantastic sport and fitness facilities, designed to support your health and wellbeing. You can also join group fitness classes tailored for everyone, or drop into fun social sports and competitive representative events.

Childcare for parents

If you're a student with children, our campuses provide short term care (Crèche) and long term care (Day Care) at select locations.

Wellbeing and mental health

The Living Room is a safe and inclusive space where you can drop in to have a relaxed chat with a trained peer who understands the journey you are going on as a student.



Do you identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

If that's your background and you'd like assistance with choosing a university entry pathway, please let us know.

Our team at the Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research, called Kurongkurl Katitjin, can also help you better understand and adapt to university life.

And we provide services on campus like:

- Nala Karla Student Rooms and facilities
- Tutorial Assistance
- Elder-in-Residence Program

→ Find out more – ecu.edu.au/indigenous

Travel overseas while you study

University study is way more than lectures, reading and assignments. As a student, you might also have opportunities to travel overseas as part of your studies, where you can immerse yourself in a new culture and develop lasting friendships.

Not only will this look good on your résumé, but it's also an excellent opportunity for you to challenge yourself and broaden your horizons.

Student exchange

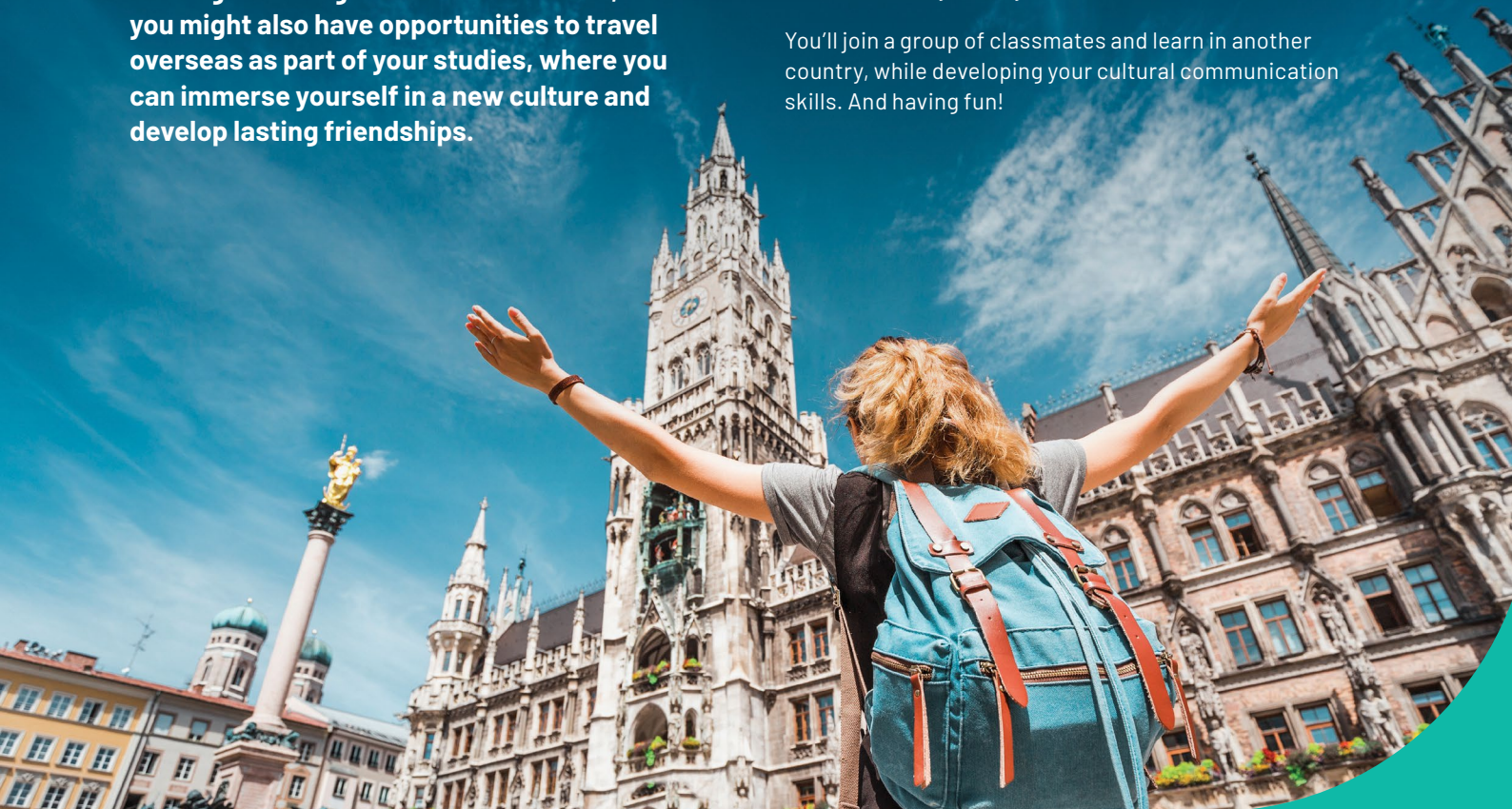
This is a program where you apply to study units related to your university course for one or two semesters in another country.

ECU has partnerships with 90 institutions in 35 countries around the world, so there's plenty to choose from.

Go on a study tour

Overseas study tours are possible during your time at ECU, and they usually run for one to two weeks.

You'll join a group of classmates and learn in another country, while developing your cultural communication skills. And having fun!



International Placements

Nursing and Midwifery students can undertake a community placement overseas, where they work in a different healthcare system and experience health from diverse cultural backgrounds.

Community placement opportunities are available in Philippines, Vietnam and Tonga.



A group of ECU nursing students travelled more than 6000km to the island country of Tonga to undertake practical observations in a unique environment.

[→ Read more](#)



Careers in nursing and midwifery

Nursing and midwifery are unique professions for unique people. Caring for our fellow humans - from newborn babies to the elderly, offers a variety of fulfilling career opportunities and specialisations.

ECU has been preparing nurses and midwives for exciting careers across Australia and the world for a long time. If you're thinking about a career in this challenging but rewarding industry, you've come to the right place.

Confidence through simulation

Our Joondalup and South West campuses feature facilities which simulate hospital wards for nursing and midwifery students. These provide a safe, authentic environment for clinical skills development. You'll receive plenty of hands-on practice and learn skills in a variety of simulated scenarios, designed to increase your competence and confidence, ensuring you're prepared for the first day of your career.

Top 75 in the world

ECU delivers one of the top 75 university nursing programs in the world according to the latest Shanghai Rankings. We are also ranked number one in Western Australia for Nursing in the Good Universities Guide (2025).



Mums Adopting Midwifery Students (MAMS) Program

To consolidate the theory learnt in the classroom and to understand expectant and new parents' experiences of having a baby, all midwifery students participate in our Mothers Adopting Midwifery Students (MAMS) program.

The MAMS program pairs students with pregnant women for their mutual benefit. Students assist throughout the pregnancy all the way through to the first few weeks after childbirth. The program offers invaluable learning opportunities outside of a 'typical' classroom setting, where students can develop both their clinical and interpersonal skills.

Know a pregnant person?

If they're no more than 35 weeks pregnant, and interested in participating in the MAMS program, scan the QR code to find out more.





Nursing and Midwifery courses

As an ECU undergraduate student, you'll have a choice of two courses to kickstart your career.

We offer a specialist nursing course, as well as Western Australia's only dual degree course, that's suitable if you're thinking about becoming a midwife.



Inspired by the healthcare system

"I was born at 24 weeks, weighing 725 grams. Despite being on life support, I survived, thanks to the dedicated health professionals. Growing up, frequent hospital visits sparked my interest in healthcare. I used to practice procedures on teddies to help with the anxiety.

Now, I want to work with premature babies as a midwife."

Rhiarn Snowden
ECU Nursing student

[→ Read Rhiarn's story](#)



Bachelor of Science (Nursing)

Indicative ATAR: 70

Minimum Duration: 3 years

Location: Joondalup, South West

Study Mode: Full-time, Part-time

Overview

Nursing is a global profession that plays a vital role in improving health outcomes for society. Do you want to make an impact? This course prepares you to become a registered nurse in Australia, able to practise in all kinds of healthcare settings. You'll study in some of the country's best facilities, including simulation wards that are like those in a hospital. And you'll balance the theory with lots of reality checks at practicums with our healthcare partner hospitals.

Industry Experience

As part of this course, you'll be required to successfully complete 800 hours of clinical practice in a range of WA-based healthcare organisations.

Career Opportunities

ECU's partnership programs give you the opportunity to do most of your practical placements in one health service, allowing you access to helpful resources and networking opportunities.

These unique partnership programs are available at healthcare facilities including Sir Charles Gairdner Osborne Park Health Care Group, North Metropolitan Health Service Mental Health, Ramsay Health Care and Western Australian Country Health Service.

Professional Recognition and Registration

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council have accredited this course. When you graduate, you'll be eligible to register with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, a pre-requisite to practice in the profession.



See more course information – ecu.edu.au/courses/C33

As part of her nursing degree, Isobel did a 3-week practical placement at one of SwanCare's aged care centres and absolutely loved it.



Find out more



Bachelor of Science (Nursing) / Bachelor of Science (Midwifery)

Indicative ATAR: 75

Minimum Duration: 4 years

Location: Joondalup, South West

Study Mode: Full-time, Part-time

Overview

Thinking about a nursing career? Interested in bringing newborn humans into the world? Why not study our double degree? This double dose of nursing is unique to ECU in Western Australia. It prepares you for entry-level practice as both a registered midwife and a registered nurse. And it seriously widens your career options.

Industry Experience

As part of this double degree, you'll be required to successfully complete 800 hours of nursing clinical practice and a further 720 hours midwifery clinical practice.

You'll also be required to follow ten women throughout their pregnancy journey, including being on call to attend when they give birth.

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See more course information –
ecu.edu.au/courses/Y76



A day in the life of Brodie the aspiring midwife

Brodie's first birth experience happened on a 2-week prac placement at Fiona Stanley Hospital. It was a wow moment for her – and that was in her first semester of study!

Brodie Hibberd

ECU Nursing and Midwifery student



Find out more



Switch to a career in nursing with a fast-tracked graduate entry degree.

If you have a degree in a discipline other than nursing and are now considering a career in the profession, our Master of Nursing (Graduate Entry) could be for you.



Master of Nursing (Graduate Entry)

Minimum Duration: 2 years

Location: Joondalup

Study Mode: Full-time, Part-time

Overview

This program has a strong focus on clinical practice and research, and will provide experiential and authentic learning opportunities, supplemented by theory.

As part of this course, you'll be required to successfully complete 800 hours of clinical practice in a range of WA-based healthcare organisations.

Professional Recognition and Registration

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council have accredited this course. When you graduate, you'll be eligible to register with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, a pre-requisite to practice in the profession.

➔ See more course information – ecu.edu.au/courses/J46



Charity finds a home in clinical nursing

"I have a personal interest in human behaviour and nursing and had already completed my psychology and counselling undergraduate degree at ECU.

The university has a supportive and conducive learning environment and I really benefited from the flexible modes of study and online learning resources. It allowed me to juggle work and study while supporting my family.

I now work as a Clinical Nurse Specialist at Royal Perth Hospital in the Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry & Addiction Medicine team, and also at Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services."

Charity Chola

ECU Master of Nursing (Graduate Entry) graduate



Postgraduate studies to advance your career

We offer a comprehensive range of specialised postgraduate courses to empower nurses and midwives to make a difference in healthcare.

We also offer higher degree by research courses for those who want to explore specific topics in greater depth, contributing new knowledge to our understanding of healthcare.

“The skills I got from ECU have really helped my patient management to ensure that I’m providing the best patient care I possibly can.”

Lucy Stopher
ECU Nurse Practitioner graduate

[→ Hear Lucy's story](#)



Specialisations we offer

Nursing

- Advanced Nursing
- Children and Young People's Nursing
- Contemporary Care of the Older Person
- Mental Health
- Nurse Practitioner
- Nursing leadership with an MBA
- Primary Health Care

Midwifery

- Midwifery Diagnostics and Prescribing
- Midwifery Practice

Research

We offer higher degree by research courses for individuals looking to delve deeper into specialised topics and contribute to the advancement of healthcare knowledge.

Our programs are tailored to support nurses and midwives in conducting research that drives innovation in health and well-being. Taught by world-renowned experts, you can pursue an Honours, Master's, or PhD in Nursing or Midwifery, gaining the skills to make meaningful impacts in the field.

Learning from the best

Our postgraduate nursing students benefit from top-quality educators, exceptional resources, and unmatched support. In the 2025 Good Universities Guide, ECU was ranked WA's top university for Teaching Quality, Learning Resources and Student Support in the field of Nursing, ensuring you're set up for success in your career.

Financial support

Postgraduate nursing and midwifery students at ECU benefit from various support systems to help them succeed academically. We have scholarships, Commonwealth-subsidised courses and even an initiative that can clear your existing HECS debt if you commit to working as a Nurse Practitioner in regional Australia.



Learn more about course costs at ecu.edu.au/fees

ACMHN accredited

Did you know, our Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing is accredited by the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses.

By the time you've finished your studies, you'll be recognised with the qualification, skills, and expertise of specialist mental health nurses.



What pathway can you take?

If you don't have an ATAR, or you do but got a lower ATAR than expected, you still have pathway options into university courses.

For some of these pathways, you may need to have completed WACE or meet English competency requirements.

University Preparation pathway*

Our free UniPrep course is recommended for students who didn't get the ATAR result they were hoping for, or don't have an ATAR. This short enabling course is even available over the summer break, from November to January, in time to start uni in Semester 1.

→ Find out more – ecu.edu.au/uniprep

VET pathway

If you've completed or started a VET course at a TAFE or another training organisation, this pathway is for you. A completed Cert IV or higher might make you eligible to go straight into an undergraduate course.

→ Find out more – ecu.edu.au/pathways

What are you studying this year?

4+ ATAR subjects

ATAR pathway

Apply for an ECU undergraduate course

Certificate IV/
Diploma

VET pathway

Apply for an ECU course

General subjects
only

UniPrep pathway

Apply for one of ECU's UniPrep courses

Notes

1. All Year 12 students applying for ECU courses need to apply via TISC, meet English competency requirements and achieve WACE.
2. Depending on your current school, you may qualify for an adjustment to your ATAR (higher). Ask us about this.

How to apply

Application options can vary, depending upon your situation and your chosen pathway.

Australian universities have 4 standard categories that cover student applications. These are:

- Recent secondary education (typically most school leavers)
- Work and life experience (people who left secondary education 2+ years ago, haven't studied a VET course and have professional or work experience)
- Vocational education and training (VET)
 - includes TAFE students and other VET providers
- Higher education student (people who may have studied a higher ed course or completed a bridging or enabling course)

We won't try to explain these here, but we suggest you visit our Applying page and see which category is your best fit. The page also details your different entry requirements and options.

If you're ready to apply now, don't forget to have scanned copies of qualifications, your resume or other required paperwork, ready to upload.

→ Find out more – ecu.edu.au/apply

Become an ECU student in 6 steps

- 1 Choose your course**

Consider having a back-up course in case you've applied for a popular course, and it's oversubscribed. You can apply for up to 3 courses at once.
- 2 Check course entry requirements**

Some courses have special admission or 'inherent' requirements so check these too.
- 3 Check the application date**

Don't miss the deadline for your chosen course(s).
- 4 Apply for a scholarship**

These are awarded to all kinds of people, not just high achievers. You can do this when you apply for a course.
- 5 Have your paperwork ready and go online**

You'll need scanned copies of other qualifications, your résumé or other required paperwork ready to upload.
- 6 Accept your offer**

If you're successful, we'll send you an offer of a place. We hope you accept it and become an ECU student!



If you'd rather talk to us about applying for courses, we'd love to hear from you.

Call 134 328 or drop into your nearest ECU campus.

It all started with Edith Cowan

The Edith Cowan story holds a special place not just at ECU, but in Australian history.

She influenced the course of education in Australia, paving the way for many people to access education they could previously only dream of.

It's why we didn't just take Edith's name. We embraced everything she stood for.

Before she became the first woman elected to an Australian Parliament, everyone told her it would be a tough nut to crack. So she celebrated by giving her fellow members a gumnut brooch, known today as the 'tough nut'.

We love this story so much, we've included the gum leaf as part of our new logo. It is our pledge to carry on her beliefs and continue to transform the way we learn.



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Greening ECU

Edith Cowan University is committed to reducing the environmental impact associated with its operations by conducting its activities in a socially and environmentally responsible manner. This includes implementing strategies and technologies that minimise waste of resources and demonstrate environmentally sensitive development, innovation and continuous improvement.





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