QUT School of Nursing and Midwifery
Getting Started

Welcome to the School of Nursing and Midwifery. As a commencing student you need to take action now on the following items so that you are prepared for commencement in your course.

- **Blue Card (Mandatory)**

  All students must obtain a Blue Card at the commencement of the course. A Blue Card confirms that you have passed a screening and have been approved to work with children and young people under 18 years of age. An application form and further information can be found at [http://www.studentservices.qut.edu.au/enrol/course/spec_req/bluecard.jsp](http://www.studentservices.qut.edu.au/enrol/course/spec_req/bluecard.jsp)

  If you already have a Blue Card issued through another organisation/provider you are required to provide these details to the Commission and to QUT. To do this, please complete the authorisation form [http://www.studentservices.qut.edu.au/pdfs/forms/confirmbluecard.pdf](http://www.studentservices.qut.edu.au/pdfs/forms/confirmbluecard.pdf) and present it, along with your Blue Card and Student ID Card, to the Student Centre on your campus.

  As processing of these applications can take a **minimum of 6 weeks you need to apply now**. Complete the application form and submit it **in person** (identification required eg. Drivers Licence, Passport) at a QUT Student Centre as soon as you have enrolled in the course.

  Student Centres are located at Kelvin Grove, Gardens Point and Caboolture. For your nearest student centre location and opening hours please go to the following website: [http://www.studentservices.qut.edu.au/info/contacts/u_QUT/inperson.jsp](http://www.studentservices.qut.edu.au/info/contacts/u_QUT/inperson.jsp).

- **Hepatitis B (Mandatory)**

  All students must provide proof of their immunity to Hepatitis B.

  If you have not yet been immunised for Hepatitis B you will need to undertake a **full course of Hepatitis B vaccination**. A regular vaccination course takes **6 months** to complete and consists of three vaccinations. Therefore, you need to commence this process now.

  If you expect to be undertaking a clinical unit in your first semester at QUT, you may not have sufficient time to complete the normal recommended course. It may be necessary to commence a fast track course of vaccinations. To find out what you need to do have a look at the QUT website: [http://www.healthservices.qut.edu.au/services/immunisation/hepb.jsp](http://www.healthservices.qut.edu.au/services/immunisation/hepb.jsp)

  Upon completion of the vaccinations, or if you have previously been vaccinated against Hepatitis B, you will be required to provide a post vaccination serology report stating your level of immunity against Hepatitis B.

  **Take action now to ensure you have sufficient time to meet these requirements.**
• **Senior First Aid (Mandatory)**
  You are required to have recently completed a senior first aid course or equivalent. The CPR component must be current at the time of submission. You can provide course documentation that demonstrates that you have completed first aid as part of any recent previous nursing studies.

If you require First Aid Training, please contact one of the training providers listed on the QUT Human Resources Department **First Aid Training Providers** page or contact the **QUT Student Guild**.

• **Uniform**
  Students will be required to wear a uniform and maintain suitable dress standards while on clinical practice. The uniform consists of QUT School of Nursing and Midwifery polo shirt (approx $40 each), navy blue trousers/long pants with pockets and black, brown or navy leather shoes with a non-slip sole (no joggers or sports shoes). The approximate cost of the uniform is $150.

**Checklist for Immediate Action**

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<td><strong>1</strong> Submit Blue Card application form at Student Centre, Level 6, F Block KG. Must be submitted in person.</td>
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<td><strong>2</strong> Commence Hepatitis B vaccination</td>
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  A branch of the QUT Health Service is located at the Kelvin Grove campus. [Click here](#) for information on the services offered and more. Alternatively you may choose to contact your own general practitioner or the Brisbane City Council Immunisation Service. More details on QUT’s requirements for Hepatitis B vaccination are available in the QUT **Manual of Policy and Procedures (MOPP)**. |
| **3** First Aid |
  **Complete a First Aid course.** The level required is a **Senior First Aid Statement of Attainment** (or equivalent). |
  Note:
  - Senior First Aid qualifications must be updated **every 3 years**.
  - In addition, the CPR component must be updated **every 12 months**. It is your personal responsibility to ensure that your first aid qualifications are updated in accordance with these requirements. |
| **4** Uniform |
  Upon commencing your course at QUT order your uniform shirt at the Newsagency located at C Block, QUT Kelvin Grove campus. You will be advised when to place your order. |