

High demand pushes up entry scores for UQ nursing and midwifery

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With the highest OP requirements in Queensland, The University of Queensland [School of Nursing and Midwifery](#) - based at the Ipswich campus - will welcome more than 200 new students into its undergraduate programs in 2012.

During the past two years, the UQ [School of Nursing and Midwifery](#) Overall Position (OP) across all three of its undergraduate programs has risen between two and three points.

Leading the way is the Bachelor of Nursing with an OP cut-off of nine, making it the highest OP nursing program in the State.

Thanks largely to the unique clinical school structure and high degree of clinical content, demand for the Dual Degree, (Bachelor of Nursing and Midwifery) and the stand-alone Midwifery program also continues to grow.

Both the Dual Degree and Bachelor of Midwifery recorded the highest entry-level cutoffs across any Dual Degree and Midwifery program in Queensland. The OP for the Dual Degree is currently at eight for the 2012 intake. This is an increase of two points in two years.

The quality and strength of the programs are also reflected in the School's first preferences which saw a 30 per cent increase in 2012, where students selected UQ Nursing and Midwifery above any other nursing and midwifery programs in Queensland.

According to Head of School [Professor Catherine Turner](#), the results and increased demand for the programs emulate the teaching excellence and program quality within the School.

" I am very pleased with the continued success of our programs and the increase in our OP and first preference results," said Professor Turner.

" I feel this outstanding achievement is a direct indication of the quality and strength of our programs, teaching and clinical school model."

Pro-Vice-Chancellor [Professor Alan Rix](#) will welcome new students to the Ipswich Campus during Orientation on Tuesday, February 21.

" It will be great to have our Nursing and Midwifery students starting at UQ and at the Ipswich Campus next week," said Professor Rix.

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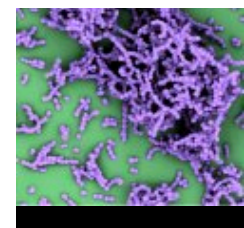


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" These programs are in high demand and the quality of students is excellent. I have no doubt they will enjoy their studies here and at UQ," said Professor Rix.

The [Bachelor of Nursing and the Bachelor of Midwifery](#) at The University of Queensland [Ipswich Campus](#) are specifically designed to develop graduates who will direct their own learning and apply clinical reasoning skills in their practice.

Clinical placements start from week five for all first year students, which enable them to gain the required practical experience.

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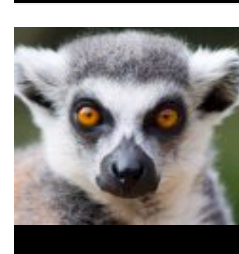
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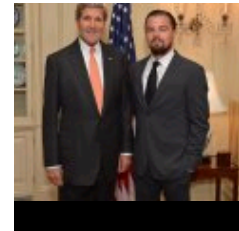


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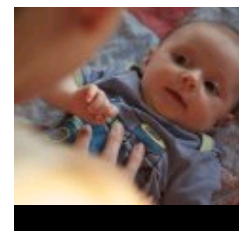
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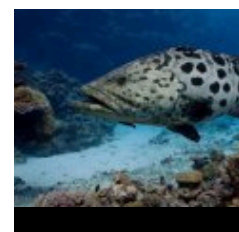
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