



Strong demand for nursing degree as Uni Hub prepares for 2026 applications

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The Bachelor of Nursing has become Uni Hub Spencer Gulf's most popular degree, with enrolment growth averaging around 70 per cent per year since 2019.

Every Uni Hub nursing graduate has stepped straight into paid employment regionally, with many securing jobs before their final semester - a clear sign of the demand for skilled nurses in the region.

"Nurses trained locally are critical to meeting the healthcare needs of our communities," Uni Hub Spencer Gulf CEO Anita Kuss said. "They bring a deep understanding of the region, its people and its unique challenges and they're more likely to stay and build their careers here."

The degree, delivered by CQUniversity, is available to study locally at Uni Hub's university centres. It offers multiple entry pathways for school leavers, enrolled nurses, or those returning to study after time away.

"This program is helping to address one of the region's biggest challenges - the shortage of skilled health workers," Ms Kuss said.

"Every nursing graduate who stays and works locally not only strengthens our health system and reduces the pressure on hospitals and aged care services, they also help build strong regional communities."

Ms Kuss urged anyone considering studying nursing in 2026 to get in touch with the Uni Hub as soon as possible.

"Some of the mandatory requirements for nursing can take some time to complete, so the earlier you start the enrolment process, the better," she said.

"Applications for Semester 1 don't officially close until 23 February 2026, but we encourage people to speak with us well before that date."

The Uni Hub team can guide applicants through the process, explain entry requirements and help them plan for course expectations.

"Studying nursing through the Uni Hub is more than just a degree. It's a chance to make a real difference in your own community. Our students are proving that you can pursue a professional career right here in the region without leaving home," Ms Kuss said.

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