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SCHOOL OF NURSING & MIDWIFERY

UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA

Dear Applicant,

Congratulations on being offered a place in the Sydney program of the Bachelor of Nursing Two Year Fast Track course at the University of Tasmania. Your offer letter will specify if this place is at Rozelle [R] or St Vincents & Mater Health Sydney [V]. Please check this before accepting your offer as places are limited and a change may not be possible. We look forward to welcoming you in person in February 2008.

I would like to draw your attention to a number of factors you may need to consider, **before** accepting this offer.

### **1. Legislative requirements for the Registration of Nurses in Tasmania and elsewhere in Australia.**

On successful completion of the Bachelor of Nursing you will be eligible to apply for registration as a nurse in Tasmania. Upon receipt of your application and the prescribed fee, the Nursing Board of Tasmania will process your application and notify you shortly thereafter. Once you are registered as a nurse in Tasmania, you are eligible to register as a nurse in other States and Territories in Australia under the Mutual Recognition Act 1992.

The successful completion of the Bachelor of Nursing degree at this University is only one of the requirements for registration as a nurse. Nursing Registration Acts in all Australian States and Territories impose additional conditions for registration, which include the requirements that the person has sufficient physical and mental capacities and is of good character. Registration Boards take such factors as previous criminal convictions into account when determining an applicant's good character.

If you require further information or are in doubt as to whether you would meet these legislative requirements, please contact the Nursing Board of Tasmania (NBT) by accessing their website (<http://www.nursingboardtas.org.au/>) or by phone (03 6224 3991) before accepting your offer.

### **2. Clinical Education**

Throughout your Bachelor of Nursing degree, you will be required to undertake clinical practice in a variety of health care settings. It is important to realise that you will be required to attend practice at nominated times. For students studying at St Vincents & Mater Health Sydney, clinical education/practice placements in both years will be in the facilities of SV&MHS and other locations in and around Sydney. Students who are studying at Rozelle will undertake their clinical education and practice placements at various facilities in Sydney South West Area Health Services (SSWAHS) and South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Services (SESAHS). As this is a full time course, you will be required to be available for both the on-campus studies and the clinical education.

## Police Check

In order to protect the public, health care agencies require all students to undertake a National Police Check before commencing any clinical practice. Students are required to complete a statutory declaration each subsequent year to verify that their status has not changed. Further information will be given to you during your orientation session.

## Student Placement Planning Agreement (SPPA)

The SNM requires students to read and sign the Practice Placement Policy prior to commencing clinical practice in health care agencies. More information will be provided to you during your orientation session.

## 3. Immunisation

The SNM has a responsibility to ensure the health and safety of students and requires that all nursing students are immunised prior to commencement of the course. You will need to be immunised against Hepatitis B. A list of other recommended immunisations is included in the SNM policy. For further information, please contact your GP, Local Council or Immunisation Info line (1800 671 811 or <http://immunise.health.gov.au>).

The SNM's infectious diseases and immunisation policy is available from the SNM website at <http://www.snm.utas.edu.au/policies/ImmunisationPolicy.pdf>, and it is your responsibility to familiarise yourself with the policy.

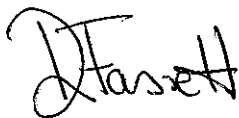
You must sign the *Student Statutory Declaration* form and return it to the School before the end of semester one. This form is available online at the Internet address above.

Please note a number of health care agencies require students to either provide evidence of immunisation status for conditions such as Hepatitis B and Tuberculosis or to undergo the vaccination process prior to working/studying in the agency.

Please don't be daunted by these requirements as they are designed to serve your interests as well as those with whom you will be associated during your studentship. Please do not hesitate to contact the SNM on (02) 8382 4820 if you require additional information or if you have any queries.

Once again, congratulations!

Yours faithfully,



Associate Professor Denise Fassett  
Head, School of Nursing & Midwifery

Please return this page to Tiffany Ponsittinat, SNM, University of Tasmania, 1 Leichhardt Street, Darlinghurst, Sydney, NSW 2010.

Please check that you have included:

- Completed signed enrolment form denoting acceptance
- Completed form for orientation

I have read and understood factors related to the legislative requirements, clinical education, police check and immunisation as outlined in this letter.

Name..... Date.....

Signature .....

It is strongly recommended that you attend one of our Orientation Days. You only need to attend one day as the same program runs each day. Please fill in the form below.

**Your Name:**

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**Your current postal address:**

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The SNM is conducting an orientation day at the Education Centre for Year 1 nursing students. Here, you can meet staff and other new students, work out your timetables, and get to know your Campus. Whether you've just left school or are re-entering education for the first time after many years, the orientation day will have something to offer you.

**I would like to attend an Orientation Day Session (please tick one):**

**For students commencing study at St Vincents and Mater Health your orientation day will be:**

- On Wednesday 20 February 2008, 9.30am - 2.30pm, 1 Leichhardt St, Darlinghurst.

**For students commencing study at Rozelle your orientation day will be:**

- On Thursday 21 February 2008, 9.30am - 2.30pm, Lecture Theatre, access from Wharf Road, Rozelle Hospital.

When we have received your form, we will mail you a confirmation of your chosen orientation day attendance, including a map of how to get to the venue and a program of the day's activities.