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NURSING, CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

Senior School Subjects

- Year 11 – English, Biology, Health and Human Development, Sociology, General Mathematics, Religion and Society.
- Year 12- English, Biology, Health and Human Development, Sociology, Further Mathematics.



Why did you choose these subjects? At the time I was wanting to do some type of health science at university, mainly nursing. The only prerequisite for nursing was Mathematics but my mother was a nurse and told me that Biology, Health & Human Development and Sociology would all be very helpful if wanting to do a health science subject.

What resources did you use to choose subjects? The Senior Course Guide and people in the nursing career.

What was your course like? For me university classes and assignments were hard as I'm not a very academic person, but when it came to placements I thrived and loved nursing. Placements were anywhere in NSW so sometimes I had to travel larger distances to placement areas.

What were some of the best parts of the course? Placements were by far the best part especially in the emergency environment.

How did the subjects at school prepare you for your course? Biology, Health & Human Development, Sociology and Mathematics were all very helpful in first year nursing. All subjects helped for basic knowledge for all nursing classes.

What are you doing now in your graduate position? I now have a permanent position in an Emergency Department. On a daily basis I could be doing any number of tasks, to name only a few: administering medications, cleaning and dressing wounds, providing assistance with emergency medicine, providing health care education, lending an ear to someone's worries, holding someone's hand when they're scared, assisting someone to die with dignity and assisting patients with tasks that many people take for granted like bathing, eating and walking.

What do you enjoy about your job? I enjoy being challenged and not knowing what cases I will have for the day, as the emergency department is an ever changing, fast paced environment. I enjoy helping sick people feel better and being an advocate for patients who are unable to do it themselves. I love being part of a team that tries to connect the dots of a patient's presentation/symptoms to diagnose and treat them.

Course information: Bachelor of Nursing, Charles Sturt University, <http://bit.ly/29XbAX7>