

# Media Release

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## Nursing careers well within reach at TAFE

TAFE Queensland Brisbane graduate Kimberley Banks is testament to the idea that you can do whatever you aspire to, after she decided to opt out of her full time role as a recruitment consultant and assume the life of a full time nursing student.

Kimberley received her Diploma of Nursing in 2012 and hasn't looked back since.

As a result, she gained entry to James Cook University to continue her studies and enhance the skills she attained while training for her diploma.

School of Health Sciences Program Manager Kate Newsome wants any aspiring nurses out there to know that making such a transition is not as hard as they might think.

"All you need to apply for this course is a Year 12 or equivalent with sound achievement in English," Kate explained.

"Alternatively, you can gain entry based on merit, related vocational experience, previous study and personal competencies. You can also enrol in a diploma or a pathway course that will allow you to continue your nursing studies at university.

"The course is designed by the nursing industry to prepare students for employment as an Enrolled Nurse (EN) or a Registered Nurse (RN). One major advantage is that you can work as a professional enrolled nurse after just 18 months while studying for your degree or further qualifications."

Kimberley said the TAFE Queensland Brisbane lecturers were a constant source of inspiration.

"In each class I saw more of their passion for nursing," she said.

"I felt inspired to learn as much as possible from each and every one of my teachers. They encouraged me to be an active learner and answer questions in class, and they showed a personal interest in our collective success."

If you're looking for an interesting career and one that can be highly rewarding and diverse, consider Nursing in Semester 2, 2014 or get started in 2015.

For information on how to enrol contact TAFE Queensland Brisbane on 13 72 48.

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