

To,
The Visa Officer
Australian High Commission
New Delhi, India

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

I am honored to write this statement of purpose for your permission to precede Bachelors of nursing at University of Southern Queensland (USQ) Brisbane, Australia.

I am Roshani Khadka, (daughter of Mr. Ramji Khadka and Mrs. Shanta Karki) was born on 18th February 2000. I am applying for non immigrant student visa to continue my further study in Bachelors of Nursing in Australia. I wish to take this opportunity to express my intent to why I am motivated to apply for under graduate degree in Nursing.

Introduction:

I am Roshani Khadka, a Nepali citizen by birth holding a passport number 11198950. I was born on 18th February 2000 in 06 Shailung, Dolakha District Nepal but currently living in Tikathali, Lalitpur, Nepal. I am an unmarried girl and I belong to a nuclear family. My family has always been supporting for my dream to study overseas and get an international degree. Also their care and encouragement has been source of motivation for me. So I have wished to fulfill mine and my parents dream by building a successful career in nursing. I like to consider myself as an optimistic person who believes in hard work and always considers education as the first priority. I have always cherished helping people without any selfishness and worked to bring happiness in every patient. Besides, I also enjoy my leisure time by involving in dancing, listening to music, watching TV and visiting different places.

Family background:

I belong to a nuclear family. Including me there are other three members in my family. Regarding my parents, my father works in a Sainju Dairy LTD located at Bhaktapur. My mother works in a finance company named Upalabdhi

Multipurpose Co-operative Society LTD. My sibling, elder brother works as a programmer in a reputed IT company named Mercantile Office Systems PVT. LTD. My family has always been supporting for my dream to study overseas and get an international degree. Also their care and encouragement has been source of motivation for me. So I have wished to fulfill my and my parents dream by building a successful career in nursing.

Educational background:

Talking about my academic history, I have completed my schooling (S.L.C) from Rising Rays Boarding School with (82.50%) in the year 2015, PCL Nursing in 2018, from Nepalese Army Institute of Health Sciences-College of Nursing with 81.76%. Thereafter, I got myself busy with an intensive IELTS preparation of 6 months. With an aim to continue my study abroad, I attempted for standardized English equivalent course i.e. IELTS test held on 12th January 2019 conducted by British Council and achieved a score of overall 6.5 with listening 6.5, reading 6.5, writing 6.0 and speaking 6.0. Before the IELTS test, I took the National License Examination on 24th November 2018 and got registered the same day. After completion of my PCL Nursing, I was determined to achieve well defined career goals and develop my attitudes towards nursing and uplift the skills of helping hands and caring people.

During my student life, I have been involved in various hospital and community based client's caring activities. I have successfully implied all my theoretical knowledge in developing my practical skills as nursing itself deals more to practicum. This has taught me an inner strength of working for people, never give up attitude and self-discipline. There are few more whose value I realized during my past studies and experiences of life values and now I strongly believe them. (I.e. strong will and hard work to achieve goal, a good morale for proper way to life and persistence for consistency in my level of attitude and prospects.) My attempt throughout has been to incubate these qualities in myself in which, I believe, I have been very successful.

I have always been fascinated with the philosophy of displaying kindness and care for others. My main objective to study nursing was to get an overview of health

related problems and work to prevent and treat them. Those efforts of bringing health to people have attracted me to pursue nursing career. Because of its practical result in general, have motivated me.

Reason for choosing Australia

Australia is well known for quality education and students who study in Australia have been able to use their knowledge into practical life and make their career successful. Australia offers a diverse range of study options for international students, with more than 1,100 institutions, 43 Universities and over 22,000 courses to choose from. Regardless of what course or how long a particular student is studying, Australia's laws promote quality education and protection for international students, including Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (ESOS Act 2000) which sets out the legal framework governing delivery of education to overseas students studying in Australia on a student visa and thus, enabling our right to receive before enrolling, current and accurate information about courses fees, modes of study and other information from our institution and our institution agent.

The education System of Australia is very different from other countries due to Australian Qualification Framework (AQF). As AQF is the national policy for regulated qualifications in Australian education and training, it incorporates the qualifications from each education and training sector into a single comprehensive national qualifications framework. The tuition protection service (TPS) and an initiative taken by Australian government monitors the placement and refund service for international students. If education providers are unable to fully deliver their course of study, TPS ensures that international students are able to either complete their study in another course or with another education provider or receive a refund of their tuition fees.

I am also familiar with OSHC (Overseas Student Health Cover) policy. In this policy we are required by the Australian government to join overseas health care that is private health insurance scheme administered by Bupa Australia. Besides this, Australia is the third most popular destination of the worldwide people to gain the quality education and has one of the world's finest schooling systems with up to date curriculum with modern methods of teaching. Along with this, the study options provided by Australian institutions are globally recognized and the teaching methodology is both a blend of practical and theoretical

education. Australia boasts of excellent cultural atmosphere, and highly developed commercial sectors as well as sophistication in the humanities and areas of scientific and technological advancements.

Likely, Australia is a highly developed country with high standard of living, affordable tuition fees, and a safe environment. On top of that, many students enjoy the moderate climate in Australia with warm summers and mild winters which promote healthy outdoor living throughout the year. I think studying in Australia will be one of the most convenient ways to develop and empower myself as it is a country with the third largest international student population.

Reason for not choosing home country Nepal

Although different institutions here also do provide bachelors education system for instance teaching hospital, Maya Devi hospital, Sanjivini Hospital, B and B hospital and many more but the courses are more based on theory rather than practical which becomes barrier for proper nursing practice often. Also, the specialization of course for career program like medical/surgical, mental health nursing is not offered here in Nepal for bachelors of nursing. Along this, the knowledge that we gain are not adequate to the exposure that we need in this field of nursing. Nepal being one of the economically challenge developing country , lacks the modern infrastructure for practical or real time learning dummy bodies which Australian Universities offers. Moreover, the course of curriculum is primitive and old that needs to be updated and revised. Nursing education in Nepal is facing several issues and challenges at present. These issues focus on ethics, bioethical developments, and personal choice. Expectations of personal freedom of choice raise ethical issues in certain areas like abortions, right to die, and lifestyle preferences. A number of inter related trends include the changing characteristics of the population and the political and the economic influences on health and health care. The two other trends of nursing education is the increasing shortage of qualified faculty nurse and the increasing stress related to the demands of personal and professional responsibilities. Here in Nepal, the course contain are outdated having old syllabus. Also, that is quota based with lesser seats availability which doesn't meet the requirement of students willing to study bachelors of nursing in Nepal.

Reason for not choosing other countries

I did a lot of research on choosing the best destination across the globe for higher studies. I did some web exercise and looked for countries like USA, UK and Canada along with Australia. In my research, I found out that:

USA

USA is regarded as the first choice destination among many international students' even Nepalese students. However, living expenses, tuition fees are comparatively higher than that of Australia. The loose gun control laws make it less secure to live.

UK

It is also considered as one of the leading providers of higher education, living expenses in UK for international students are pretty high. Meanwhile, employment opportunities and other such facilities seem to be lacking.

Canada

In Canada, it is primarily difficult to live because of its extremely cold climate throughout the year, whereas the climate of Australia is same as in Nepal, therefore it will be easy to adjust myself in Australia.

Why Bachelor of Nursing?

According to my educational history, I found this course best suit me to boost my knowledge in those fields. As comprehensive registered nurses, graduates are able to work in a diversity of fields including adult health, pediatric, mental health, community health, acute and chronic care.

While I was schooling, I watched and heard news about devastating health relevant events occurred in various territories of Nepal. Those darkest days gave a threat to my heart and a determination to pursue health sector as my career. In accordance to my determination, I inaugurated my career studying three years course of nursing. There are high demands of professional qualified nurses for the management of health in the hospital, community area. The education of Australia is well recognized here so, there will be greater chances for different sector. To be very

honest , after finishing my intended course from USQ I will come back to my country and will start working in related field. Many medical colleges, hospitals and institution such as national academy of medical colleges, Bir Hospital, B & B Hospital, Grande International Hospital, also NGOS and INGOS for example MOPH (Ministry of Public Health), Nepal Tuberculosis Center, Nepal Health Research Council (NHRC), WHO and national center for AIDS and STD control etc will grant me good employment opportunities with sufficient paid salary in my future.

To make my aspiration come true studying bachelors of nursing is crucial. The emerging trades of hospitals and clinics in developing country like Nepal have broadened the scope of subject like nursing. Beside this, after the completion of bachelors of nursing there is 100% job placement rate within one month of graduation. Similarly, many of students receive employment offers before graduation. It also provides the students with general education. An undergraduate degree affords opportunities for greater career advancement and higher salary options.

Why Brisbane?

Brisbane is the capital of the state Queensland with a population of about 2 million people, making it the third largest city in Australia. Similarly, it is rapid developing and forward thinking, it maintains a youthful enthusiasm. It provides different life style than that of big cities. The accommodation in Brisbane is cheaper than that of other cities. Also, it is safe, friendly in a tropical climate. My home country climate is quite similar to Brisbane. Furthermore, easy to get around by public transportation, bicycle and on foot. There is constant high demand for skilled and qualified workers in business, engineering, it, tourism and hospitality, health sector and the public service sector. Overall it has a greater environment for students to study and exploring knowledge.

Why University of Southern Queensland (USQ)?

After decided to continue my bachelors in nursing, I went through many universities websites such as Griffith University, Curtin, Melbourne University, Macquarie University, Federation University, University of Wollongong and many more. After my decision for studying abroad, it was really tough for me to choose

the best University. After sorting my requirements in hot course website, I found University of Southern Queensland (USQ) at top list. I was influenced by the educational pathway of USQ then I discussed with my parents, friends and relatives. Their genuine support and counseling from professors and consultant helped me to choose USQ.

I personally did a lot of research and internet surfing and went through university web sites about the course structure, accommodations, libraries, tuition fee and so on among various universities in Australia such as University of Adelaide (Annual Tuition fees approximately AUD 35,500) University of Wollongong (Annual Tuition fees approximately AUD 29,520) Victoria University (Annual Tuition fees approximately AUD 28,500). So because of higher tuition fee and course structure I did not choose those Universities and they caught no serious attention of mine and I have chosen USQ.

In this regard, from different websites, I came to know that Queensland's world class education system, beautiful environment and relaxed lifestyle attract more than 85,000 international students from 160 countries each year. As an international student studying in Queensland students will enjoy numerous benefits and opportunities. In Queensland, students can choose to study in a city, rural town or coastal setting. Many schools offer niche subjects based on their location, regional industries and research strengths, and the partnerships they have with local universities and TAFEs. Queensland is also very accessible, with four international, 17 domestic and 48 regional airports. In Queensland, students can truly experience Australia's famous 'outdoor' lifestyle. Queenslanders are well known for having a friendly approach to life and for being relaxed and welcoming to visitors.

The University of Southern Queensland with its motto "through study the mind is renewed" is a medium sized, regional University based in Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia with three University campuses at Toowoomba, spring field, and Ipswich. It was establish as Darling Downs Campus in 1967 and later as University of Southern Queensland by 1992. It offers course in law, health, engineering, science, business, agriculture, arts etc with students population representing over 90 nationalities. The University's student body includes full-time and part-time students from both Australia and overseas countries. Based upon the

results of the 2013 International student barometer survey, USQ was named the top University for international student's satisfaction in Australia that year. USQ's students come from a diversity of cultural backgrounds and speak different languages. The University is recognized for having the largest Japanese designed garden in Australia. It has own dedicated library to provide students with all the resources, including thousands of online books and journals. USQ maintains high educational standards through a program of centralized, staff-driven decision-making, discipline-based management, and quality assurance practices.

The University also provides students with face-to-face instructions and real-life experiences, for nursing the university organized field trips to provide healthcare in rural communities. USQ ensures that, as a regional university, its curriculum serves local and regional employment needs, it engages in regional social and economic development, and serves the regional community.

Below I have given some overview regarding my reach on other universities;

➤ Australian Catholic University:

ACU is the top 5% of Universities worldwide and ranked I times higher education world ranking, the young universities ranking, and the QS world universities ranking. ACU offers many courses and also offers how you want to study the chosen subject. By visiting university web site I found bachelors of nursing but along with the IELTS score which I had scored I cannot apply directly for bachelor in ACU. So, I have to go through territory pathway program which is of one year which will be expensive too. In order to save money as well as time I withdrew ACU from my preferred university.

➤ University of Technology Sydney (UTS):

It is related the top young university in Australia and within the top 200 university globally. According to universities ranking 2017 (QS top 50 2019). Although this university offer the bachelor of nursing course but the tuition fees in UTS seems to higher than that of USQ. SO, I did not choose this university.

Reason for choosing Ipswich campus

Ipswich is centrally located in the booming south-east Queensland region of Australia, just 30 minutes from Brisbane and an hour drive from the Gold Coast, domestic and international airports. The city offers an ideal lifestyle, combining heritage charm with the benefits of a modern, exciting metropolitan lifestyle. It's Queensland's fastest growing city, and also home to the youngest demographic in south-east Queensland. Ipswich is a diverse and multicultural city, with residents from over 115 different cultural backgrounds.

Ipswich is known for its architectural, natural and cultural heritage. As Queensland's oldest regional city, the community proudly preserves and still operates from many of its historical buildings and homes, with more than 6,000 heritage-listed sites, yet also offers all the modern facilities and attractions of a progressive city.

Ipswich's effective transport system has been designed to support growth, economic activity, social interaction, inclusion and access to community services. The city boasts an extensive rail network, an efficient local and regional bus network and six major arterial roads intersecting the city connecting it both regionally and nationally.

Few words about my course

After I researched about the requirements and pathways for bachelors in nursing in USQ, I was able to join campus for my Bachelor of nursing course.

We must complete all 24 courses listed in the schedule:

First year

Semester 1

BIO1203 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1

NUR1100 Introduction to Nursing Praxis

NUR1102 Literacies and Communication for Health practice

NUR1120 Health and Wellness

Semester 2

NUR1201 The Patient experience: partnering in care

NUR1202 Professional Identity

NUR1299 Foundations of Nursing Practice

NUR2300 Evidence based nursing practice

Second year

Semester 1

NSC2500 Pharmacology and Pathophysiology in health

NUR2000 Medications management

NUR2101 Chronic care across the lifespan A

NUR2102 Chronic care across the lifespan B

Semester 2

NUR2299 Chronic care in Practice

NUR2200 Mental Health care across the lifespan

NUR2203 Acute care across the lifespan A

NUR2204 Acute care across the lifespan B

Third Year

Semester 1

NUR3030 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health

NUR2399 Acute care in Practice

NUR3201 Quality, safety and risk

NUR3599 Mental health care in practice or NUR3299 Transition to professional practice A**

Semester 2

NUR3020 Professional Transitions

NUR3101 Primary Health Care in a Global context

NUR3499 Transition to professional practice B#

NUR3299 Transition to professional practice A OR NUR3599 Mental health care in practice**

Financial arrangement about my sponsors

About finance, my family members are extremely supportive, friendly and have always been an inspiration of life. My family has a sound financial background in the form of assets and private firm. The total annual income of my family is NPR 2155000.00 (AUD 27144.40). The major sources of income are from salary, land lease and house rent. In addition, the total property valuation of my family in the form of land and building amounts to NPR 34,938,686.43 Furthermore, my parents have saving balance of NPR 4,500,000.00in at Nabil Bank located at Durbarmarg, Kathmandu, Nepal in order to support an educational and accommodation cost in Queensland, Australia. Thus, I strongly believe that there will not be any financial difficulties for me and my family to pursue my higher education in Queensland. They have full support and encourage me tremendously for pursuing my further education in Australia. The robust financial status of my parents clearly signifies that I will not have a single problem in paying tuition fees, accommodation, nourishment and travel costs.

Future plans:

After completion of Bachelor degree in nursing and gaining PSW, I will firmly return to my homeland. I being the youngest child (daughter), have to look after parents when they get older. The family bond and ties culturally, is one of the solid reasons for my returning to Nepal. Besides, from my perspective, I want to acquire advanced knowledge, excellent skills and practical education from educational institution in Australia, so that I can contribute efficiently in the health and nursing sector of my nation. I would definitely return to my homeland as a matured, skillful, innovative, competent and professional person. When I am back, I will implement acquired knowledge and skills for the welfare of sick and ailing people across Nepal. At every step, I will attain, maintain skills for welfare of the overall nursing sector, and recover optional health and quality life of people back here in Nepal. I also aim to visit various remote districts from east to west of Nepal and help the needy people for their health, promotion, prevention or care. I have strong belief that completion of this degree will help me manage my career in proper path. With that prestigious Bachelor of Nursing degree I will easily access with the job as a senior nurse, in charge, nursing supervisor, matrons. And undoubtedly, I will be paid with handsome salary. I will definitely be earning 6 digits' salary per month, significantly higher, ranging from NPR 120, 000 to NPR 180,000 (1 AUD=81.79 NPR). Moreover, degree holder like me will be able to join reputed hospital such as teaching, B&B, Bir Hospital, Medi City and also I will be able to join different associations such as NGOs INGOs like UNICEF, UNDP or also World Health Organization (WHO). Beside this, I can also apply for lecturer position in nursing colleges and schools. Summarizing my future plan honestly, I look forward to pursuing higher education with bachelor's degree from Australian university and thereby, establish a Nursing center/home on my own here in Nepal when I am back to my homeland. As it is said "Health is Wealth" I will be very successful if I can be able to save and cure someone's life. My aim is to uplift the health status of my homeland as I mentioned before and elongate the life expectancy by uprooting the devastating health problems. Definitely, I will not be left unemployed after the completion of this degree and I can earn on my own for my further studies as well.

Reason for returning home country

As my country Nepal is in the way of development, I being a citizen of Nepal always carry a feeling to work for my own nation. I will be able to give quality care that I learned from USQ to the people of Nepal. I will also be able to upgrade the status of nursing as well as the status of health of people in Nepal. As being the youngest daughter of family I too carry equal responsibility as my siblings towards them. I always have the determination for returning back to the place of my origin. My feelings of obligation towards motherland most define motive to return Nepal. The feel of debt for my innate land drag me back no matter how far I may reach our country grants the place to shelter. A language to communicate, festival to celebrate, nationality to claim ours and many more. Therefore, it is the duty of every citizen executes something for the sake of the country. I will get back and initiate one step from my side in the journey heading towards desired health revolution.

Visa Condition under Student Visa Subclass 500

I would like to state that I am fully aware about my visa condition which fall under student visa subclass 500

- I must have a valid health insurance during my stay in Australia.
- I assure to attend 80% of attendance in each semester.
- I am allowed to work 40 hours per fortnight.
- I must notify to University or DIBB if I change the address or contact detail within 7 working days.
- I must maintain 50% pass grade to throughout the study program.
- I cannot change University for 6 months upon enrollment.

Final words:

Lastly, I would like to state that the reason for choosing Australia is to fulfill my dreams to gain high profile practical based education. It's not a random decision but have emerged after long research and full of family support academically, financially and mentally. I chose the country, course and University after long investigation keeping my future plan in my mind. I assure you as a sincere national

student that I will follow all the rules and regulations held by government of Australia as well as the institute. I will prove myself as an obedient student with the potential to be an asset for you. As I have shown my academic history I will uphold my stability in my performance in the results and work hard to be recognized by the university as a top much student. I will do all within my abilities to acquire international best duty and knowledge and skills under the act of temporary student VISA.I hope you will grant me and opportunity to go under the rules by accepting my enrollment.

I thank you for letting me put my views.

Looking forward for your positive response,

Sincerely Yours'

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Nepal

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