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# Nursing & Midwifery Student Placement Survey 2021



With the extended COVID-19 lockdown across NSW, nursing and midwifery students are experiencing a range of issues from placement delays and cancellations to allocations in high-risk areas. Delays in completing placements have corresponding set backs in course completion which will affect registration processes and have serious workforce implications for next year.

With this in mind, the NSWNMA conducted a survey of 473 nursing and midwifery students in September 2021 to determine some of the key impacts on placements.

### **Student responses summary:**

**76%** have had their placements postponed (48%) or cancelled (28%)

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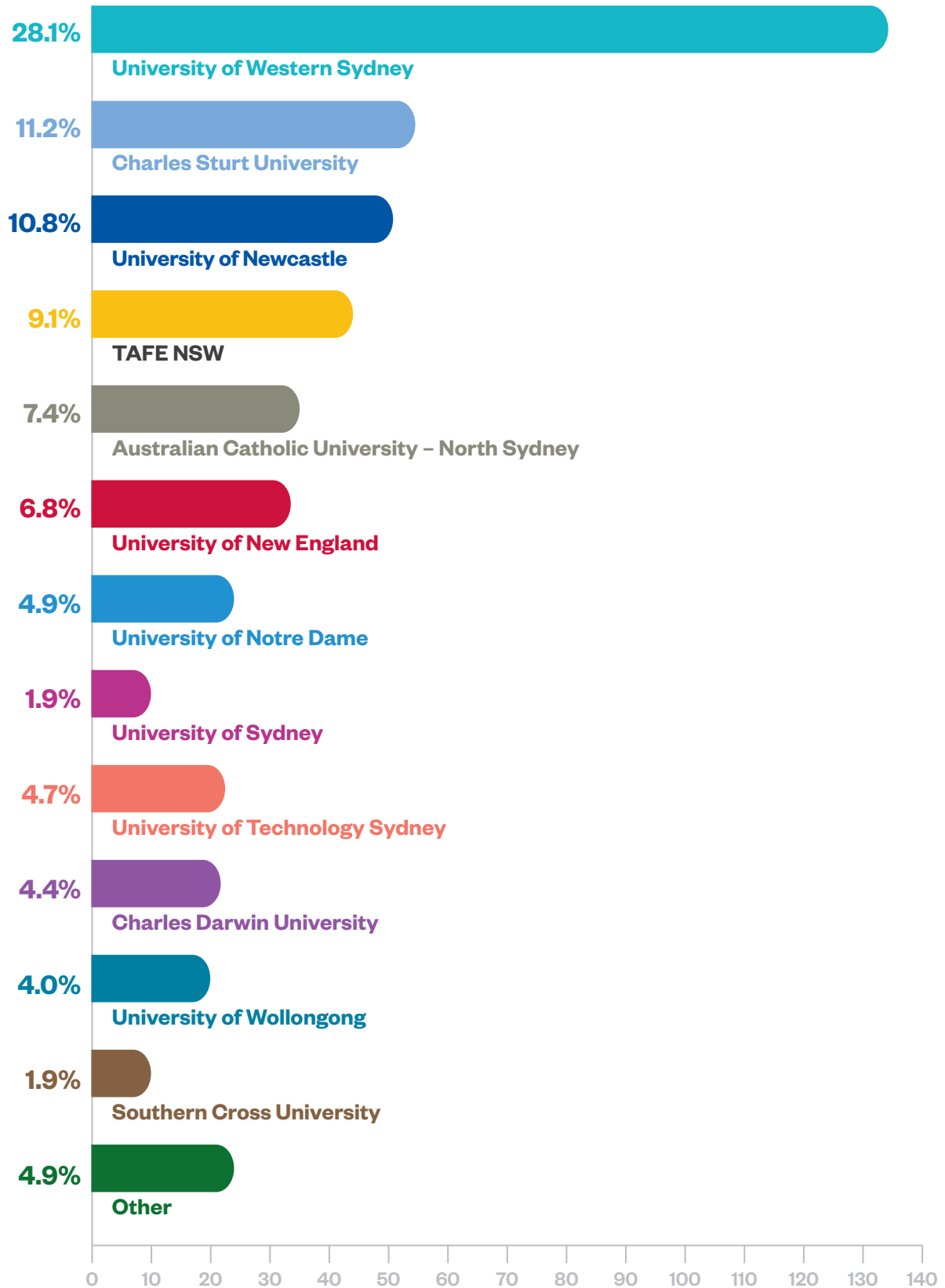
**Less than 1%** have completed their required hours for their course

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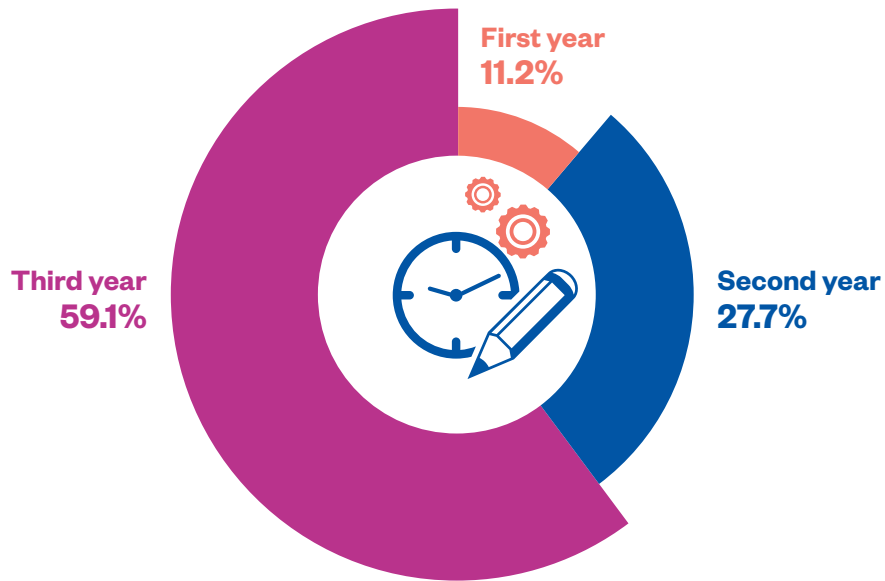
**Nearly half** are uncertain when placements will occur

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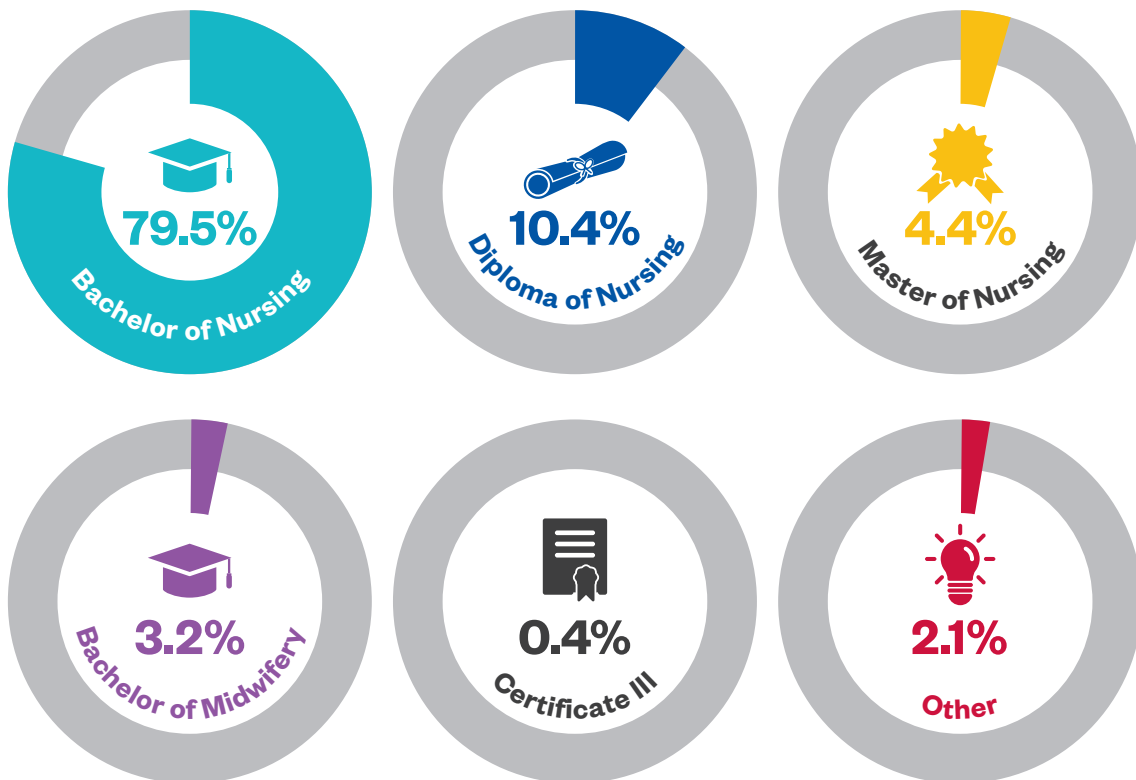
# University/ education facility



# Year of study



# Course



# Correspondence from educational facility

Students were asked what the last piece of correspondence was from their educational institution regarding their placements.



**28%**  
were informed  
their placements were  
**cancelled**



**48%**  
were told their placements  
were being  
**postponed**



**ONLY 8%**  
have had confirmation their placements are still  
**going ahead as planned**

# Students' level of satisfaction

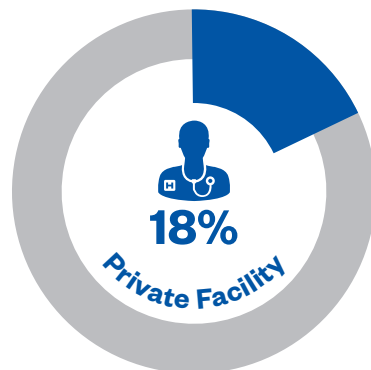
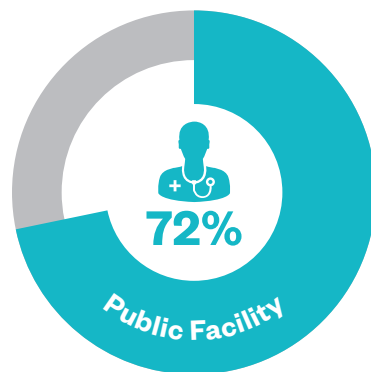


**3%**  
were frustrated with  
**the lack of flexibility offered**



**16%**  
found their university  
or educational facility to be  
**unsupportive**

# Placements cancelled by sector



# Key concerns for students



**46%**

**still unclear**

when placement will happen



**ONLY 5%**

of students have

**no concerns**



**39%**

don't know if or  
when they will be

**able to graduate**



**Vaccine status**

is causing issues for

**13%**

of students



**26%**

suffering from

**stress or anxiety**



**LESS THAN 1%**

have all their  
required placement hours

**completed**



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