

Bachelor of Midwifery



| LOCATION | ENTRY THRESHOLD | QTAC CODE | START |
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| Sunshine Coast | 90.00 | 013471 | Semester 1 |

Support the journey of pregnancy, birth and beyond. Prepare to work as a registered midwife, giving women necessary support and care during pregnancy, labour and the postpartum period. Gain a strong understanding of the social, cultural, spiritual, psychological and physical experiences of women to provide quality maternity care.

In this program you will:

- Learn how to provide woman-centred, evidence-based care to women and their families
- Understand midwifery care across the childbearing continuum, legal and ethical requirements, bioscience and anatomy and physiology, research and evidenced based practice
- Learn midwifery skills in a simulated environment with state-of-the-art technology
- Gain practical experience through placements at clinics, maternity services, and private midwifery practices

Career opportunities

- Registered midwife in hospital or community settings
- Metropolitan, rural and remote locations
- Private practice midwife
- Midwifery educator and researcher

Accreditation

Graduates are eligible to apply for registration as a midwife in Australia with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, which is a Board of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has a number of registration standards that graduates must demonstrate in order to be eligible for registration. For example, graduates must demonstrate English language skills at IELTS level 7, with 7 in all subtests, or equivalent before being considered for professional registration. For full details of the AHPRA Registration Standards, visit the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia website.

Post admission requirements

Before undertaking clinical placement, students must obtain and maintain a current first aid and CPR certificate, provide evidence of hepatitis B and a number of other immunisations, undergo a criminal history check and obtain a Blue Card. Refer to clinical placement details for more information.

In order to commence clinical placement, students must comply with the Placement Essentials including:

- Blue Card or Registered as an EN with AHPRA
- National Police Check
- Vaccinations & TB Screening
- First Aid Certificate and CPR Certificate
- QLD Health Student Orientation Checklist

Duration

3 years

Full-time or equivalent part-time

Indicative 2024 fees

A\$6,382 - 2025 Fees (CSP)

Fees are indicative only and will change based on courses selected and are subject to yearly increases

Recommended prior study

English; General Mathematics, Mathematical Methods or Specialist Mathematics; at least one science subject

Delivery mode

Blended learning

Total courses

23

Total units

288

UniSC program code

SC393

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- QLD Health Student Deed Poll
- Code of Conduct

In addition, students are required to complete individual health service requirements as directed by the placement provider. Details are provided on the UniSC website: Midwifery Clinical Placement Mandatory Checks

Students who do not comply with these requirements will be unable to complete the clinical practice component of their program and will be unable to meet graduation requirements.

Students who meet the following criteria are required to take Clinical Connections (CC) course:

- Those who have transferred from another university with credit for a clinical (midwifery practice) course.
- Those who have undertaken HLT312 Midwifery Internship but subsequently failed the course.
- Those who have taken a break from their study for two or more consecutive semesters prior to taking HLT312 Midwifery Internship.

The Connect component of the program must be suspended if a midwifery practice course has not been completed in the preceding 12-month period. Connect activity may recommence once the scenario based clinical exam in the respective midwifery practice course, or CC, is successfully completed. The connect component of the program must be suspended if a midwifery practice course is failed. Connect activity may recommence once the scenario based clinical exam in the respective midwifery practice course is successfully completed.

Completion of CC or the scenario based clinical exam in the respective midwifery practice course formalises reintroduction to theory and supported practice and ensures that students can proceed to clinical placement and meet NMBA professional standards relevant to practice at their level of study.

Program structure

Introductory courses (8) 96 units

HLT100 Anatomy and Physiology
 HLT103 Professional Health Communication
 HLT121 Midwifery Foundations
 HLT131 Practice Principles for Midwifery
 HLT132 Introduction to Midwifery Practice
 LFS103 Introductory Bioscience
 NUR121 Health Care and the Professions
 NUR131 Research Foundations for Health Practice

Developing courses (8) 96 units

HLT200 Midwifery Care Across the Continuum
 HLT201 Therapeutics in Midwifery
 HLT202 Midwifery Practice 2
 HLT203 Collaborative Midwifery Practice
 HLT206 Neonatal and Infant Health
 HLT207 Midwifery Practice 1
 NUR222 Health, Law and Ethics
 NUR231 Drug Therapy

Graduate courses (6) 84 units

HLT301 Contexts of Practice: Mental Health Care
 HLT303 Perinatal and Infant Mental Health
 HLT310 Leadership and Governance in Maternity Care
 HLT311 Midwifery Practice 3

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HLT312 Midwifery Internship(24 units)
NUR332 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Cultural Safety

Electives (1) 12 units

Select 1 elective course (12 units) from:

NUR312 Life Crisis
PAR301 Paramedic Primary Healthcare: Maternal and Neonatal Health

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Note: Program structures are subject to change. Not all UniSC courses are available on every UniSC campus.