

Graduate Diploma of Midwifery

Melbourne Burwood
Cloud Campus (online)



Deakin's School of Nursing and Midwifery is ranked in the top 1% of universities globally* and provides excellence in all its courses, reflecting current trends and evidence-based practice. Our flexible courses respond to the demands of industry for nurses and midwives with sophisticated specialty skills and knowledge.

Course outcomes

The Graduate Diploma of Midwifery is designed to prepare graduates for contemporary professional practice as a midwife, following successful course completion and application to AHPRA for registration. Students develop the ability to use evidence in their practice and achieve the core competencies expected of registered midwives in a variety of contexts.

Graduates will demonstrate critical thinking, analysis, reflective practice, evaluation and problem solving skills that will make them highly employable within the midwifery discipline.

Course details

Course code: H676

Offered at: Melbourne Burwood Campus and Cloud Campus (online)

Duration: 1.5 years in a combination of full-time and part-time study

Intake: March (Trimester 1)

For detailed information on course structure, including unit descriptions, visit:

deakin.edu.au/course/graduate-diploma-midwifery.

Course delivery

The units of this course are delivered as a combination of campus-based classes and seminars, and Cloud (online) forums and classes. There are also independent learning modules designed to support students while they undertake clinical placements within maternity service facilities. In using blended learning approaches students have face-to-face contact with academics during the intensive program conducted at Melbourne Burwood Campus in mid-February and on nominated 'study days' conducted throughout each of the trimesters over the 18 months of the course. During the first and second trimesters, study days are held on Thursdays. During the final trimester of the course, the study days are held on Fridays. Video conference arrangements are available to those students residing outside of the metropolitan area.

Use of the online resource Blackboard Collaborate facilitates the delivery of theory and group discussion using real time. In the event students are unable to participate in a Blackboard Collaborate, sessions are recorded so that the students can access them. In addition, students have access to online resources to further support their studies.

Clinical requirements

Students must be successful in obtaining employment with a hospital with maternity facilities to be considered for a place in this course. Hospitals will offer specific positions for those interested in the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery via Deakin University and will advertise these toward the end of each year.

We do not offer/arrange clinical placements for students who are interested in the course yet unable to secure employment. Students must be working no less than 24 hours per week with their hospital to fulfil clinical requirements.

Postgraduate bursary

Deakin alumni, their spouses and immediate family may be eligible to receive a 15% reduction per unit on their enrolment fees on any postgraduate award course (excluding students enrolled in a Commonwealth supported place (CSP)) at Deakin University.

deakin.edu.au/alumni/alumni-benefits/postgraduate-bursary

deakin.edu.au/nursing-and-midwifery

* Source: Ranked number 24 in the 2018 QS World University Rankings by Subject

Deakin University CRICOS Provider Code: 00113B

Admission requirements

Applicants should normally possess a Bachelor of Nursing or equivalent approved qualification, and hold current registration as a 'Nurse' (without any imposed restrictions) with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) through the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia or an equivalent registering authority.

Applicants must be successful in obtaining a clinical placement arrangement in maternity care at a collaborating health service for course entry.

Course structure

Students will enrol in the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery (H676), an 8 credit point course run over three trimesters of study (1.5 years) through a combination of full-time and part-time study. The course consists of five core units (equivalent to 6 credit points conducted via Campus and Cloud learning) and two elective unit options (equivalent to 2 credit points conducted via Cloud learning).

Year	Credit points and clinical placements	Trimester 1	Trimester 2
Year 1	5 x credit points of core specialty study. 1 x credit point elective unit. Supervised part-time employment or unpaid placements are to be completed in partnership with an appropriate maternity service. Elective units available through the School of Nursing and Midwifery can be viewed at: deakin.edu.au/course/graduate-diploma-midwifery Alternatively, students may select level 7x elective units from other schools within the Faculty of Health.	Core units	
		HNM701 The Woman During Pregnancy, Labour and Birth (2 credit points)	HNM703 Contexts of Midwifery Practice (1 credit point)
		HNM702 The Woman and Newborn Infant (1 credit point)	HNM704 Clinical Challenges in Maternity Care (1 credit point)
		Elective units	
		N/A	1x elective unit
		Clinical placement	
		276 hours Negotiate and commence minimum of 10 continuity of care experiences (including attending 4 x antenatal visits, 2 x postnatal visits and, for majority of women, the labour and birth).	144 hours Continuity of care experiences continued.
Year 2	1x credit point of core specialty study. Students must complete 1 x additional elective unit to complete 8 x credit points of study for the Graduate Diploma. Supervised part-time employment or unpaid placements are to be completed in partnership with an appropriate maternity service.	Core units	
		HNM705 Clinical Challenges in Infant Care (1 credit point)	N/A
		1 x elective unit	N/A
		Elective units	
		N/A	1 x elective unit
		Clinical placement	
		120 hours The successful completion of a minimum of 10 x continuity of care experiences.	N/A

NOTE: If you choose to undertake your first elective unit in Trimester 2 your workload will be considered full-time for Year 1 (3 credit points per trimester). Alternatively you can choose to undertake both elective units in Trimester 1 of Year 2. This means the academic workload in Trimester 1 of Year 1 will be full-time, Trimester 2 of Year 1 it will be part-time and in Trimester 1 of Year 2 it will be full-time.

How to apply

Applications can be made directly to Deakin through the Applicant Portal if you are only applying for one course. For more information on the application process, visit:

deakin.edu.au/course/graduate-diploma-midwifery.

Credit for Prior Learning

If you have successfully completed postgraduate level study within the last 10 years you may be eligible for Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) for the 2 x 1 credit point elective units required within the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery.

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