School of Nursing and Midwifery
Apply for the 2027 Indigenous Entry Stream, Admission to Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery

Thank you for your interest in the **Indigenous Entry Stream (IES)** for admission to the **Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery (D355)** at **Deakin University**.

Understanding what has led you here and how you see your future self is important to us.

Please read the following pages before you begin your application so that you are aware of important and relevant information and the stories and details that we ask you to share.

Please note: What you choose to share will inform how we can back you and your application in culturally safe ways. Your information is confidential in alignment with Deakin University Policy and only shared with our application processing teams. Deakin's Privacy Policy can be viewed at the Deakin Policy Library.

Who we are seeking

Applicants who express drive, commitment and a capacity to develop knowledge and skills stand out.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people who are planning to return to study or begin their university journey who have:

- not completed year 12, or
- completed Year 12 more than two years ago (i.e. completed in 2023 or earlier)

If you are a current Year 12 student or have completed Year 12 within the past two years, you should apply directly through VTAC .

Course information and requirements

Consideration of your application is also determined by pre-requisites *(see further on).*

The **Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery (D355)** leads to eligibility for registration as a **Registered Nurse and Midwife** with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, subject to meeting registration requirements.

In this course you will:

- learn the knowledge and skills needed to provide safe, high-quality care for people, families and communities
- combine classroom learning with hands-on experience in real healthcare settings in nursing and midwifery
- complete supervised placements in hospitals, community health services and other healthcare environments
- work alongside a range of health professionals as part of a healthcare team
- build an understanding of professional practice, cultural safety, ethics and respectful care for people from diverse backgrounds.

Before applying, it's important to read through the course requirements, including the Inherent Requirements. These explain the physical, communication, learning and professional capabilities needed to complete the course safely and successfully.

Your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage is something that is personal to you. You do not need a document to identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.

However, to access specific programs, services or opportunities available to Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons within the University including the Indigenous Entry Stream, applicants will need to establish Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander eligibility, by including either a Confirmation of Aboriginality document with your application or an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community Referee.

If you have concerns regarding either, please reach out to our team for a confidential conversation to discuss further. If your application is successful, you'll need to provide the following documentation at enrolment:

- a current police check
- immunisation documentation
- a Working with Children Check
- additional health or placement-related requirements as advised

Once you have submitted your application, our team will keep you updated on the progress of your application. Eligible applicants will be asked to attend an informal interview, in an accessible setting, as part of the selection process.

Applicants who are offered a place in the course will then be contacted by our admissions team who will provide guidance on next steps for enrolment and transition into the Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery, including support with documentation requirements.

Submitting your application

Please submit your completed application via email to our team at ies-nm@deakin.edu.au by Friday 8th January 2027.

**Note: Only completed applications with the required supporting documents will be considered (see 'Checklist' section).*

About you

What is your full name?

First Name: Last Name:

What is your preferred name (if different from the above):

What are your preferred pronouns?
(she, her / he, him / they, them, theirs/other – please advise)

Date of birth:

Are you an *Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person?*

☐ Yes, I am Aboriginal 

☐ Yes, I am Torres Strait Islander 

☐ Yes, I am both an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Person 

Your Connection to Community

What Country/s, Mob/s and/or Community/ies do you have a connection with? Please describe your connection to Community and 'your why' (in *200 - 400 words).*

This can include involvement or roles you have had, or contributions you have made in the Community you are from or live in. (i.e.: volunteering/leadership in events, programs, services, initiatives or Committees/Boards.etc.. (Community or professional).

Reflect on your values that motivate this and if relevant to you, emphasise an Indigenous Health perspective.

Your education

Please include details of your Secondary and/or Tertiary/Higher Education.

Title of Certificate/Course/Degree & Name of School/ Institution	**Subjects/Units**	**Study Load** (part/full-time)	**Commencement & Completion Date:** (mm/yyyy- mm/yyyy)	**ATAR Score / Results / GPA**

If there is insufficient space in the form to capture your education experience, please provide the remaining details in your attached CV.

Are you or have you ever been enrolled in a Nursing or Midwifery course at an Australian University?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you previously been offered a place in any of the Australian Nursing or Midwifery courses?

☐ Yes ☐ N o

Have you ever been under exclusion from any University?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered “yes” to any of the questions above, please share some context.

Your employment, placement and/or work experiences

Please share any employment, placement and/or work experiences that are not included on your resume /CV. If relevant to you, please emphasise your engagement within the health sector.

Position/ Role	Employer/ Organisation	Main Duties/ Responsibilities	Full-time/ Part-time/Casual	Length of Service

Please attach:

- An updated copy of your resumé / CV (curriculum vitae)

Your contact information

Please share your contact details for the purpose of Deakin University communications.

Your Address

What is the Traditional Country you live on? Number & Street Name:

P.O Box/Postal Address:

Suburb/Town/City:

State/Territory: None

Contact Number: (Home) (Mobile)

Email: *(most often used)*

Post Code:

Contact information of the person closest to you: (if we cannot reach you)

First and Last Name:

Address:

Contact Numbers: (Home/Mobile)

OPTIONAL: Referees and support letters (Community, Academic and Work)

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community Referee

If you are not able to provide a Certificate of Aboriginality or wish to further support your application with a reference, please provide a signed letter of support from an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander organisation or person (who is not family), who can best speak to your Community involvement and contribution.

First & Last Name:

Role in Community:

Organisation & Location:

Contact Numbers:

Connection to You:

Work Referee

If you are using work and life experience to support your application, please provide a signed letter of support from a person who can best describe your employment, placement, or work experiences to support your application.
First & Last Name:

Position/Role:

Organisation & Address:

Contact Numbers: Email:

Connection to You :

Connect with us

Feel free to reach out if you have questions or concerns. We are here and happy to assist and have a yarn. Wishing you well with your application for: 2027 Indigenous Entry Stream, Admission to Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery

The Indigenous Entry Stream Nursing and Midwifery Team. School of Nursing and Midwifery, Deakin University.
Email: ies-nm@deakin.edu.au.

Declaration

I declare that the information I have shared in my application and in my attachments is true and accurate.

- I give permission to the IES Nursing and Midwifery Team to contact my referees in support of my application.
- I understand that I will be invited to an informal interview as part of the selection process.
- I may be asked to provide additional documentation to support the information I have included in my application, including original documents and statutory declarations if required.

Rural or Remote Residency: (Please tick/check/fill the relevant boxes)

- Do you live in a rural or remote area? ***'Explore what is considered 'rural' and 'remote'***

☐ *YES* ☐ *NO*

- Have you been a rural or remote resident for at least 5 consecutive (or cumulative) years, since the age of 5?

☐ *YES* ☐ *NO*

If yes, please use the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) 'look-up tool' to:

- *Enter the area where you have lived the longest*
- *Determine your ASGS-RA (Remoteness Area) code* (2-5 digits).

Please enter your ASGS-RA code:

(Please note that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the Commonwealth Criminal Code).

Please insert your electronic signature or full name:

SIGN

Date:

Checklist

The following checklist will ensure that your application is complete, ready for submission and processing.

Have you completed the following:

- ☐ Do you meet the course requirements and inherent requirements (described at the beginning of this document)?
- ☐ Organised the 'Have you Attached' documents below?
- ☐ Filled in each of the fields with the required information and re-read your application? Kept an electronic and/or hard copy of your application for your own records?

Have you attached the following:

- ☐ Confirmation of Aboriginality document
  OR
  Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community Referee letter (if no COA attached).
- ☐ The official Academic Transcript(s) of your completed qualifications or results to date (if applicable).
- ☐ The official Academic Transcript(s) from previous Institutions that list your credited subjects (if applicable).
- ☐ A copy of your resumé / CV.
- ☐ Your Work Referee's signed Support Letter (if relevant)

Sighting the original documents may be requested if your application is successful.

Once this checklist is complete, your application is ready to be submitted via email to ies-nm@deakin.edu.au by Friday 8 January 2027.

Thank you for taking the time to apply for the 2027 Indigenous Entry Stream – Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery at Deakin University.

The team will look forward to reading about you and your story and will be in touch to let you know the outcome.

The IES Nursing and Midwifery Team, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Deakin University.