

Bachelor of Midwifery (Graduate Entry) (BMID) - BMID

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): External: 906295

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Start:	Session 1 (March)
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place
Residential school:	Ipswich campus or Tasmania (mandatory)
Standard duration:	2 years full-time; 4 years part-time

Notes:

In 2023 the programs follows the Combination calendar. The [Academic Calendar and Important Dates](#) webpage will allow you to view and download a copy of the important dates for the Combination calendar.

Footnotes

- # The Bachelor of Midwifery contains mandatory residential schools in both years of the program. The dates and location of the four mandatory residential schools are available from the [Residential School Schedule](#).
- ^ Students intending to study the part-time pathway must enrol in two courses (one clinical and one theory) each Session and as outlined in the part-time pathway. Due to placement requirements, part-time enrolment is not available to Tasmanian students.
- + The Bachelor of Midwifery contains mandatory professional experience placement — students are requested to enrol early in clinical courses and to submit mandatory pre-placement documentation immediately upon acceptance of offer into the program to enable facilitation of placements. Refer to Requirements for Professional Experience Placements below.

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Professional accreditation

The Bachelor of Midwifery Graduate Entry is awaiting accreditation by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) and once accredited will be listed as an approved program with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra).

To gain registration as a midwife, graduates of this program will have to satisfy registration criteria of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA).

To gain registration, applicants will also have to meet standards in English language skills (if English is their second language), criminal history, and professional indemnity insurance. To maintain registration, midwives are also required to meet standards of Continuing Professional Development and Recency of Practice. All of these standards can be found on the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia website: NMBA Registration Standards.

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) will keep a register of students enrolled in the Bachelor of Midwifery (Graduate Entry) for the duration of their study or clinical training. UniSQ as the education provider will pass on students' details directly to the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) for registration. No fees are required. UniSQ is also obliged to report to Ahpra when there is a 'reasonable belief' that a student has an impairment that, when undertaking clinical training, may place the public at substantial risk of harm. Further details are available at the Ahpra website.

Program aims

The Bachelor of Midwifery (Graduate Entry) aims to prepare midwives who meet current and future requirements of contemporary midwifery practice. This program is designed according to the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) Midwife Standards for Practice (2018). Graduates will possess a range of skills to work autonomously and where appropriate, with other members of the inter-professional team in a variety of maternity settings or models of care. On completion of program students will be eligible to apply for registration as a midwife with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency ([Ahpra](#)).

Program Rules

- Satisfactorily complete eight x 1 credit point theory courses and four x 2 credit point clinical courses, 16 credit point units (12 mandatory courses) as listed in the standard progression to graduate from the program.
- Satisfactorily complete all courses within 5 years.
- Maintain satisfactory academic achievement throughout the duration of the program, consistent with the UniSQ Student Academic Progress Procedure.
- Meet all mandatory residential schools or clinical laboratory requirements where this is present in courses.
- Satisfactorily complete 100% of clinical placement hours. Students who do not satisfactorily complete and/or demonstrate unsatisfactory performance in a clinical placement will need to discuss their performance with the Clinical Director and the Program Director before enrolling in any further placement courses or withdrawing from a placement course.
- Must submit all assessment items in a course.
- Students who enrol in and subsequently fail a course twice, must discuss their enrolment pattern with the Program Director before enrolling in the course again.
- Meet the [Inherent Requirements](#) for the Bachelor of Midwifery (Graduate Entry)

Program objectives

- (1) Exhibit a midwifery philosophy that is respectful, dignified and woman-centred when working in partnership with childrearing women and their families within human rights and educational frameworks;
- (2) Demonstrate critical thinking skills aligned with core values of midwifery practice and collaborate effectively with partners considering historical, social and political influences;
- (3) Contextualise legal and ethical frameworks to demonstrate professional midwifery practice reflective of cultural awareness and the individuals rights to social justice;
- (4) Analyse and evaluate models of care, leadership and entrepreneurship to meet the needs of mothers and babies in contemporary society;
- (5) Provide safe, competent and woman-centred care for women, babies and families across the continuum of pregnancy, childbirth and transition to parenting within diverse cultural, ethnic and socioeconomic populations;
- (6) Integrate evidence based practice to inform clinical decisions and foster change in relation to maternity services and maternity care;
- (7) Apply knowledge and skills to demonstrate autonomy, well-developed judgement and responsibility in the context of increasing clinical competence and safety in the delivery of professional midwifery practice;
- (8) Enable graduates to be eligible for registration and care of women as accountable, autonomous professionals.

Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 07. Graduates at this level will have broad and coherent knowledge and skills for professional work and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting www.aqf.edu.au.

Program Information Set

View UniSQ's admission criteria, student profiles and a summary of all offers made under [Course Admission Information Set](#) via the QTAC website.

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- A Registered Nurse (Division 1) with a Bachelor degree in Nursing or equivalent qualification with current Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) registration.
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 4.
- Interview with Midwifery program representative and a service provider representative to demonstrate ability to commit to the requirements of the program.

Please note: Satisfaction of admission requirements does not guarantee admission. Places within the Bachelor of Midwifery (Graduate Entry) program are limited by quota. Selection from applicants who meet admission requirements will be based on ranking by GPA from previous Nursing studies and a pre-admission interview. Quota size is determined by the availability of hospital placements. Where the quota is filled, no further places will be offered.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#). If students do not meet the English Language requirements, they will be required to submit a formal English Language test result that meets the NMBA minimal requirements prior to program entry.

Inherent requirements

There are inherent requirements for this program that must be met in order to complete the program and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the [requirements](#) for this program online.

Requirements for professional experience placements

Practical experience is an integral component of the program and each student is required to undertake and satisfactorily complete 1240 hours of practical experience (1240 hours of professional experience placements).

Progression into practical courses is dependent upon a pass grade in theoretical and other practical courses which have been set as prerequisites.

Applicants must be willing to undertake and submit the requirements of the University of Southern Queensland and Queensland Health/Tasmanian Health for Midwifery Practice Experience . Please refer to the applicable [Midwifery Professional Practice Experience Handbook](#).

Mandatory Documents required as outlined in the [Midwifery Professional Practice Experience Handbook](#) prior to commencing residential schools and ANY clinical placements in the program:

- Blue Card or Working with Children Check or evidence of registration with Ahpra
- Australian Police Certificate
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certificate (CPR)
- UniSQ Student Declaration
- Queensland Health Student Orientation Checklist (Queensland students only)
- Queensland Health Student Deed Poll (Queensland students only)
- Queensland Health iLearn Modules (Queensland students only)
- Completed Vaccine Preventable Evidence Form
- NDIS Worker Screening Check

All students must also provide the following immunisation evidence prior to commencing residential schools and clinical placements:

- Hepatitis B immunisation evidence

- Measles, Mumps and Rubella immunisation evidence
- Varicella immunisation evidence
- Pertussis immunisation evidence
- Influenza immunisation evidence
- Tuberculosis Risk Assessment
- Covid-19 Immunisation Digital Certificate

Tasmanian students residing outside of QLD must provide evidence of:

- HIV and Hepatitis C of having antibodies

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of a students' higher education and students pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedules](#).

Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedule](#)

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [FEE-Help](#).

Program structure

The Bachelor of Midwifery (Graduate Entry) comprises of 16 units/12 courses that all must be successfully completed to finish this degree. In particular, to graduate with the Bachelor of Midwifery (Graduate Entry) students will be required to successfully complete:

- Midwifery practice experience courses by attending mandatory residential schools; and
- All unpaid/paid midwifery practice experience requirements of this degree through the midwifery practice experience courses

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 5 years to complete this program.

Electives/Approved courses

There are no elective courses in this degree. All courses need to be undertaken to meet external accreditation and to be eligible to register as a midwife.

IT requirements

For information technology requirements please refer to the [minimum computing standards](#).

Residential schools

The attendance requirement of residential schools within this degree is indicated by the following letters: R = Recommended; HR = Highly Recommended; M = Mandatory. To find out more about [residential schools](#),

visit the [Residential School Schedule](#) to view specific dates for your degree, or visit the [Policy and Procedure Library](#).

The following courses include mandatory Residential Schools.

- [MID2102 Foundations for Midwifery Practice](#)
- [MID2201 Developing the Midwife Practitioner](#)
- [MID3101 Midwifery Challenges 1 - Maternal](#)
- [MID3102 Midwifery Challenges 2 - Neonatal](#)
- [MID3211 Pharmacology, Diagnostics and Screening for Midwives](#)

Students unable to attend must withdraw from the associated course. Residential schools will be conducted at the Ipswich campus or Tasmania (only students who reside in Tasmania will attend residential schools in Tasmania unless special approval is given by the Midwifery Program Director).

Credit

Exemptions/credit will be assessed based on the [UniSQ Credit and Exemption Procedure](#).

Course transfers

Course transfers will be assessed on an individual basis.

Full-time recommended enrolment pattern - Session 1 entry

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

Courses in Session 1 year 1 must be taken as co-requisites by full time students.

Course	Year of program and session in which course is normally studied						Residential school	Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Ses	Year	Ses	Year	Ses		
Year 1/Session 1								
MID1101 Contexts of Professional Midwifery Practice					1	1		Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BMID Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: MID2102 and MID1199 Co-requisite: MID1299
MID2102 Foundations for Midwifery Practice			1	1			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BMID Co-requisite: MID1199
This is a year long course								
MID1199 Midwifery Professional Practice 1[#]			1					
This is a year long course								
MID1299 Midwifery Professional Practice 2[#]			1	1				
Year 1/Session 2								
MID2201 Developing the Midwife Practitioner			1	2				Pre-requisite: MID2102 Co-requisite: MID1199

Course	Year of program and session in which course is normally studied						Residential school	Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Ses	Year	Ses	Year	Ses		
MID2202 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander: Health and Cultural Practices for the Midwife					1	2		Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BMID
Year 2 Session 1								
MID3101 Midwifery Challenges 1 - Maternal			2	1			M	Pre-requisite: MID1101 and MID2201 and MID2202 and MID1299 Co-requisite MID2599
MID3102 Midwifery Challenges 2 - Neonatal			1	2			M	Pre-requisite: MID3101 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: MID2599 Co-requisite: MID2699
This is a year long course								
MID2599 Midwifery Professional Practice 3[#]			2					
This is a year long course								
MID2699 Midwifery Professional Practice 4[#]			2					
Year 2/Session 2								
MID3211 Pharmacology, Diagnostics and Screening for Midwives			2	2			M	Pre-requisite: MID3101 and MID3102 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: MID2599 Co-requisite: MID2699
MID3202 Family Health and Mental Wellbeing in Midwifery Practice					2	2		Pre-requisite: MID3101 and MID3102 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: MID2599 Co-requisite: MID2699

Footnotes

Courses are 2 credit points each and are studied over a full year

Part-time recommended enrolment pattern - Session 1 entry

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

Students intending to study the part-time pathway must enrol in two courses each Session (one clinical and one theory) and as outlined in the part-time pathway.

Course	Year of program and session in which course is normally studied						Residential school	Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Ses	Year	Ses	Year	Ses		
Year 1/Session 1								
MID2102 Foundations for Midwifery Practice			1	1			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BMID Co-requisite: MID1199
This is a year long course								
MID1199 Midwifery Professional Practice 1[#]			1					
Year 1/Session 2								
MID2201 Developing the Midwife Practitioner			1	2				Pre-requisite: MID2102 Co-requisite: MID1199

Course	Year of program and session in which course is normally studied						Residential school	Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Ses	Year	Ses	Year	Ses		
This is a year long course								
MID1299 Midwifery Professional Practice 2 [#]			1					
Year 2/Session 1								
MID1101 Contexts of Professional Midwifery Practice					2	1		Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BMID Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: MID2102 and MID1199 Co-requisite: MID1299
Year 2/Session 2								
MID2202 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander: Health and Cultural Practices for the Midwife					2	2		Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BMID
Year 3/Session 1								
MID3101 Midwifery Challenges 1 - Maternal			3	1			M	Pre-requisite: MID1101 and MID2201 and MID2202 and MID1299 Co-requisite MID2599
This is a year long course								
MID2599 Midwifery Professional Practice 3 [#]			3					
Year 3/Session 2								
MID3202 Family Health and Mental Wellbeing in Midwifery Practice					3	2		Pre-requisite: MID3101 and MID3102 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: MID2599 Co-requisite: MID2699
This is a year long course								
MID2699 Midwifery Professional Practice 4 [#]			3					
Year 4/Session 1								
MID3102 Midwifery Challenges 2 - Neonatal			4	1			M	Pre-requisite: MID3101 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: MID2599 Co-requisite: MID2699
Year 4/Session 2								
MID3211 Pharmacology, Diagnostics and Screening for Midwives			4	2			M	Pre-requisite: MID3101 and MID3102 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: MID2599 Co-requisite: MID2699

Footnotes

Courses are 2 credit points each and are studied over a full year