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

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

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| Start:                     | Semester 1 (February)  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fees:                      | Commonwealth supported place<br>Domestic full fee paying place |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Residential school:</b> | Ipswich campus or Tasmania* (mandatory)                        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Standard duration:         | 2 years full-time; 4 years part-time                           |  |  |  |  |  |

#### Footnotes

# The Bachelor of Midwifery contains mandatory residential schools held before commencement of Semester 1 in both years of the program. The dates and location of the three mandatory residential schools (two pre-semester and one during semester) are available from the Residential School Schedule.

\* Tasmanian residential schools and professional experience placement is only available to Tasmanian students.

Students intending to study the part-time pathway must enrol in two courses each semester 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 accredited by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) and upon successful completion, students will be eligible for entry on the Australian Health Practitioner Register as a Midwife.

#### **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) National Competency Standards for the Midwife (2006). 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. Graduates will be eligible for registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

# **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.

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Consult the Handbook on the Web at http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current for any updates that may occur during the year. Bachelor of Midwifery (Graduate Entry) (BMID) - BMID (2020)

# **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**

Students should refer to USQ minimum computing standards to check that their computers are capable of running the appropriate software and versions of Internet web browsers and to check the minimum and recommended standards for software. Students will need internet access to retrieve course materials, undertake assessment and participate in course online activities.

### **Residential schools**

The attendance requirement of residential schools within this degree is indicated by the following letters: V = Voluntary; O = Optional; C = Compulsory; 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.

There are three (3) courses with mandatory Residential Schools. These will occur:

#### Year 1, Semester 1:

• In the week prior to commencement of semester 1 attendance is required and again in week 12-15 (depending on the timetable) of Year 1, Semester 1 (course MID2102 Foundations for Midwifery Practice)

#### Year 2, Semester 1 (full-time students):

• Two weeks prior to commencement of semester 1 attendance is required (MID3101 Midwifery Challenges 1 - Maternal and MID3102 Midwifery Challenges 2 - Neonatal scheduled consecutively).

#### Year 3, Semester 1 (part-time students):

• Two weeks prior to commencement of semester 1 attendance is required (MID3101 Midwifery Challenges 1 - Maternal)

#### Year 4, Semester 1 (part-time students):

• Two weeks prior to commencement of semester 1 attendance is required (MID3102 Midwifery Challenges 2 - Neonatal)

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 at the Southern Simulation Centre at the Royal Hobart Hospital's clinical school, Liverpool St, Hobart TAS 7000).

Midwifery Practice Experience Courses - these courses contain practical laboratories conducted during the mandatory residential schools:

- MID2102 Foundations for Midwifery Practice (2 x 24 hours (2 x 3 day block))
- MID3101 Midwifery Challenges 1 Maternal (12 hours (1.5 days) conducted consecutively with MID3102)
- MID3102 Midwifery Challenges 2 Neonatal (12 hours (1.5 days) conducted consecutively with MID 3101)

#### Credit

Exemptions/credit will be assessed based on the USQ Credit and Exemption Procedure.

#### **Course transfers**

Course transfers will be assessed on an individual basis.

# Full-time recommended enrolment pattern - Semester 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 semester 1 year 1 must be taken as co-requisites by full time students.



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