

School of Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine

Nursing & Midwifery Clinical Placements

CLINICAL PRACTICE FRAMEWORK



Program Code & Title: SC393 Bachelor of Midwifery – Clinical Practice Framework

The Bachelor of Midwifery Program prepares graduates to practice as responsible and accountable professionals who work in partnership with women to give the necessary support and care during pregnancy, labour and the postpartum period. The program is designed to meet the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia *Midwife standards for practice*, and on completion students will be eligible to apply for registration as a midwife with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

Program features include:

- Use of narrative pedagogy and case-based learning.
- Intensive clinical preparation including simulation learning using state of the art technology.
- Health service integrated clinical practice experiences throughout the program including a final internship to prepare for transition to practice.
- Support for continuity of care experiences through the CONNECT program.
- Health service and community placement experiences.
- Options for placement in rural or remote locations.

Learning activities in the placement setting

Students are to be guided by clinicians and self-identify scope depending on individual progression through all midwifery programs. If a learning opportunity arises in the clinical area students are encouraged to engage in this opportunity under direct supervision of the clinician even if they have not been exposed to the experience in the laboratory or clinical workshop.

Full time enrolment pattern for Bachelor of Midwifery 2023

Year	Semester 1	Session 4	Semester 2	Session 8
1	HLT121 Midwifery Foundations		HLT100 Anatomy and Physiology	
	HLT131 Practice Principles for Midwifery		HLT103 Professional Health Communication	
	LFS103 Introductory Bioscience		NUR131 Research Foundations for Health Practice (Session 6 commence Sem. 2)	
	NUR121 Health care and the Professions		HLT132 Introduction to Midwifery Practice	
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2	HLT200 Midwifery Care Across the Continuum	HLT206 Neonatal and Infant Health online	HLT203 Collaborative Midwifery practice	HLT202 Midwifery Practice 2
	HLT207 Midwifery Practice 1		HLT201 Therapeutics in Midwifery	
	NUR231 Drug Therapy		NUR222 Health Law and Ethics online (Session 6 commence Sem. 2)	
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3	HLT311 Midwifery Practice 3	HLT303 Perinatal and infant mental health online	NUR332 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Cultural Safety online	
	HLT310 Leadership and Governance in Maternity Care		HLT312 Midwifery Internship (24 units)	
	HLT301 Contexts of Practice: Challenges to Mental Health Commence Session 1	#Elective NUR312 Life Crisis online		
	#Elective PAR301 Paramedic Primary Healthcare: Maternal and Child Health			
CONNECT PROGRAM				

Full time enrolment pattern for Bachelor of Midwifery - Registered Nurse Pathway

Year	Semester 1	Session 4	Semester 2	Session 8
1	HLT121 Midwifery Foundations	HLT206 Neonatal and infant Health online	HLT203 Collaborative Midwifery Care	HLT202 Midwifery Practice 2
	HLT200 Midwifery Care across the Continuum		HLT207 Midwifery Practice 1	
	HLT132 Introduction to Midwifery Practice		HLT201 Therapeutics in Midwifery	
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2	HLT310 Leadership and Governance in Maternity Care	HLT312 Midwifery Internship (24 units)		
	HLT303 Perinatal and Infant Mental Health online			
	HLT311 Midwifery Practice 3			
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Midwifery clinical skills focus in the practicum courses

Note: the requirements for a course are fully outlined in each course outline. Please refer to the course outline for specific details.

YEAR ONE INTRODUCTORY - Engagement; Exploration	
HLT131 Laboratory (5 x 2hr sessions week 9-13)	HLT132 (80hr clinical placement)
<p>Therapeutic communication</p> <p>Introduction to critical reflection and critical thinking</p> <p>Introduction to midwifery regulation and legislative frameworks: issues of accountability and responsibility NMBA Standards for Practice</p> <p>Professional and ethical practices.</p> <p>Vital signs assessment and clinical documentation - across midwifery continuum of care</p> <p>Principles of infection prevention and control- Hand hygiene, aseptic technique - PPE in practice</p> <p>Manual handling</p> <p>Medication safety & Drug therapy protocol for midwives</p> <p>Oral medication administration</p> <p>ANTENATAL CARE</p> <p>AN booking interview - Holistic health assessment – psychological, emotional, social, lifestyle</p> <p>POSTNATAL CARE</p> <p>Maternal and neonatal observations</p> <p>Introduction to breastfeeding</p> <p>Neonatal examination</p> <p>Continuity of care</p>	<p>Health assessment of individuals, families and groups using Primary Health Care as a framework - Collaborative practice</p> <p>Identifying the impact of cross cultural factors as they impact health assessment - Identify culturally safe practice in health assessment</p> <p>Drug therapy protocol for midwives</p> <p>ANTENATAL CARE</p> <p>Planning routine antenatal care - Calculation of EDD</p> <p>Domestic violence screening and role of midwife</p> <p>AN terminology - Antenatal education - Routine screening tests e.g., urinalysis, blood tests</p> <p>Abdominal examination – fetal positions + FHR auscultation</p> <p>LABOUR AND BIRTH / IMMEDIATE POSTNATAL CARE</p> <p>Assessment during physiological labour and birth</p> <p>Assessment of contractions – abdominal palpation</p> <p>Assessing fetal wellbeing</p> <p>Vaginal examination</p> <p>Initial assessment of the newborn</p> <p>Initial assessment of mother</p> <p>POSTNATAL / NEWBORN CARE / BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT</p> <p>Postnatal assessment of mother and newborn</p> <p>NNST</p> <p>Vaccination – schedule</p>

YEAR TWO Developing - Explanation; Elaboration

HLT123 Laboratory (120hrs clinical placement)	HLT202 (120hrs clinical placement)
<p>ANTENATAL CARE</p> <p>Antenatal visit and assessment -vital signs SC and IM drug administration – drug calculations iEMR Urinalysis and clinical implications EPDS Safe Start – information gathering domestic and family violence Antenatal education</p> <p>LABOUR AND BIRTH</p> <p>Water immersion and waterbirth Non-pharmacological comfort measures Placental birth (physiological / active) Variations of normal eg OP, Breech labour and birth Initial examination of the newborn Nitrous Oxide administration Vaginal examinations IDC insertion and management Neonatal resus – basic positioning adjuncts e.g., Sa⁰₂</p> <p>POSTNATAL / NEWBORN CARE / BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT</p> <p>ISBAR Handover – Q MEWTS NNST, Vit K and Hep B IMI – drug calculations Supporting breastfeeding Formula feeding Expressing and storing breastmilk Skin to skin care</p>	<p>Recognition and responding to deteriorating patients Caring for women experiencing complications in pregnancy, labour, birth or the postnatal period Assessment, referral and collaboration in the midwifery context</p> <p>LABOUR AND BIRTH</p> <p>ID water injections Schedule 4 & 8 medications IV Infusions – pumps bolus Reconstitution of medication PV and PR medication Syntocinon infusion Epidural management – PCA management Shoulder dystocia GDM management, BGLs, insulin infusion PPH management Maternal collapse Cord prolapses Neonatal resuscitation</p> <p>POSTNATAL / NEWBORN CARE / BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT</p> <p>ISBAR Handover - Q-MEWTS Administration of blood and blood products or iron C-section – postsurgical care Pre-term care – isolette NG tube – newborn</p>

YEAR THREE TRANSITIONING - Evaluation

HLT311 Midwifery Practice 3 (120hrs clinical placement)	HLT312 Midwifery Internship (300hrs clinical placement)
<p>Incident reporting e.g., Risk-man Recognition and responding to deteriorating patients</p> <p>ANTENATAL CARE</p> <p>Venepuncture Collaboration and referral of care</p> <p>LABOUR AND BIRTH / IMMEDIATE POSTNATAL CARE</p> <p>Handover SBAR Review VE/ARM Review obstetric emergencies: shoulder dystocia, cord prolapse, PPH Epidural complications Episiotomy Perineal Care and repair Cannulation Neonatal resuscitation</p> <p>POSTNATAL / NEWBORN CARE / BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT</p> <p>Grief and loss Breastfeeding complications Neonatal transition to extrauterine life Premature birth Neonatal cares- NGT insertion, hypoglycaemia management, NAS Syndrome Respiratory disorders Q-NEWT</p>	<p>Transitioning – Evaluation – HLT312</p> <p>The transitional phase of the program involves students evaluating their learning needs and undertaking the required development for graduate practice. Opportunities are provided for students to consolidate their clinical learning and practice clinical skills in practice settings.</p>