

## School of Health

### Program Code & Title: GD007 Graduate Diploma in Midwifery – Clinical Practice Framework

The Graduate Diploma in 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, birth and the postpartum period. The program is designed to meet the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) *Midwife standards for practice*, and the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) *definition of a midwife* 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 integration to practice course to prepare students for transition to practice.
- Support for continuity of care experiences through the CONNECT program.
- Health service and community experiences throughout the continuity of care experiences.

#### Learning activities in the placement setting

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

## Graduate Diploma in Midwifery: Program Structure 2025

Year 1			
	Course code and name	Hours	Units
Session 1	MID700 Midwifery care across the continuum 1	120	12
Session 2	MID701 Introduction to midwifery	120	12
Semester 1	HLT600 Indigenous wellbeing foundations	0	12
Session 4	MID702 Care of the unwell neonate	80	12
Break			
Session 6	MID703 Midwifery care across the continuum 2	120	12
Session 7	MID704 Midwifery leadership, governance and mentorship	80	12
Session 8	MID705 Integration to the midwifery profession	240	24
Placement hours = 760 + continuity of care experiences		<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>

## Midwifery Scope of Practice - clinical skills

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

### 0 - 6 MONTHS

Health assessment of individuals, families and groups using Primary Health Care as a framework - Collaborative practice  
Identifying the impact of cross-cultural factors as they impact health  
Assessment - Identify culturally safe practice in health assessment

#### **ANTENATAL CARE**

Hand Hygiene  
AN booking interview - Holistic health assessment – Psychological, emotional, social, lifestyle  
Planning routine antenatal care - Calculation of EDD  
EPDS  
Safe Start – information gathering domestic and family violence screening and role of midwife  
AN terminology  
Routine screening tests e.g., urinalysis, blood tests  
Abdominal examination – fetal positions + FHR auscultation  
Antenatal education

#### **LABOUR AND BIRTH CARE**

Normal CTG modules from RANZCOG  
Assessment during physiological labour and birth  
Assessment of contractions – Abdominal Palpation  
Water immersion and waterbirth  
Non-pharmacological comfort measures  
ID sterile water injections  
Vaginal examination  
Variations of normal eg OP, Breech labour and birth  
Nitrous Oxide administration/ sterile water injections  
PR medication  
Placental birth (physiological / active)  
Skin to skin care

#### **POSTNATAL / NEWBORN CARE / BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT**

Postnatal assessment of mother and examination of the newborn  
Mothercraft eg nappies bathing dressing swaddling  
Safer infant sleep (SIDS/SUDI)  
iEMR (WIL)  
Vaccination – schedule – Konakion (IM and oral)  
Hep B and education for parents  
NNST education for parents  
Skin to skin/ supporting breastfeeding/ use of bottles/formular feeding  
Expressing and storing breast milk  
Postnatal VTE assessment SC Enoxaparin

## 6 - 12 MONTHS

### ANTENATAL CARE

Hand Hygiene  
Recognition and responding to deteriorating woman and/or infant  
Caring for women experiencing complications in pregnancy, labour, birth or the postnatal period  
Assessment, referral and collaboration in the midwifery context  
Venepuncture and cannulation  
Collaboration and referral of care  
PV medication induction of labour

### LABOUR AND BIRTH CARE

Handover ISBAR  
PROM term and preterm -EOGBSD  
CTG interpretation  
IV Infusions – pumps bolus  
Review VE/ARM  
Review obstetric emergencies: shoulder dystocia, PPH, PET (seizure)  
Premature birth  
Epidural complications  
Episiotomy  
Perineal Care and repair  
GDM management, BGLs, insulin infusion  
PPH management  
Cord prolapse

### POSTNATAL / NEWBORN CARE / BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT

C-section – pre and postsurgical care  
Administration of blood and blood products or iron  
Eclampsia  
Maternal collapse - basic life support  
Maternal sepsis  
Neonatal resuscitation of the preterm infant  
Grief and loss information  
Breastfeeding complications  
Neonatal cares- hypoglycaemia management, NAS Syndrome  
Newborn respiratory disorders  
Q-NEWT  
Pre-term care – isolette  
NG tube insertion – newborn  
Hypoglycaemia

## Clinical Skills and Clinical Assessment required to be completed during the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery

Course	Clinical Care (ANMAC MPE experiences)	Clinical Assessments	Continuity of Care Experience (CoCE)
MID700 Midwifery across the Continuum 1	60	OSCA prior to entering MPE  AMSAT  CSAT 1	Recruited 3 women
MID701 Introduction to Midwifery	60 (120 in total)	AMSAT  CSAT 1 (2 in total)	Recruited 3 women (6 in total)
MID702 Care of the unwell neonate	40 (160 in total)	AMSAT  CSAT 1 (3 in total)	Recruited 2 women (8 in total)  Completed 3 CoCEs
MID703 Midwifery across the Continuum 2	60 (220 in total)	OSCA prior to entering MPE  AMSAT  CSAT 1 (4 in total)	Recruited 2 women (10 in total)
MID704 Leadership, governance, and mentorship in midwifery practice	40 (260 in total)	AMSAT  CSAT 1 (5 in total)	
MID705 Integration to the midwifery profession	70 (330 in total)	OSCA prior to entering MPE  CSATs and AMSATS completed	Completed 10 CoCEs