

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

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

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Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February)
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

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.

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 USQ'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 3.
- Interview with Midwifery program representative and a service provider representative to demonstrate ability to commit to the requirements of the program (currently Tasmanian students only).

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. 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 may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

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 for practical placement. Please refer to the applicable [Professional Practice Experience Handbook](#) for Nursing and Midwifery Students.

Mandatory Documents required 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)
- USQ 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

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

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 student's 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 Finder](#).

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 Finder](#).

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/16 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 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

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.

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Residential school	Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
Year 1/Semester 1								
MID2101 Professional, Political, Legal and Ethical Contexts of Midwifery					1	1		Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BMID
MID2102 Foundations for Midwifery Practice			1	1			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BMID Co-requisite: MID2199
MID2199 Midwifery Practice 1 *			1	1				Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BMID Co-requisite: MID2102
MID2299 Midwifery Practice 2 *			1	1				Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: MID2199
Year 1/Semester 2								
MID2201 Developing the Midwife Practitioner					1	2		Pre-requisite: MID2102 and MID2199
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
MID2399 Midwifery Practice 3 *			1	2				Pre-requisite: MID2199 and MID2299
MID2499 Midwifery Practice 4 *			1	2				Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: MID2399
Year 2/Semester 1								
MID3101 Midwifery Challenges 1 - Maternal			2	1			M	Pre-requisite: MID2101 and MID2201 and MID2202 and MID2499
MID3102 Midwifery Challenges 2 - Neonatal			2	1			M	Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: MID3101
MID3199 Midwifery Practice 5 *			2	1				Pre-requisite: MID2399 and MID2499
MID3299 Midwifery Practice 6 *			2	1				Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: MID3199
Year 2/Semester 2								
MID3201 Preparation for Autonomous Midwifery Practice					2	2		Pre-requisite: MID3101 and MID3102
MID3202 Family Health and Mental Wellbeing in Midwifery Practice					2	2		Pre-requisite: MID3101 and MID3102 and MID3199 and MID3299
MID3399 Midwifery Practice 7 *			2	2				Pre-requisite: MID3199 and MID3299

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	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
MID3499 Midwifery Practice 8 *			2	2				Pre-requisite: MID3199 and MID3299

Footnotes

* Compulsory practice experience

Part-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.

Students intending to study the part-time pathway must enrol in two courses each semester and as outlined in the part-time pathway.

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Residential school	Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
Year 1/Semester 1								
MID2102 Foundations for Midwifery Practice			1	1			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BMID Co-requisite: MID2199
MID2199 Midwifery Practice 1 *			1	1				Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BMID Co-requisite: MID2102
Year 1/Semester 2								
MID2201 Developing the Midwife Practitioner					1	2		Pre-requisite: MID2102 and MID2199
MID2299 Midwifery Practice 2 *			1	2				Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: MID2199
Year 2/Semester 1								
MID2101 Professional, Political, Legal and Ethical Contexts of Midwifery					2	1		Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: BMID
MID2399 Midwifery Practice 3 *			2	1				Pre-requisite: MID2199 and MID2299
Year 2/Semester 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
MID2499 Midwifery Practice 4 *			2	2				Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: MID2399
Year 3/Semester 1								
MID3101 Midwifery Challenges 1 - Maternal			3	1			M	Pre-requisite: MID2101 and MID2201 and MID2202 and MID2499
MID3199 Midwifery Practice 5 *			3	1				Pre-requisite: MID2399 and MID2499

Consult the Handbook on the Web at <http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current> for any updates that may occur during the year.
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	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
Year 3/Semester 2								
MID3202 Family Health and Mental Wellbeing in Midwifery Practice					3	2		Pre-requisite: MID3101 and MID3102 and MID3199 and MID3299
MID3299 Midwifery Practice 6 *			3	2				Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: MID3199
Year 4/Semester 1								
MID3102 Midwifery Challenges 2 - Neonatal			4	1			M	Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: MID3101
MID3399 Midwifery Practice 7 *			4	1				Pre-requisite: MID3199 and MID3299
Year 4/Semester 2								
MID3201 Preparation for Autonomous Midwifery Practice					4	2		Pre-requisite: MID3101 and MID3102
MID3499 Midwifery Practice 8 *			4	2				Pre-requisite: MID3199 and MID3299

Footnotes

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