



## Bachelor of Midwifery (Domestic students)

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| <b>Program code</b>   | <b>Entry requirements</b> | <b>Prerequisites</b>  |
| 1354  | 80.00                     | NIL   |
| <b>Available at</b>   | ATAR/RANK 2024            | <b>Assumed knowledge</b>  |
| Logan Campus  | (more)                    | English, English as an Additional Language, Literature or English and Literature Extension (Units 3 and 4, C) |
| <b>Duration</b>   | <b>Commencing in</b>      |   |
| 3 years full-time<br>or 2 years part-time + 2 years full-time | Trimester 1               |   |
| <b>Credit points</b>  |                           |   |
| 240   |                           |   |
| <b>Indicative fee</b>   |                           |   |
| \$4,500.00* per year (more)                                   |                           |   |
| * 2024 indicative annual CSP fee                              |                           |   |

### About this program

All on-campus teaching sessions are offered on Logan campus with some midwifery laboratory sessions also available at the Gold Coast and Toowoomba. Professional Placements are available at a range of sites including Logan, Redlands, Toowoomba, and Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast University Hospitals.

You will learn from expert midwives in this degree that blends online learning with one-two-week intensive block on campus each trimester. You will also take part in extensive clinical placements and regular clinical tutorials supported by a Practice Lecturer.

You will learn in midwifery laboratories that simulate the clinical environment and undertake midwifery clinical experience through professional practice placements in allocated health services involving morning, evening and night shifts. You will be prepared as a midwife who is technically competent and deeply woman-centred with sound clinical judgement.

You will follow 20 women throughout their pregnancy, birth and the period six weeks after birth, requiring you to be on-call to attend the labour and birth.

**Honours** is available through an additional year of study.

| Code | Program title                        | Campus | Intake                      |
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| 1354 | Bachelor of Midwifery (this program) | Logan  | Trimester 1 only            |
| 2095 | Bachelor of Midwifery (Honours)      | Logan  | Trimester 1 and Trimester 2 |

Progression is dependent upon satisfying admission requirements.

### My attendance during the program

#### Attendance information

All on-campus teaching sessions are offered on Logan campus with some midwifery laboratory sessions also available at the Gold Coast and Toowoomba.

This program starts in early February and requires attendance of up to 46 weeks per year. The study of clinical midwifery requires that students spend considerable time undertaking hands-on experience in on-campus clinical laboratories and within hospitals and other off-campus clinical settings. To ensure students are provided with the opportunity to gain sufficient clinical experience, all courses that include an off-campus clinical practicum will extend beyond the standard teaching trimester. This may include undertaking clinical placement during the mid-trimester and between-trimester vacation periods (i.e. the break during trimesters and between Trimester 1 and Trimester 2).

Students may undertake the Bachelor of Midwifery full-time over three years. Eligible students will also have the option to undertake the program over four years, with Year 1 of the program (the first 80 credit points) completed part-time over two

years, and the rest of the program completed full-time over two years. As clinical placement is linked to many of the courses (Midwifery 1-6 identifies the clinical placement courses within the program structure), students can expect to undertake 2-3 days per week of clinical practice for each 10 credit point clinical course undertaken.

In total, students will have a minimum of six weeks student vacation over the calendar year.

Generally, courses will be offered off-campus with a one to two-week on-campus intensive component prior to the commencement of trimester. On-campus attendance at tutorials is required five times per trimester.

The locations and dates over which the courses will run will be published trimester-by-trimester and sent to students prior to each trimester. It is expected that if you enrol in these courses you will be available to attend.

#### **Managing study interruptions**

##### **Leave of absence**

Students will require approval from the Program Director, Bachelor of Midwifery or nominee to take a leave of absence. Students will be permitted to take leave of absence for a maximum period of two trimesters only.

##### **Readmission**

A student who has discontinued enrolment in the Bachelor of Midwifery program and who is not on an approved leave of absence is required to seek approval for readmission to the program from the Program Director, Bachelor of Midwifery or nominee. Readmission to the Bachelor of Midwifery program is not guaranteed and subject to the availability of clinical placements.

#### **Student Income Support**

To be classed as a full-time student, you are required to enrol in a minimum number of credit points each standard study period. The minimum credit points for full-time enrolment in this program is 30 credit points.

Trimester 1 and Trimester 2 are deemed standard study periods. As Trimester 3 is a non-standard study period, continuing students moving from one year to the next will not be required to study during this trimester to be eligible for student income support.

Domestic students who commence in Trimester 3 may be eligible for student income support from the onset of study provided they are enrolled full-time in this study period.

Please refer to the [Australian Government website](#) for more details.

#### **Work-integrated learning**

Work-integrated learning activities (professional placements) integrate theoretical learning with its application in the workplace. The inclusion of work-integrated learning activities in the degree program demonstrates Griffith's commitment to preparing its graduates for success in their working life. For more information, please refer to [Placement Requirements](#)

## **My career opportunities**

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You may find opportunities as a midwife in public and private healthcare settings including midwifery private practice, maternity and neonatal care settings, academia, teaching, research, rural remote health, and international aid organisations.

## **Program accreditation**

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The Bachelor of Midwifery program is accredited by the [Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council \(ANMAC\)](#).

## **Professional recognition**

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Graduates of this program will be eligible to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia via the [Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency \(AHPRA\)](#) subject to meeting any additional requirements that may be stipulated by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. As these requirements may change from time to time, students should contact AHPRA to confirm registration requirements.

## **Placement requirements**

### **Professional Practice requirements**

There are placements associated with this program and before undertaking professional experience placements, all students in this program are required to have completed the following by the end of their first trimester of study:

- Vaccinations and Health Tests

- Licenses and Certificates
- Online Training
- Health Placement Requirements

Students should refer to the **checklist of professional practice requirements for their Health discipline** on the **Health Placement Support Hub** for full details of the requirements regarding professional placement to ensure that they meet eligibility for placement.

#### Location of professional placements

Extensive professional practice learning includes 2-3 x 8-12 hour shifts per week over 46 weeks each year. You will be allocated to a partner hospital for your whole program and undertake professional practice across the a 24-hour time span that women access care from midwives. In addition, you will follow 20 women throughout their pregnancy until six weeks after birth and be on-call to attend the labour and birth - requiring a high level of commitment and flexibility.

Placements are available at a range of sites including Logan, Redlands, Toowoomba, and Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast University Hospitals. In your third year, you may have an opportunity to complete a rural or international clinical placement.

Students are required to indicate preferences for clinical placement location when they apply for entry to the program and final placements are arranged by the School of Nursing and Midwifery. While every effort is made to place students in proximity to their place of residence, this is not always possible.

On a case-by-case basis, some consideration may be given for students to undertake clinical placements in a location of the student's choosing, for example, in their local region subject to the student negotiating their own clinical placement confirmed in writing by the provider to the Bachelor of Midwifery Clinical Placements Officer and as agreed by the Bachelor of Midwifery Program Director.

## What are the fees?

### Commonwealth supported students

- The indicative fee represents the expected average fee for an annual full-time study load (80 credit points). This is based on average study patterns across courses and the Australian Government's broad discipline areas (student contribution bands). A student's actual annual fee may vary in accordance with his or her choice of majors and electives. The Australian Government sets student contribution amounts on an annual basis.
- [Find out more...](#)

### Fee-paying undergraduate (domestic) students

These fees are only applicable to domestic students who are not Commonwealth supported including:

- Full-fee paying domestic students who commenced their program prior to 2009.
- International students who have been approved to pay domestic tuition fees after obtaining Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency or a permanent humanitarian visa and who have not obtained a Commonwealth supported place.

#### Tuition fees

- A fee-paying undergraduate student pays tuition fees.
- Students are liable for tuition fees for the courses they are enrolled in as at the census date.
- The tuition fee is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student is enrolled.
- [Find out more...](#)

#### FEE-HELP

Eligible undergraduate fee-paying students may defer their tuition fees by taking out a FEE-HELP loan which is part of the Higher Education Loan Program (HELP). Payment of the loan is via the taxation system when income reaches a specified level.

- [Higher Education Loan Program \(HELP\)](#)

#### Further information

- [Calculating tuition fees](#)
- [Calculating your EFTSL](#)
- [Fees and Charges Procedure](#)
  - 3.2 - Fees for Undergraduate Students (Non-international)
  - [Fees and Charges Schedules](#)
- [Financial help and support](#)

#### Additional fee information

Throughout your program you may be required to pay for the following items:

first aid certificate; immunisations; uniforms; expenses associated with placements such as travel and accommodation, Blue Card, National Police Check, AHPRA Registration (3rd year).