953AA Bachelor of Midwifery

Throughout history and in cultures across the globe a midwife has never been just a technician...She stands at the meeting place of life and death and the crossing point of generations. She works with both the physiological and spiritual aspects of the process of coming into being

Shelia Kitzinger (Foreword in Page 2000)

The Bachelor of Midwifery produces creative, socially useful and internationally recognised midwives for the future. Our graduates contribute to meeting the health needs of women and their families within our region and out into wider Australian and international communities. The Bachelor of Midwifery is taught from a strong belief in the value of childbearing women to society and the value of midwives to childbearing women and therefore to society. This course is underpinned by a strong woman centered philosophy and is taught by passionate midwives who are engaged with the practice and profession of midwifery.

Applications
The Bachelor of Midwifery attracts a large number of applicants. Please note that all applications must be accompanied by a curriculum vitae as well as the supplementary application form which can be found on the University’s Midwifery website

School leavers may apply through the University Admissions Centre (UAC)
Because of the popularity of the course, only applicants who have selected the Bachelor of Midwifery at the University of Canberra as a first preference will be considered.
Non-school leavers
Students are eligible to apply if they transfer from another undergraduate degree into the Bachelor of Midwifery, or have completed a degree previously, or are entering from the workforce. Admission is based on ATAR (if < 10 years ago), Grade Point Average from university studies, and work experience score (if relevant).

Alternative entry pathways
The Bachelor of Midwifery does not have “wild card” places, and does not accept “Dean’s recommendation” or “Principal’s recommendation”.

If your application is not successful the first time you might like to consider applying for another degree at UC that is science based such as (but not limited to):
- Bachelor of Science (392AB.2)
- Bachelor of Applied Science in Human Biology (365AE.5)

If you gain entry into one of these degrees and work hard to achieve good grades, you can reapply for Midwifery and may be able to receive credit for units of study that are common to both degrees. Please seek course advice when considering a study plan.

It may be suggested to you that you study the Bachelor of Nursing and then transfer into the Bachelor of Midwifery at some stage during your course. This is only a good option if you would like to work as a Registered Nurse. Midwifery and Nursing are two very different disciplines and there are few common units between the two degrees. This pathway to midwifery can prove to be an expensive and lengthy option if your aim is to work as a midwife.

Requirements for all Midwifery students
All students who have completed high school outside of Australia, NZ, Canada, UK, South Africa or USA are required to have an IELTS of 7 with 7 in each band or equivalent.

All students will require immunisation, a National Police Check and a Working with Vulnerable People (WWVP) clearance. Requirements will be discussed further after admission to the degree.

So you didn’t get into Midwifery this time...?
If you do not meet the entry requirements or have not studied for a considerable amount of time it may be worthwhile considering a course such as UCPrep. Follow this link for further information: [http://www.canberra.edu.au/college/australian-student-programs#886764](http://www.canberra.edu.au/college/australian-student-programs#886764).

It is always worthwhile applying again. As we can only offer a limited number of student placements due to our practice requirements, we have to turn away applicants who would make wonderful midwives. When reapplying please make sure that your supplementary application is well written so that it places you well within the field of applicants.