



Bachelor of Midwifery

Information Sheet

HOW TO APPLY

- 1) Universities Admissions Centre (UAC): Complete an application online using UAC course code (365083): <http://www.uac.edu.au> or
- 2) University of Canberra online portal: Complete an application using course code (953AA): https://leopard.canberra.edu.au/connect_applicant/webconnect or
- 3) Print a copy of the application form from the University of Canberra website and submit it via:

Postal: Admissions Office
Building 1 (Kirinari Street)
University of Canberra ACT 2601

Fax: (02) 6201 5040

In person: Student Centre
Building 1 (Kirinari Street)
University of Canberra ACT 2601

When submitting an application students must also submit a pro-forma which can be found on the University's website along with a current Curriculum Vitae.

INFORMATION ON MIDWIFERY

The Bachelor of Midwifery is based on the midwifery relationship between childbearing women and midwives within a social model of health, as outlined in the Australian College of Midwives Philosophy Statement:

'Midwife' means 'with woman'. This meaning shapes midwifery's philosophy, work and relationships. Midwifery is founded on respect for women and on a strong belief in the value of women's work of bearing and rearing each generation. Midwifery considers women in pregnancy, during childbirth and early parenting to be undertaking healthy processes that are profound and precious events in each woman's life. These events are also seen as inherently important to society as a whole. Midwifery is emancipatory because it protects and enhances the health and social status of women, which in turn protects and enhances the health and wellbeing of society.

Midwifery is a woman centred, political, primary health care discipline founded on the relationships between women and their midwives.

Midwifery:

- focuses on a woman's health needs, her expectations and aspirations
- encompasses the needs of the woman's baby, and includes the woman's family, other important relationships and community, as identified and negotiated by the woman herself
- is holistic in its approach and recognises each woman's social, emotional, physical, spiritual and cultural needs, expectations and context as defined by the woman herself
- recognises every woman's right to self-determination in attaining choice, control and continuity of care from one or more known caregivers
- recognises every woman's responsibility to make informed decisions for herself, her baby and her family with assistance, when requested, from health professionals
- is informed by scientific evidence, by collective and individual experience and by intuition
- aims to follow each woman across the interface between institutions and the community, through pregnancy, labour and birth and the postnatal period so all women remain connected to their social support systems; the focus is on the woman, not on the institutions or the professionals involved
- includes collaboration and consultation between health professionals.'

The Bachelor of Midwifery is a 3 year full-time course (part time is also available) where the teaching and learning program takes place across 45 weeks of each year and includes working with women in pregnancy and the postnatal time, being on call for women in labour, and rostered practice in hospital maternity units. This reflects the 24 hours a day, 7 days a week nature of a midwifery service. In this way, graduates will be prepared to practice across the full scope of midwifery as defined by the International Confederation of Midwives Definition of a Midwife.

CAREERS

Midwifery is a wonderful career! Midwives work with women and their partners and families at a most important time in their lives. Research repeatedly shows that women like having midwives to care for them across the range of maternity care and midwifery is shown to be as safe, or safer, than other maternity models. Registered midwives are employed in community settings, in hospital maternity units, in Birthing Centres and are self employed as midwives in private practice.

Awaiting accreditation by the ACT Nursing and Midwifery Board. Following accreditation graduates will be able to register as a midwife in the ACT and subsequent registration in other states of Australia under Mutual Recognition legislation. In recognition of the increasing globalisation of our world, the degree is also designed for international compatibility.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have completed Year 12 or a similar level of study and meet normal University requirements for admission to an undergraduate course. International applicants must have an overall academic IELTS band score of 7.0. All students enrolled in the Bachelor of Midwifery course are required to undergo a Police Record Check prior to undertaking planned practice. All students are also required to present an immunisation history.

The places in the Bachelor of Midwifery are limited due to practice requirements. Applicants are required to submit a supplementary information form which can be found at

This form contains additional information in support of their Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) application or direct application, consisting of a Curriculum Vitae, a written statement outlining their understanding of topical issues relevant to childbearing women and midwifery.

Applications will be judged on how well applicants consider both the complex nature of midwifery and their possible suitability for such a profession. A proforma and the written statement must be submitted and these can be found on the Universities website.

Assumed knowledge:

ACT: English (T) major; Studies in Science (Chemistry and Biology) and Mathematics are highly recommended.

NSW: English Advanced; Studies in Science (Chemistry and Biology) and Mathematics are highly recommended.

MODE OF STUDY

The Bachelor of Midwifery will be delivered on campus with the practice component in the ACT and/or surrounding regions of NSW.

Student learning time includes the following:

- Face to face contact in seminars, tutorials, lectures and practical workshops
- Study time
- Reading time
- Online work, for example, using technology such as Moodle (a university based platform for online teaching and learning) and computer based learning
- Midwifery practice includes following women through their childbearing experiences, rostered work in Maternity Units and opportunities for community engagement: eg midwifery, family planning, sexual health, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians' health and rural health.

FULL TIME/ PART TIME COURSE STRUCTURE

Year	Full Time Semester 1	Full Time Semester 2	Year	Part Time Semester 1	Part Time Semester 2
1	7941 With Woman, With Child (6cp)	7943 The Work of Birth (6cp)	1	7942 Growing a Family (3cps)	7944 Sharing Knowledge in Midwifery (3cps)
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2	7945 Women in Pregnancy and Beyond (9cp)	7946 Women in Labour and Beyond (9cps)	3	7433 Analysing Disease Part 2 (3cps)	7947 After Birth: Complexity in Early Parenting
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3	7948 Continuity Midwifery A (6cp)	7949 Continuity Midwifery B (6cp)	4	7945 Women in Pregnancy and Beyond (9cp)	7946 Women in Labour and Beyond (9cp)
	7951 Ethics and Law for Health Professionals	7434 Indigenous Health: Contemporary Issues	5	7951 Ethics and Law for Health Professionals	7950 Midwifery Possibilities (3cps)
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ALTERNATIVE ENTRY PATHWAYS

The University of Canberra College is an alternative pathway to a University of Canberra degree. The preparation programs offered by the UC College are designed to prepare students for University study. University Preparation Courses include UC-CONNECT and UC-PREP. For more information about the University of Canberra College visit the website: www.canberra.edu.au/college or phone the college on (02) 6201 2961.

The Access Scheme assists recent school-leavers whose education during Years 11 and 12 has been disadvantaged in some way and who, consequently, may not gain entrance to their preferred course. See the UAC guide for more information.