

# MIDWIFERY SUPPLEMENTARY APPLICATION FORM

This form must be completed and accompany your application for the following course:

- Bachelor of Midwifery – course code HLB001

## Personal Details

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

UC student ID/Online Portal Application number: \_\_\_\_\_

Select preferred study mode:

Full time

Part time

Please provide a written response to each of the following questions (maximum half A4 page per answer):

1. What do you see as the most important issues facing childbearing women today?
2. What do you think women and their babies and families need from midwives?
3. What qualities, skills and knowledge will you bring to your role of midwifery student/midwife?
4. What do you see as the most important issues facing midwifery today?

## Advice to applicants - research before you start writing:

We encourage you to read some midwifery related literature and think about the content. There is a varying quality of information available on the internet so be careful. We suggest you read Australian, UK and New Zealand sources. The focus of US literature tends to be more on obstetric nursing than midwifery. When your application is assessed, we will consider evidence of good quality research and good quality writing.

Websites you may find helpful:

- Australian College of Midwives [www.midwives.org.au](http://www.midwives.org.au)
- Royal College of Midwives <http://www.rcm.org.uk>
- New Zealand College of Midwives <http://www.midwife.org.nz>
- International Confederation of Midwives <http://www.internationalmidwives.org>
- Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia *Midwife standards for practice*  
<https://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/codes-guidelines-statements/professional-standards.aspx>



*Articles:*

We suggest that you focus on ones dealing with normal birth, physiological birth, and midwifery. For example:

- Bradfield et al. (2019). "Its what midwifery is all about": Western Australian midwives' experiences of being 'with woman' during labour and birth in the known midwife model. *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth* 19;29  
<https://bmcpregnancychildbirth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12884-018-2144-z>
- The midwifery-led continuity of care model has many well documented benefits compared to other models on offer to childbearing women that you can read about here:  
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD004667.pub5/full>
- Birthing on Country is a strategy that aims to improve the inequities of care experienced by Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander women and babies that you can read about here:  
[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(23\)00089-2/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(23)00089-2/fulltext)

*Finally:*

Submit well written, well edited responses. Be concise while providing enough detail to answer the question. If you know someone who is a midwife, ask them to look over your application, ask for hints and extra insight into the world of midwifery.

We want to know about you, and your unique skills and attributes. There are many things that you can bring to midwifery. Remember that many of life's skills are transferable and midwifery could benefit from your experience.