

# MIDWIFERY SUPPLEMENTARY APPLICATION FORM

This form must be completed and accompany your application for any of the following courses:

- Bachelor of Midwifery – course code HLB001
- Master of Midwifery Practice – course code HLM001
- Graduate Certificate in Midwifery (Re-entry) – course code HLC001

## Personal Details

Name:

Date of Birth:

UC student ID/Online Portal Application number:

Select study mode:  Full time  Part time

Please provide a written response to 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

We are often asked to review an applicant's answers to the supplementary questions. As this is not an equitable process we have put together the following advice. We hope that it helps you in putting together a well thought out and well edited application.

### Research:

We encourage you to read some Midwifery related literature. As with other topics, there is good and bad information available on the internet so be discerning in what you read. As a general rule, stick to Australian, British and New Zealand sources. While there is some good literature generated in the US, the focus tends to be more on obstetric nursing rather than midwifery. When your application is assessed we will take into account evidence of good quality research and good quality writing.

### Websites:

Some websites that you may find helpful are:

Australian College of Midwives [www.midwives.org.au](http://www.midwives.org.au)

Midwives Australia <http://www.midwivesaustralia.com.au>

Association of Radical Midwives (ARM) <http://www.midwifery.org.uk>

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>

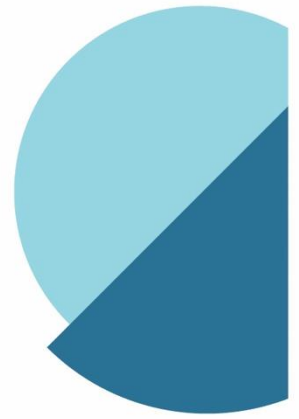
Canadian Association of Midwives <http://canadianmidwives.org>

There are also some good blogs written by midwives as well as birthing women. We would encourage you to have a look at these and enjoy the stories, information and insight that they can provide. Carolyn Hastie's *Thinkbirth* (<http://thinkbirth.blogspot.com.au/>) is a good place to start.

### Recommended Texts:

Pairman, Sally. & Thorogood, Carol. & Pincombe, Jan. & Tracy, Sally. (2015). *Midwifery : preparation for practice*. Chatswood, NSW : Elsevier Australia (a division of Reed International Books Australia Pty Ltd). This text contains writings by midwifery authors and researchers such as Karen Lane, Nicky Leap, Hannah Dahlen and Shea Caplice (among others). Their work may also be helpful to you.

There is a strong theme of woman centredness running across our curriculum based on the work of Karen Guilliland and Sally Pairman. These New Zealand midwives developed a theoretical framework called the Midwifery Partnership and this is what we model our practice on. You might like to have a look at their chapter in the above text. You can also find information on their work at <http://www.midwife.org.nz/in-new-zealand/new-zealand-model-of-partnership>



**Articles:** There are thousands of published midwifery related articles. If you wish to read some we suggest that you focus on ones dealing with normal birth, physiological birth and midwifery. The Cochrane Library (<http://www.thecochranelibrary.com>) is a collection of databases containing high quality, independent healthcare evidence that may be useful to you. You will be able to access articles such as this one (<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD004667.pub5/full>) which outlines the benefits of midwifery-led models of care compared to other models of care on offer to childbearing women.

If you wish to read further here is a list of **recommended journals**:

Birth	MIDIRS Midwifery Digest
Breastfeeding Review	Midwifery
British Journal of Midwifery	New Zealand College of Midwives Journal
Evidenced Based Midwifery	The Practising Midwife
Health Care for Women International	Women and Birth
Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health	

**Edit your application** Make sure that you ask someone to look over your application. It is important to submit well written, well edited responses. We ask for approximately half a page for each answer but if you can say what you need to in less than that is more than acceptable. Remember that less is often more! If you know someone who is a midwife, ask that person to look over your application. They may be able to give you some hints as well as some insight into the world of midwifery.

**Don't hold back** When asked what you can bring to midwifery go to town! You don't necessarily have to have experience in a health-related field. We want to know about you and your unique skills and attributes. There are many things that both school leavers and non-school leavers can bring to midwifery and we want to hear all about them. Remember that many of life's skills are transferable and midwifery could benefit from your experience.

