

Graduate Certificate in Midwifery (Re-entry)

(HLC001.1)

Please note these are the 2021 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	PG
Delivery mode	
Location	Bruce, Canberra
Duration	0.5 years
Faculty	Faculty of Health
Discipline	Discipline of Midwifery
UAC code	880795
English language requirements	<p>There are non-standard English language requirements for this course. To be eligible you must have an overall IELTS Academic score (or equivalent) of 7.0. For alternate/equivalent ways of meeting the English requirements for this course please view the English Proficiency Requirements document on the university website.</p> <p>View IELTS equivalences</p>

International students

Academic entry	To study at UC, you'll need to meet our academic entry requirements and any admission requirements
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requirements	specific to your course. Please read your course admission requirements below. To find out whether you meet UC's academic entry requirements, visit our academic entry requirements page. View UC's academic entry requirements
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About this course

Bring your career to life with midwifery

If you have previously been registered as a midwife in Australia or have been out of the workforce for between five and ten years, this one-year part-time degree will lead to registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA). This unique and in-demand course is built on a woman-centred primary health care philosophy as described in the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia's 'National Competency Standards for the Midwife'.

Offering extensive theoretical studies and Work Integrated Learning (WIL) experience, this course will redevelop a comprehensive understanding of the integration of midwifery, medical and pharmacological theory as it applies to the provision of midwifery care. Your prior skills will be acknowledged as you study a range of contemporary issues which affect childbearing women and their families. Across your year of study, you will undertake approximately 416 hours of professional practice, including the provision of continuity of care experiences to eight women in their journey through pregnancy, labour, birth and early motherhood. You will graduate as a confident and competent midwife, ready to re-enter the workforce and focus on the unique needs of women and their families.

Study a Graduate Certificate in Midwifery (Re-entry) at UC and you will:

- participate in WIL placements, including rostered and on-call shifts
- learn to contribute to the development of services, policies and research into maternity care now and as a future leader
- work at individual, family and community levels to facilitate all women's rights to, and responsibilities in, active participation in their maternity care
- experience a variety of workplace settings, including birth centres, regional and rural maternity units, and tertiary hospitals.

Work Integrated Learning

WIL plays an important role in the Graduate Certificate in Midwifery (Re-entry), and is focused on renewing skills and completing the necessary requirements set by the NMBA for re-registration. UC invests significantly in the WIL route compared with other universities, and from the moment you begin your studies, you will engage in clinical placement experience across a range of Canberra maternity settings, such as Calvary Public Hospital, Centenary Hospital for Women and Children, and Queanbeyan District Hospital. You will complete continuity work totalling approximately 150 hours with a minimum of six women, and will undertake three days of rostered practice per week for nine weeks, representing a total of 216 hours across the year.

As part of the UC midwifery student community, you will be encouraged to join the University of Canberra Midwifery Society, which has student engagement as a primary focus.

Please note: throughout your degree you will be working in continuity with women and will be required to attend their regular antenatal and postnatal visits, and be on call for the woman's labour and birth. The nature of continuity work means that you will need flexibility in both your personal and professional life and be able to adjust your commitments accordingly.

You will also undertake a three week block of rostered shift work mid-year, and a six week Capstone Block of rostered practice at the end of the year.

Career opportunities

Upon completion of the Graduate Certificate in Midwifery (Re-entry), you'll be eligible to register as a midwife in Australia across a variety of settings, including rural and remote areas, hospitals, birth centres, communities and in women's homes.

Course-specific information

This degree is suitable for midwives previously registered in Australia or those who have been out of the clinical workforce for between five and ten years and wish to regain registration. As such, applicants must provide UC with a letter of referral from the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) confirming prior registration as a midwife, qualifications and recency of practice history.

There are non-standard English language requirements for this course. To be eligible you must have an academic IELTS of 7.0 overall.

Professional accreditation with the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) is being pursued for this course.

Prior to undertaking any clinical experience, you must:

- provide your immunisation history

- apply for a national police check
- apply for Working with Vulnerable People registration
- undertake a tuberculosis (TB) screening test
- sign any required NSW Health forms.

Professional accreditation

This course is accredited with the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC). Graduating students will be eligible to apply for registration as a midwife with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

Admission requirements

This course has an early closing date to submit applications (November 30 every year). To apply you will be required to:

- supply a letter of referral from the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) confirming prior registration as a midwife, qualifications and recency of practice history
- meet normal University requirements for admission to a postgraduate course
- submit a written response to the questions included on the supplementary application form <https://www.canberra.edu.au/about-uc/faculties/health/study/supplementary-forms>
- provide evidence (e.g. via a Curriculum Vitae) that your time out of the clinical workforce has been less than 10 years

Applications are judged on all four criteria.

Admission to this course is competitive. Applications will be assessed on the basis of academic merit and the number of available places. Please be advised that if you submit your application after the advertised closing date, your application may not be considered.

Additional admission requirements

National Police Check, Immunisations, TB Screening, Working with Vulnerable People Registration, NSW Health forms (Code of Conduct Agreement, TB Assessment Tool, Student Declaration).

Assumed knowledge

Commensurate with previous history of successful completion of an APHRA approved course leading to eligibility for registration as a midwife.

Periods course is open for new admissions

This course is not open for new admissions.

Credit arrangements

There are currently no formal credit transfer arrangements for entry to this course. Any previous study or work experience will only be considered as part of the application process in accordance with current [course rules and university policy](#).

Course requirements

Graduate Certificate in Midwifery (Re-entry) (HLC001) | 12 credit points

Required - Must pass 12 credit points as follows

[Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#)

[Continuity Midwifery A G \(11305\)](#) | 6 credit points – Level G

[Continuity Midwifery B G \(11306\)](#) | 6 credit points – Level G

In addition to course requirements, in order to successfully complete your course you must meet the inherent requirements. Please refer to the [inherent requirements statement](#) applicable to your course

Typical study pattern

UC - Canberra, Bruce

Standard Part Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

[Continuity Midwifery A G \(11305\)](#)

Semester 2

[Continuity Midwifery B G \(11306\)](#)

Course information

Course duration

Standard two semesters part-time.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
Demonstrate high level personal autonomy and professional responsibility using sound judgements and ethical decision making	UC graduates are professional: employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; communicate effectively; use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems; work collaboratively as

based on the best available evidence, reasoning and reflection.

part of a team, negotiate, and resolve conflict; display initiative and drive, and use their organisational skills to plan and manage their workload and; take pride in their professional and personal integrity.

UC graduates are global citizens: think globally about issues in their profession; adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries; understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures; communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings; make creative use of technology in their learning and professional lives and; behave ethically and sustainably in their professional and personal lives.

UC graduates are lifelong learners: reflect on their own practice, updating and adapting their knowledge and skills for continual professional and academic development; be self-aware; adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas and; evaluate and adopt new technology.

Integrate critical inquiry with updated clinical knowledge and skills to demonstrate competence

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Demonstrate cultural safety and respect in providing skilled and appropriate midwifery

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services to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander women and their families

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Influence change and promote the profession of midwifery inside and outside the health care system.

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Approach their midwifery work with the primary health care principles of autonomy, self-responsibility, respect and shared decision-making working at the individual, family and community levels

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Use technology and evidence with creativity and initiative to appropriately optimise childbearing women's health and wellbeing, their own personal and professional development and to connect with others.

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Meet the NMBA Midwifery Standards for Practice

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Consult with, make referrals to and work collaboratively with other members of the health care team when women and/or their children experience complexity

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Strengthen women's capabilities by optimising biological, psychological, social and cultural processes

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Practice woman-centred care using highly developed interpersonal skills across the spectrum from community to hospital and from rural to metropolitan.

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Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Graduate Certificate in Midwifery (Re-entry)	GradCertMidwifery(Re-entry)

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Prospective Domestic Students:	Email study@canberra.edu.au or Phone 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)
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UC acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, traditional custodians of the lands where Bruce campus is situated. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of Canberra and the region. We also acknowledge all other First Nations Peoples on whose lands we gather.