



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

# Graduate Diploma of Midwifery

*School of Nursing & Midwifery, Fremantle Campus*

***This 18-month postgraduate program provides the ideal educational environment for Registered Nurses who wish to become midwives. The full-time program combines theory, research and professional practice so that you can embark on a career in midwifery with confidence. Woman-centred care is the basis of this program which reflects contemporary national and international best practice. You will benefit from small class sizes, a focus on pastoral care from staff and professional practice experiences in a variety of quality midwifery settings.***

## **Why study this degree?**

In the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery, a significantly high proportion of 'hands-on' professional practice includes quality experience with you as a part of the midwifery healthcare team. A variety of placements include public and private settings in both

the city and rural areas, from large teaching hospitals to small healthcare centres. This quality professional practice experience enables graduates to be confident, competent and able to adapt quickly to the midwifery workplace.

The unique program, which follows the philosophy of 'woman-centred' midwifery practice, will enable you to develop a high level of critical thinking, technical competence and interdisciplinary teamwork skills. Your assessments are based on written assignments, tutorial presentations, case studies, various projects and examinations and professional practice assessment at the university and healthcare setting level. On graduation you will have fulfilled all necessary requirements of the Australian Health Professional Regulation Agency, enabling you to register as a midwife with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

## **Program summary**

- Foundations of Midwifery
- Midwifery in Complex Situations
- Midwifery Emergencies
- Woman-centred Care
- Midwifery in Primary Health Care
- Legal and Professional Frameworks in Midwifery
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
- Peoples Health: Women and Babies
- Evidence-based Practice
- The Professional Midwife
- Midwives as Professional Partners
- Becoming a Midwife

- Ethical Issues in Professional Life

Full details of the program requirements are contained in the Program Regulations

([https://www.notredame.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0014/418/Diploma-of-Midwifery.pdf](https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0014/418/Diploma-of-Midwifery.pdf)).

## **Entry requirements**

The following entry requirements apply to this program:

- A bachelor degree in nursing or the equivalent and registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
- Registered nurses who do not have a level 7 AQF qualification in nursing may be admitted with an alternative mode of entry assessment and recent clinical nursing experience.

## **Fees and costs**

This Program has the following loan scheme(s) available for eligible students:

### **FEE-HELP**

The FEE-HELP loan scheme assists eligible fee-paying students with the payment of all, or part, of their tuition fees, not including additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. Your FEE-HELP debt will be indexed each year in line with the Consumer Price Index. Please note, from 1 January 2019, students studying an undergraduate program at the University of Notre Dame will no longer be charged the 25% FEE-HELP loan fee.

For further information, or for indicative fees for domestic or international students, please visit our [Fees page](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees>).

## **More information**

For more information on the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery, please call our Prospective Students Office on +61 8 9433 0533 or email [future@nd.edu.au](mailto:future@nd.edu.au) (<mailto:future@nd.edu.au>).

All International enquiries should contact the International Students Office on [international@nd.edu.au](mailto:international@nd.edu.au) (<mailto:international@nd.edu.au>).

## **Need help? Ask Notre Dame**

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**Duration:** 1.5 years full-time

**Campus:** Fremantle

**Loan Scheme:** FEE-HELP

**Study mode:** On Campus

**Code:** Program Code 4150 CRICOS Code 078806F