

Graduate Diploma of Midwifery



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A STUDENT EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER

- Access to world-class teachers
- Develop skills in state-of-the-art facilities
- Achieve exceptional employment outcomes
 - Benefit from small class sizes
- Connect with professional networks

WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION

Independently awarded five stars for overall experience, skills development, teaching quality, full-time employment, and median salary, JCU Nursing and Midwifery supports students to achieve their potential.*

AUTHENTIC LEARNING

Develop professional skills through extensive clinical experience. JCU graduates make a difference to patients, their families and communities because experience has no substitute.

COMPASSIONATE CARE

Establish relationships based on compassion and respect. JCU students benefit from opportunities to work closely with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

ADVANCE YOUR CAREER

JCU Midwifery graduates are highly valued by employers. Progress your career with skills to work in rural and remote settings, as well as urban centres.

*Good Universities Guide Postgraduate Field Rankings 2020



Graduate Diploma of Midwifery

✔ Build on your qualifications and experience as a Registered Nurse. Expand your knowledge in the highly respected JCU Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Research. Develop your passion to provide best practice, supportive, family-centred, and culturally appropriate care.

✔ This 1.5 year part-time course combines core subjects with practical experience unique to JCU. You will participate in continuous clinical experience, giving you first-hand experience of working in birthing suites, community midwifery services, maternity wards and special care nurseries.

✔ Students complete two compulsory five-day residential blocks at JCU Townsville. This provides valuable opportunities to network and learn in a collaborative environment. You will undertake intensive studies of Indigenous health and midwifery practice in rural, remote and tropical northern settings.

COURSE DETAILS:

Locations:	Townsville
Start Dates:	February
Duration:	1.5 years part-time
Prerequisites:	Australian nursing registration; AQF level 7 degree in a health-related field; concurrent employment in a Midwifery unit

Please visit the [handbook](#) for a detailed outline of the course structure. Note: Information is for domestic students only

Experience has no substitute

The Graduate Diploma of Midwifery is an entry to practice qualification, for Registered Nurses, to apply for entry to the professional register to practise as a midwife. The Graduate Diploma entitles the successful recipient to receive the Advanced Practice allowance under Nursing and Midwifery awards. Postgraduate qualifications are beneficial for career advancement and can be credited towards a Masters degree in the future.

The Graduate Diploma of Midwifery is predominantly taught over 18 months, as a part-time, external course, with two, five-day, compulsory residentials held at JCU Townsville. Midwifery is a clinically focused profession, with a number of clinical requirements to be met by the student throughout the course, therefore, prospective students are required to organise their own clinical experience through a Maternity Unit, either as a paid or unpaid position, with a minimum 32 hours per fortnight. Students are also required to provide continuity of care for at least 10 women throughout their pregnancy and birth journeys.

The Graduate Diploma of Midwifery is popular with registered nurses wishing to work rurally or with the Royal Flying Doctors. The Graduate Diploma of Midwifery offered by JCU has successfully graduated students from all over Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and the Northern Territory, with graduates achieving positions Australia wide.





“Studying the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery through JCU has made the process of transitioning from a Registered Nurse to a Midwife truly enjoyable, and I recommend it to anyone who is eager to further their clinical skills and progress their career.”

Zoe Robson

GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF MIDWIFERY

“I love teaching, in particular the advanced physiology associated with complex midwifery care, and instilling the importance of woman-centred care in our future graduates, in order that the care they provide is individualised, meeting the needs of each woman and her family. The residentials are a highlight, giving students the opportunity to meet and form their own study networks, while getting hands-on experience in the clinical midwifery simulations.”

The JCU Graduate Diploma of Midwifery has a strong rural focus, with a particular emphasis on caring for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in order to close the gap, by improving maternal and neonatal outcomes. The course is designed for students to be able to build strong relationships in their own area, supporting the needs of their own communities.”

Helen Coxhead
COURSE COORDINATOR



Career Opportunities

Advance your career with JCU's ANMAC accredited Graduate Diploma of Midwifery. Earn the ability to apply for registration as a midwife.

JCU students are highly valued by employers, especially those looking for professional midwifery staff to work in Indigenous, rural or remote settings. Midwives can become autonomous practitioners, providing continuity of care to women through pregnancy, labour, birth and the postnatal period.





Postgraduate coursework applications

Complete an online application through the JCU Online Application Portal.

Applicants must be registered as a nurse in Australia, and:

- Have completed an AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a health-related field at this or another university;
- or have completed qualifications recognised as equivalent to the above;
- or submit as an exceptional case, evidence of professional attainments including professional experience in nursing.
- Have concurrent employment minimum 0.4 FTE in a Midwifery unit.

Graduate Diploma of Midwifery applicants are required to upload the following completed forms and required documentary evidence:

1. [Graduate Diploma of Midwifery Student Application Form \(PDF, 97 KB\)](#)
 - a. Current NMBA RN Registration
 - b. Degree testamur or official academic transcript
 - c. Curriculum Vitae
2. [Graduate Diploma of Midwifery Student Placement Agreement \(PDF, 1253 KB\)](#)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT

Applicants are required to read the [Graduate Diploma of Midwifery PEP Handbook \(PDF, 896 KB\)](#) prior to application.

CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS

Professional experience in the form of clinical placement is sought by the student. It is a requirement of the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery that all students secure a minimum of a 0.4 FTE clinical placement (either paid or unpaid) at an approved clinical facility, for the duration of the course (18 months), prior to application.

HOW TO SECURE A CLINICAL POSITION

Clinical Facilities usually advertise clinical positions for postgraduate midwifery students. You could also approach the midwifery educator at each facility and ask if they employ or support postgraduate midwifery students with clinical placement. We currently have Midwifery students in clinical positions in Central/ Northern Queensland, Northern Territory (NT), New South Wales (NSW) and Western Australia (WA). Apply directly to JCU, either by a form you download, complete and return, or by using an online application process.

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