

Master of Midwifery (MMID) - MM

	Distance education
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February)
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place
Residential school:	Toowoomba campus (compulsory)
Standard duration:	1 year full-time equivalent on a part-time basis, maximum 3 years, with compulsory attendance at a partner hospital for designated sections of the program;

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Program focus

This program is designed to prepare registered nurses to become eligible for re

- practice midwifery within prescribed legal boundaries and within their own scope of competence
- fulfil the pivotal role of midwife and coordinator of care within the multi-disciplinary health care team
- demonstrate a critical awareness of historical, political and cultural context of birthing and use this to further the aims of childbearing women and the discipline of midwifery
- demonstrate advanced skills in reflection, analysis, argument and criticism including the ability to research and enhance own clinical practice
- grow and develop as a person and as a professional .

Admission requirements

Applicants meeting the following criteria may apply to be accepted into the program:

- be a registered nurse with a Bachelor degree in Nursing or equivalent. The Program Coordinator will use USQ principles of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) where applicable
- hold current general nursing registration with NMBA through Australian Health Professional Registration Authority (AHPRA)
- have access to ongoing quality clinical experiences in a variety of settings through USQ's partner hospitals
- have personal access to a PC computer with Internet facilities for teaching-learning purposes. This is essential if students are to fulfil course assessment requirements. See below for further technical requirements..
- have a minimum one year of recent post registration clinical nursing experience at the time of commencing the Master of Midwifery.

The following are encouraged to apply:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander registered nurses.
- Registered nurses from culturally and linguistically diverse communities.
- Registered nurses who have diverse academic, work and life experiences.

PLEASE NOTE

Students need to commit to the professional clinical experience requirements which are both unpaid and paid placements. This will involve being available to meet the requirements for continuity of care of women partnered with students outside of scheduled placement hours. To participate in this mandatory practice activity, students will need to meet woman centred timelines. This will require negotiation of existing employment and personal commitments. In order to complete all [mandatory professional experience requirements](#) (see Standard Eight in Standards and Criteria for the Accreditation of Nursing and Midwifery Courses Leading to Registration, Enrolment, Endorsement and Authorisation in Australia—with Evidence Guide), students will be required to continue professional experience beyond the completion of the 12 month paid contract with the Partner hospital. Hence activity as a midwifery student may extend into semester two of the second year of the Program.

Students will be required to meet NMBA requirements for registration as a midwife and registration as a student. All students enrolled in the Master of Midwifery program will automatically be registered by USQ as a student with the [Australian Health Professional Registration Authority \(AHPRA\)](#). For further details of student registration, please see the [Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia](#).

To fulfil midwifery education standards, students must attend all compulsory residential schools. See 'Residential Schools' section below for details. Students unable to attend must withdraw from the associated course.

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USQ strongly encourages applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Indigenous students interested in a career in midwifery should contact the Indigenous coordinator in the Department of Nursing and Midwifery at indigenousnursing@usq.edu.au for information on guidance and support and to discuss entry pathways.

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Students must be willing to undertake and submit the requirements of the University of Southern Queensland and Queensland Health for clinical placement. These include:

- (1) evidence of Hepatitis B immunisation
- (2) evidence of adult immunisation for measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus and Pertussis.
- (3) a current CPR certificate
- (4) a signed Qld Health Student Orientation Checklist, Qld Health Placement Deed and a Qld Health Placement Privacy and Consent Deed
- (5) a signed USQ Student Clinical Placement Policy Declaration
- (6) a current Criminal History Police Check
- (7) a Blue Card from the Queensland Government Commission for Children and Young People and Young Guardian.

Application Procedures

There are 2 components to the application53.55 Tm(Tdc59.528Hts to the appl9 Tand Consent Deed)Tj Polic

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [FEE-Help](#).

based knowledge and principles of woman-centred care so that students are well prepared to begin employment as midwifery students in hospitals. The third residential schools are 4 days duration (2 days per course) and are held in Semester 1, Year 2 (in Toowoomba and in Cairns*) dates to be advised. The focus of these residential schools is to explore complex psycho-social aspects of childbearing and to learn clinical problem solving in the event of obstetric emergencies.

* (For the residential schools to be held in Cairns in Year 2, a minimum of 6 students is required.)

Recommended enrolment pattern (for completion in 24 months)

As the professional practice components of the midwifery courses are achieved through a paid employment contract, students are unable to be offered any slower progression other than what appears in the enrolment pattern below.

